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Bishops Take Steps Against Smut In Press, TV, Radio

Washington, D. C. — (RNS)—Moral evaluations of movies, plays, books and other media of communication involve neither censorship in the ordinary meaning of the word nor infringement of freedom of expression, the Roman Catholic bishops of the United States declared here.

The bishops, in a 2,000-word statement issued at the close of their three-day annual meeting upheld the Church's "right to speak out in favor of good morals." They said this right "can hardly be challenged in a democracy such as ours," especially in the face of evils against which the law itself is powerless.

The statement, devoted entirely to the subject of censorship, said this word has become "a provocatively and sometimes misleading one that generates controversy by provoking those who would deny in fact any restrictions, legal or moral, upon freedom of expression."

It said freedom of expression is "a basic right to be respected and safeguarded" since "democracy does not exist without it." But it cautioned that "the kind of uncritical claims for the defense of liberty which so often have been made in our day actually places that liberty in jeopardy."

CITING THE "harmful effects" of offensive materials on the stage and screen and in publications, the bishops warned that "if we are content to accept as morally inoffensive all that is legally unpunishable, we have greatly lowered our moral standards."

The prelates strongly defended the work of the National Legion of Decency and the National Office for Decent Literature "through which we voice our concern over conditions which, tolerated, merit expressions of public condemnation."

They said it was the recognition that "civil legislation by itself does not constitute an adequate standard of morality" that moved them to set up the two agencies.

Asserting that "neither agency exercises censorship in any true sense of the word," the bishops said each simply makes evaluations of films and various publications offered to those interested.

"Each invites the help of all people in support of its objectives," they said. "Each endeavors through positive action to form habits of artistic taste which will move people to seek out and patronize the good. In their work they reflect the moral teaching of the Church."

THE HIERARCHY said man's right to communicate his ideas through the spoken or written word is "beyond challenge." But they stress that freedom of expression must be exercised with a sense of responsibility, that it is not an absolute freedom, and that obscenity "cannot be permitted."

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Ladies Help Nuns



NUN DOLLS will highlight offerings at the Christmas Sale sponsored by the St. Mary's Hospital Staff Auxiliary on December 4 from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. in the hospital auditorium. Here Sister Martina, St. Mary's administrator, examines dolls shown by Mrs. Stephen Buckley, chairman of the religious articles.

Churches Hit New Peak In Construction

Washington, D. C. — (RNS)—Church construction will set a new record of \$870,000,000 this year, the Departments of Commerce and Labor predicted here. They said church building would continue at the same pace next year.

LAST YEAR'S figure of \$768,000,000 was the previous record. Although church construction has been gaining each year since 1953, the government departments believe it will level off next year and not go any higher than in 1957.

The government did forecast, however, a three per cent increase in construction activity by non-public schools and colleges, most of which are church related. It indicated that \$540,000,000 would be spent by these schools on new buildings in 1958, more than all setting a slight decrease during 1957. Construction by the non-public schools is expected to total \$525,000,000 this year, compared with \$536,000,000 in 1956.

AN INCREASE of 17 per cent is predicted in construction activity by private hospitals, orphanages and other institutions.

New buildings erected by these institutions will reach \$505,000,000 this year, an increase of 34 per cent over the \$328,000,000 reported in 1956. The government agencies say the figure will be \$590,000,000 in 1958.

Reds 'Brainwash' China Priests, Nuns 'Outspoken' Chinese Laymen Jailed In Red Shanghai

Hong Kong — (NC) — Priests and nuns are being forced to attend new communist "indoctrination courses" in Red China, reports reaching here state.

It is also reported that 40 Catholic laymen in Shanghai outspoken in opposing Red policy toward the Church have been jailed.

The new six-week courses are for the "diehards" among priests and nuns and have begun only recently, according to reports from Shanghai and the provinces of Shantung, on the coast north of Shanghai, and Kansu in northwestern China. It is not known whether any bishops have been forced to attend the courses.

DURING THE SIX HOURS of classes each day the priests and Sisters are put under great pressure in an effort to make them accept communist ideology and reject the authority of the Holy See.

The courses are a follow-up of the unsuccessful National Catholic People's Congress in Peking last summer during which a "Patriotic Association of Chinese Catholics" was set up. An indication of what the indoctrination courses consist of is contained in the report to the Peking congress by the government Bureau of Religious Affairs.

That Communist report outlined a threefold government plan for the supervision of the Church in China by the so-called "patriotic association." It stated:

- The Catholic Church in China is to be concerned with organizing "political arguments and studies of current situations and government policies."
- Bishops, priests and nuns are to implement the education of the people in communism by "learning seriously themselves, positively leading the faithful to study and encouraging them to participate in various events in social activity and production competition."
- Time allowed for religious services will be used to propagate among the faithful the policies and instructions of the government and to help the government execute its policies regarding religion.

These terms, implying rejection of the authority of the Holy See which has condemned communism, as well as the recent government campaign officially advocating birth control for the people of China, are insuperable barriers to the acceptance of this program by Catholics.

Nevertheless the communists have made it clear that only those who conform to this plan

Reds Imprison Chinese Nun

Hong Kong — (NC) — Sister St. Martha, a Chinese Sister of the Congregation of the Holy Souls, has been arrested and imprisoned for the second time in two years.

The Chinese nun was arrested in Shanghai on Oct. 3. Her first arrest took place in September, 1955. She had been released only last March after a year-and-a-half in Red Chinese jails.

Sister St. Martha, who taught religion to children in Shanghai, was arrested in 1955 during the suppression of "counter-revolutionaries."

She will be free to exercise her ministry. Bishops, priests, Sisters and laymen who oppose the government will be arrested and imprisoned. Many such arrests have occurred in the last two months.

EVIDENCE OF the continued opposition of the Catholic clergy and laity to the government's attempt to make the Church a state-controlled communist organization has been the amount of space recently given in the Chinese communist press to the "crimes" of "non-patriotic" Catholics.

Some of these "crimes" are: proclaiming that Catholics must submit unconditionally to Rome; sabotaging the Peking meeting and the establishment of the "patriotic association"; saying

that the Legion of Mary is not a reactionary organization, and denying the sacraments to professed "patriotic or progressive" Catholics.

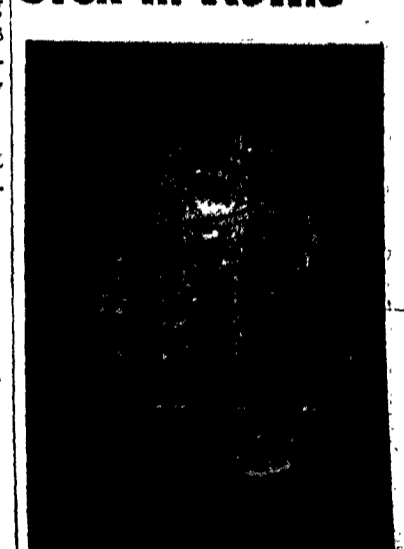
THE CHINESE REDS, meanwhile, are trying to preserve the outward appearances of religious freedom while the groundwork for a schismatic and heretical Church is being prepared through the mass indoctrination of "Catholic rightists."

Mass is being publicly celebrated, the sacraments are being dispensed openly and religious services in Catholic churches are well attended. This has led to many confused and misleading reports from visitors to China to the effect that there is still "freedom of religion" in that country.

Chinese Catholics, on the other hand, have not been misled. From one Catholic has come the statement that while the Catholics of China can still practice their Faith, they know it is the beginning of the end.

From reports received here the eventual government policy of removing these last vestiges of Catholic worship, which they have derided as "superstitious ideas to be abolished," has begun in several rural areas of China.

Cardinal Tien Sick In Rome



Rome — (NC) — His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Tien, S.V.D., exiled Archbishop of Peking, is gradually recovering from a heart disorder in a hospital here, which he entered after his arrival from a tour of the Far East.

Cardinal Tien spent almost two months on Peimiao, visiting the Church here.

He is in the Hospital of the Holy Spirit in Rome which is operated by the Sisters of the Divine Word. His heart condition was aggravated by his long travels from the United States to Tokyo, Formosa, Manila and finally Rome.

Vigil Of Immaculate Conception Strict Fast

Saturday, December 7, vigil of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a day of fast and abstinence.

Catholics over 7 years of age may not eat meat on that day.

Those between the ages of 21 and 59 are further restricted to but one full meal and no eating between meals.

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WORLD GLOBE—Sister Dominic, librarian of Nazareth College studies globe of the world, a gift to the college's new library building from the Alumnae Association. Mrs. Warren Phillips, Alumnae President, (right) made the presentation.

Bishop To Open Mercy Nuns Drive For New Building

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will address 200 members of the Sisters of Mercy financial need appeal committee at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, in Mercy High School gymnasium.

The committee will seek fund pledges from friends of the Sisters throughout the diocese toward construction of a new building on Blossom Road for Catherine McAuley Junior College, which prepares Sisters for teaching in diocesan schools.

Estimated cost of the building which will be a west wing of the Mercy Motherhouse, is \$1,250,000. To be started in the spring, it is scheduled for completion by September, 1959.

BISHOP KEARNEY is honorary chairman of the committee. General committee chairmen are Harold J. Coleman and Mrs. Walter B. Hickey.

Reverend Mother Mary Magdalene, superior general of the Sisters of Mercy, will also address

chairman of the parents committee is Joseph A. Carey, with Walter Kripper and Jack Viemann as vicechairs.

Solicitation of the Mercy High School alumnae classes will be conducted by a committee headed by Miss Marjorie Howland, with the Misses Eunice Schneider, Agnes Marie Coon, Helen Bauer and Kathleen Murphy as vicechairmen.

Special gifts solicitation is scheduled to begin next week and end in mid-December. General solicitation will be launched at a committee meeting on Jan. 13. Committees also are being organized in seven other communities in the diocese where the Sisters of Mercy teach.

With a current indebtedness of \$750,000 on Notre Dame High School, Elmira, and the estimated \$1,250,000 cost of the new college building in Rochester, the Sisters will ask their friends for pledges to reduce the necessary borrowing and burden of interest.

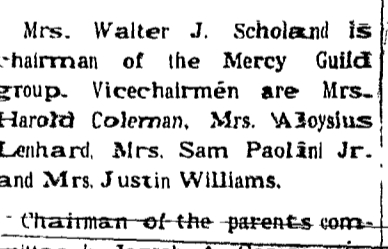
Construction of the college building must be completed by 1959 so that the teacher training program may conform with state requirements. With nearly 100 Sisters enrolled the Catherine McAuley College now is conducted in an inadequate single room in the motherhouse. The new building will relieve overcrowded conditions there for postulants and novices, as well as for the retired Sisters.

FREDERICK M. TOBIN, Sr. is honorary chairman of the special gifts committee, of which Henry J. Kearse is chairman. Division leaders are Eugene Cusker, Angelo DiNeri, Joseph Geraghty, Joseph Hockeney, Mrs. Henry Kearse and Eugene Langle.

Emmett V. Norton heads the friends committee. Serving as vicechairmen are Walter Lavira, Raymond Shaheen, George J. King and Gerald Barrett.



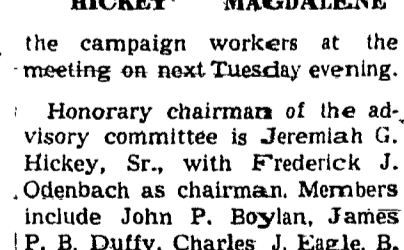
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Public Educator Defies Protests

Christmas Symbols To Go Up In School 'Even If It Costs My Job,' Says Principal

Fort Worth, Tex. — (NC) — The principal of Chicago's Lake View High School says he has decided after all to put up religious Christmas decorations.

Principal J. Trimble Boyd previously had decided to yield to protests of the Illinois Liberties Union and six Jewish organizations to eliminate religious decorations.

But the Fort Worth Star Telegram said here that Mr. Boyd told a reporter by telephone that he will disregard the protests even though "I

may be out of a job for taking this stand."

He told the newspaper that he had received mail from all over the United States urging him to keep the school's traditional religious Christmas decorations. He said the school's

Parent-Teacher Association was backing him.

The ACLU branch and the Jewish groups protested the school's 30-year tradition of encouraging its art students to design and erect a Nativity scene and to build one symbolizing the Jewish Hanukkah holiday.

THE PROTESTS said these activities were "a violation of separation of Church and State."

The Fort Worth paper reported also that W. D. Waldman Jr., chairman of the board of Universal Mills, who is a resident of Fort Worth, has promised Mr. Boyd employment if he is fired by his decision.

Clocks, Electric or Ray Wound, \$3.25 and up. William A. Thorne, Jeweler, 18 Main St. East.—Adv.

Altoona Diocese Changes Name

Washington — (NC) — The name of a U. S. diocese has been changed and a church within it has been elevated to co-cathedral.

The name of the Diocese of Altoona, in Pennsylvania, has been changed to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

The Church of St. John Gualbert in Johnstown, Pa., has been elevated to the dignity of Co-Cathedral.

In the Solemn Hours, Flowers are more comforting than words. In the beauty of flowers is confirmation of the faith which sustains all who have suffered loss. Blanchard Florist, 58 Lake Avenue.—Adv.

Bishop's Appeal For World's Needy

My dear People:
Once again, with the approach of Thanksgiving Day, all of us look forward to what has become in our country a family observance of the day especially set aside to give thanks to God.

At such a time, in the midst of our own blessings and among our own loved ones, we should not be unmindful of the thousands of the world's needy, so many of them homeless victims of intense suffering and strife. They are all members of this family of the human race, and their pleas to us for help are the pleas of Christ.

During Thanksgiving week your parish will again conduct a drive for usable clothing for the needy of the world. May I ask you to continue your remarkable record of generosity in helping to clothe the less fortunate.

Please take your gift of usable clothing to your own parish collection center at the time and place designated by your pastor. Your gift will make your Thanksgiving Day that much happier, and your Thanksgiving prayers will be that much more sincere.

With a blessing, I am
Your devoted Shepherd in Christ

James H. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester

Deadline for news in Rochester area will be Monday, Nov. 25, at 5 p. m.; out of the See City, Tuesday, Nov. 26 at noon.

Fordham Reports \$7 Million Fund

New York — (NC) — Fordham University has received \$7,086,501 in contributions and grants in its 10-year program to raise \$11 million for a Greater Fordham.

Deadline Advanced

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