Our Public

Schools

In most of the public school districts in the twelve county area of the Rochester Diocese, dates have been announced for the election of board officials and to vote on proposed budgets and plans for the coming school year.

Catholics as citizens have a vital stake in the American public schools.

Our tax money helps to build and support the public schools.

Most of our neighbors' children attend public schools.

And as more and more applicants are turned away from bulging Catholic schools, more and more Catholic pupils will have to attend public schools.

WE BELIEVE that public and parochial schools areboth truly American schools.

And we also believe that all true Americans should be interested in seeing to it that all American children get the very best education, the best facilities, and the best opportunities our country can offer.

We think all American children have equal rights when it comes to deciding who gets free bus rides, better health services, or other tax-paid benefits.

Pupils whose parents share in paying the taxes should also enjoy a fair share in the benefits tous.

And the people who pay taxes should have a voice in deciding how those taxes are going to be spent. -

That is why more Americans should attend public school board meetings - to get properly informed on school needs and to play a constructive role in school planning and progress.

This is true not just for parents who have pupils in the public schools but for all Americans - whether they have children in fatholic schools or even no children at all.

Education is the backbone of our country's future and it's a poor American who has no interest in the educationial program currently being presented in America's public schools.

Latin Neighbors

Diplomatic and business circles marked Monday of this week as Pan American Day. Speeches and exhibits in Washington's Pan American Union building emphasized the common bonds uniting the United States and Canada with other countries of the western hemisphere.

There is a widespread attitude in the U.S. that the Latin American nations of this Union are negligible entities.

APART FROM THE fact that we are neighbors on the same side of the globe, we should also realize that these countries to the south of us provide us with some of our most vitally needed raw materials - not to mention sugar and coffee

COURTER-JOURNAL Friday, April 18, 1958 - LaPira Laughs At Reds

'Communism Is Ready To Die' Not all were poor, Some

By FATHER JAMES I. TUCEK

Florence — (NC) — Professor Giorgio La Pira, former mayor of Florence, langhs out loud at-communism and. believes the world would do well to laugh with him.

"Communism is finished, done for. It has missed the bus completely." He clapped his hands and laughed as he "We cannot have life withsaid it, in the same spirit as a schoolboy might shout that out law." said Cardinal Metoday is the last day of school. Intyre of Los Angeles the

> other day. Even in the Soviet Union communism is in its final And around stage, he said. Living on artificial strength born of fear, the earth orits present show of force is only a sign of its dying strugbited Sputnik gle, he added. Men no longer regard it as a hope for the II, Explorer world and soon will no longer fear it. When they begin Dand Vanto laugh at communism, he concluded, it is finished. At the Uni-

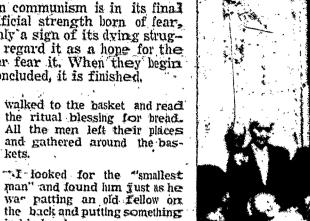
TRACKING DOWN "the little ascetic of Florence" had led me along the paths lood by this city's fabled exrnayor. /

A Florentine businessman kets. told me: "You'll, find him at the Convento San Marco, but you probably worn't recognize him. You'll probabily find him in shirtsteeves, He gives all his in his hand. clothes away."

At the Convento San Marco, two Dominican fritars told me. "You can find him at 100 clock in the Badia church attending the Mass of the Paor. Look for the smallest man there."

THE BADIA CHURCH was packed to the walls by old men in tattered clothes. In the center aisle stood four huge baskets of bread; A -welldressed layman was server for the B-medictine priest celebrating the Mass. The poor men, obviously poor, and the rich men, obviously their Benelactors, were kneeling side by skie at the altar steps to receive/Commynion.

At the end of the Miss all began singing a hymn, Some of the old men wept. The priest



When the priest was finish-ed with the blessing, La Pira stood on the top steps pulside the altar rail and began talking, not in the manrier of a preacher hut joking and laughing with the poor who crowded around him.

He invited them to say a "Hail Mary" with him for the workers of the world, because the workers needed protection-" against the decells of Marxism.

He told them about the least days that were foming up and reminded then that these saints were people just like themselves why had walked in this city and probably even worshipped in this same church./

While the bread was being



still aids the clty's poor. Photo shows him speaking at altar rail prior to distribution of food and funds to the poor. He says Communism has failed in its boast to end poverty. "Communism is done for." he says. "All we

need to do is watch it die."

People of all walks of life a note on a scrap of paper and took their turn in talking to sorth them away satisfied.

what activity I am engaged in?" he said. "I am doing everything I can to educate Christian people. to their responsibility. This is a duly that now belongs to everyone"

Daily Mass

Calendar

"History is not a museum" he said. "What men before m have accomplished, leaves m with a duty. Our history is our heritage, and our history is Christian. Men must act in the present with a historic sense. This includes the historic fact of Christ, and the present fact Surday: April 23-Second Sunof Christ's Church with h day after Easter (white), Gloria, Creed Easter Preface. sacraments and the action of

were important lociting men

who engaged him in a lew moments of serious conversa-

When it came my turn he

threw open his arms, "Father! Welcome!"

ON OUR way to his "cell"

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"Look there," he said one

time. "Over the door of the

Palazzo Vecchio (the city hall

of Florence) is written the

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long ago and that He will

never let communists keep it"

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the Misericordia Sisters of

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about 15 feet square, with the

chairs, a. desk, and books

. "What is the ex-mayor of

Florence doing with himself

he echoed my question. He is a professor. He has no per-

sonal plans for political hear

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Professor La Pira's "cell" is

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Monday, April 21-St. Anselm, "Do you know where the hishop (white) Gloria, Creed. future lies? It lies in a rebith Tuestay, April 22 - St. Soter with the Holy Spirit touching and St. Calus, popes and men and working from with martyrs (red); Gloria: VR.

Wednesday, April 23 -- St. He pointed to the United George, martyr (red), Gloria:. States as the most outstandingexample of his thesis.

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Of Terrorism, Crime

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Former mayor of Florence, Italy, wiry Georgio LaPira

distributed. La Pira shoul in a him Him were anchuisly ask-corner of the churchyard hing for holp: he would scribble

Science research teams have reported there are extensive deposits of invaluable mineral ores waiting to be mined in Latin American nations.

Politically speaking, these countries would be strategic sites for Soviet bases. Already Soviet bloc nations have made reciprocal trade offers to several Latin American states.

The current economic recession in our country means fewer purchases of Latin American products and can force these countries to accept the Soviet offers.

Despite our long standing attitude toward our neigh-boring nations as if they were "poor relatives" the people of Latin America have given clear evidence they want economic and political independence, a characteristic which is our best guarantee against Soviet success in those areas.

In the last three years, Argentina, Colombia, Haiti, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela have rid themselves of dictators and established democratic regimes. Cuba is now locked in a civil war to restore democracy to that tyrant dominated little country,

Tourists to Latin America report astounding progress in road construction, city development, and industrial progress in the various Latin American countries.

RELIGION-WISE, most Latin Americans are Catholics although acute clergy shortages mean thousands have little more than a nominal link with the Church.

This week's Pan American observance, therefore, should awaken in us a realization that both our own country and the twenty other democratic nations of the western hemisphere have a lot to gain from increased understanding and cooperation.



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Law

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next General Assembly of the

But what about law among

"The law of God." said Cardinal McIntyre, "is the law from which all law is based."

Certainly. Law is not law un-

Iess it is just. St. Thomas Aqui-

mas dismissed unjust law as

History is largely the ac-

count of man's struggle to es-

tablish and defend right law,

To that end, millions have died,

and thousands of the finest in-

-From the Founding Fathers

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ficed hugely for the principle

that might must serve, right.

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No fact stands forth more

FOR CENTURIES, interna-

tional law has been little re-

garded. Each nation has been

encouraged to consider itself a

law unto itself, imposing law

upon its own people, but itself obeying no tribunal, and par-

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In Rome, Pope Plus XII, Inaudience with leaders of nations, continued his great search for peace, through law adopted by peaceful nations and imposed on outlaw governments.

There is not one of us who does not know that without law, a home, a village, a state, nation is a madnouse. Yet some of us cannot see that the disdain for international law is what has made the interna-

tional scene one of howling lurancy. Few are so obtuse or criminal as not to see right law as mirroring of divine perfect order. We realize that God com-

mands it as indispensable for our peace. But when world order under law is mentioned, some of us are stricken suddenly deaf - although far from mute.

"We cannot have life without law." said Cardinal McIntyre; but there are those who grow sick with fright at the thought oť an international judiciary to settle disputes between na* tions without war; an international police to control national gangsterism, and international legislative, economic and welfare bodies.

Cruel exaggerated nationalism-which is the prostitution of patriotism and the class struggle of nations-spawned. two world wars. It brought forth also the monstrous communist conspiracy to enslave all peoples under the hellish order of godless materialism.

Nevertheless some of us hitterly oppose every effort to fit nationalism into its proper place in an international order. Some of us cannot even abide the thought of richer nations helping poorer, or stronger nations helping weaker,

What is the explanation of this blind selfishness? It is simple. The heresy of dog inthe-manger nationalism has been deeply embedded in minds through hundreds of years of Ialse propaganda.

"We cannot have life without law," said Cardinal McIntyre. But what we surely can have, without world order under law, is the living death of an earth turned into a huge coricentration camp operated by communismi.

"We cannot have life without law." It is the truth.

ploited by the rich and of desperate resistance to a cruel dictatorship — has reached a blood-stained crisis desplter - At the same time the Cuban the efforts of Church leaders for peace.

GENERAL BATISTA

During the period in Febru-

CARDINAL ARTEAGO

Peace plea spurned

reign of terror saying:

Cuban Dictator

The regime of President Fulgencia Batista is using terrorism to keep itself in power. The opposition, while divided, is stepping the its efforts to overthrow Batista's 'government.

By JIM FONTAINE

(N.C.W.C. News Service)

Cuba's civil war - the tragic outcome of poverty'ex-

Cuba Held In Grip

TWO RECENT rebel elloris. in Havana and Santicago to oust the dictatorship, which took scores of lives, have apparently ended in failure. But more violence is expected. In Flavana three young Catholle Action leaders were tortfired and killed by the police. The last chance to myold continued bloodshed in Cuba van-

Ished a few weeks zigo when, both sides spurned the request of Cardinal Arleago of Havana and the country"s bishops for a "national units" government.

Following the failure af their peace effort. Church authorities were forced by the lease situation to cancel the traditional Holy Week processions and Easter festivities throughout the island.

Earlier, hopes for national and army terrorism continues peace had been dimmaed when against, innocent people Encludboth government and mels ing Catholic leaders turned down a proposal for a guaranteed free election made by Cuban leader Cosme de la ary when government censur-Torriente, Later Batista called ship was lifted an influential for elections on June 1, which Catholic reported on the earlier have now been postponed to November 3.

"This accumulation of Inno-But opposition groups ancent victims and the systematic nounced they would boycott the destruction of national reelections, which they claim will sources are leading us into not be free, have turried down chaos and anarchy . . . Howany settlement involving Baever, while a system of terror tista's participation in the govis always loathsome, it is even ernment and called for "lotal more so when a government resort to it, because from the

At the same time the opposition also committed acts of extreme terrorism which were resented by the people. The people, however, realize that the rebels can use no other micans against a dictatorship, backed so far by a strong, wellequipped army.

war."

The methods of the dictator. ship were revealed last February when constitutional guarantees were restored for a short time. During that period the courts ordered the release of political prisoners and charged army and police officers with torturing firem. Arbitrary detentions, political danapping and murder were, and are again, the order of the day,

Arrest on the slightest supp. cion of being anti - Batista means torture, crippling and often death. Judges are again being intimidated, while polles

VR. hishops asked "all militants in" both camps to stop the use of violence, turn their eves solely to the common good of the people and seek as soon as possible effective means to reslore to Cuba the material and moral peace it sorely needs."

TERRORISM HAS also mvaded the labor movement. I ne government - controled with m Confederation of Labor + CrCr has thrown all its weight hehind Batista's effort to cru-h any attempt at a general strike. Batista has anded it by decreeing a rise m minemum wages, but at the same lime has ruled that any one inciting workers to strike may be killed on the spot.

Last August, when strikes were begun in Oriente province and Havana, CTC's boss, Eusehio Mujal, a rich landowner, quickly took advantage of them to purge union leaders who opposed, his policies. With the help of the Ministry of Labor, Mujal removed hundreds of workers from posts in the trade union movement.

In the week," said another, Other anti-Batista workers, respectally in the sugar fields, the third. "My dad keeps hingwere hanged by the dozen. self so clean he never has to.

Catholic groups in the labor field denounced these crimes, as did a number of congressmen. But Congress never made the investigations demanded by workers.

Mujal then gained control of union funds. Later he and his aides arranged business deals with international gamblers to make Havana a world gambling center,

A survey made in - 1954 showed that a family of four needed a minimum income of \$200 a month for the bare ne? cessities of life. But 62 per-cent of the workers with jobs make less than \$75, and even when their wives work their familles can barely subsist. The increase in the minimum wage from \$60 to \$75 or \$80 a month. therefore, does not help them, much.

A survey made this year reveals Cuba's farm workers are hungry, illiterate and a prey to Illness. They work seven days a MAIN OFFICE 4 25 Seto - BARE 5-1215 sweek for an average wage of. Rochester 4. N. Y. 17 cents a day.

Only four per cent of Cuban, farm workers, known as "guafiros," can afford to buy meat. the survey reported. The rest Live mainly on beans and rice. About 91 per cent of them are undernourished.

Thur-tay. April 21-St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, martyr (not), (Horla, Friday April 13 -- St. Mark,

mains list (red), Gloria, 2nd putter of Bogation Mass, Level. Preface of Appointes. Saturday, And 26 - Saturday Mass of our Lady (white) or

"Not a but," said the boy.

No Soap

"Mine takes a bath every day

"That's nothing," spoke up

Neat Chap

"You've been a very lidy boy

on the train so far," a mother

complimented her small son.

of the orange you ate?"

said, "in that man's pocket."

Courser Journal

Where did you put the peeling.

"Over there," the little boy

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account the thousands of children who go to Mass and Communion every morning in the St. Cletus and St. Marcelparish schools of the United linus, Teles and martyrs States. There is nothing to explain it, unless one takes into VR-Vouise or Requiern peraccount that there is coming

on the scene in the United States a generation of Christian familles which are laml-

Holiday Matinee lies of prayer.

The troant officer saw a "It is wrong to look at this in terms merely of the personal schooltony coming out of the movie in the middle of the day. graces received by the In-"Have you been missing school" he growled. dividual," he continued. "Every Christian act has its 'effect on the community."

He said he believes this is also true of Russia. He does not believe that the world of politics can tell anything about Three boys were bragging what is "inside a man." He beabout their tathers, "My dad lieves that communist Russia takes a bath three times a is in its final stage and that a new Russia is ready to begin life.

> "Communism is no longer * hope for the people of the world. It never was, but the longer it exists the more men see that this is true. Even now enough men of the world have realized this fact so that lisstrength as a revolutionary force is finished. It lives on an artificial strength born of tear. Soon no one will fear it, no one will take it so seriously, and when people begin to laugh at communism, it is finished

"There is a new hope, an old hope returned, the hope for a better society with God at its center.

I protested that there was rdanger in exaggerated optimism, Granted that communish might be in its final state, it could still do great damage before its end came. "Do you mean a war?" he

"Five years ago, maybe, or perhaps three or two years ago. The longer communist Russia exists without war, the more impossible it is for it to wage war. Don't you see, their only hope is to advance through fear of war.

AUBURN OFFICE - 48 Grant Ava. Auburn 19516 "It is true that we must " ELMIRA OFFICE _ 312 Resity Bids. Entered as second class matter in the Post Office at Rochester, N. Y. an reduired under the Act of Congress of March 5, 1879 let down our guard against communism, but we must make it a waiting game. We must wait and pray and meditate; have patience and move care Bingle roly lúc: 1 year subscription in U. S. \$4.50; Canada \$5.00; Foreign Countries \$5.25 fully. Communism is really no longer Important. We need only atch 11 die."

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