

## 'Ought Not To Suffer' Private Schools Rights Defended

Geneva (RNS)—The right of parents to send their children to religious rather than state schools was defended here by a member of the British Labor government. He also upheld the right of conscientious objection to military service.

Solicitor General Sir Hartley Shawcross made special reference to religious freedom in an address at the United Nations European office at ceremonies commemorating the tenth anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

Sir Hartley said freedom of religion is suppressed or discouraged altogether in some countries and "in others, equally wrong, it is restricted to a particular religion."

As an illustration of the tendency to circumvent the rights of the individual in the "supposed interest of the community," the Solicitor General said that in some countries attempts are made to prevent parents having their children brought up in a particular religious faith, or to penalize them if they do.

"I am not a Roman Catholic," he said, "but I think parents who wish to bring up their children in schools of their own faith ought not to suffer for it. Again, there is a tendency to make all children go to state schools and to discourage or prevent parents from sending their children to independent ones. That is contrary to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

He stressed that every child should personally accept the Declaration of Human Rights which "proclaims the faith of mankind in itself and which we have accepted as our law. He cited the Book of Proverbs: "Where there is no faith the people perish... but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."

### Altar Society Holds Banquet

Auburn — Members of the Altar-Rosary Society of St. Joseph Church, Cayuga held a banquet at Springside Inn, Auburn, Dec. 9. Guests were Rev. James C. Lane, pastor and the group's spiritual director; Rev. John B. Crowley, and Rev. John V. Loughlin. Each spoke words of encouragement to the society.

The next event will be a Christmas party for the children at Cayuga Memorial Hall, Monday afternoon, Dec. 22. Committee members: Kathryn Coridon, president; Mesdames John Fuller, John Adamus and Robert Waldron.

Sisters of St. Joseph at St. Aloysius parish instruct the children of Cayuga and surrounding area in Religious Education each Monday of the school year under a released time arrangement. The party will be held during this regular class period.

Father Lane who is also pastor of St. Aloysius, Auburn, has announced plans for a Christmas Midnight Mass at St. Joseph Church, Cayuga.

### Couple Honored On Anniversary

Geneva. Mr. and Mrs. Orante Constable celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary recently at their home on North Genesee St.

Their seven children and their families, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren shared in the anniversary celebration.

Mr. Constable is 91 years of age and Mrs. Constable is 77. They came to the United States from Ortuochio, Italy, and have lived in Geneva for 44 years.



Auburn — Mrs. Charles Hutson, left, co-chairman of the reception honoring Rev. Francis C. Waterstraat, new pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, as she presents a "Key to the Parish," to Father Waterstraat at the reception which was held in the school hall on Sunday. Others in the photo are second from left, Mrs. Charles Waterstraat, the pastor's mother, and at right, Mrs. James Robertson, his sister. (A. G. Tarby Photo.)

### Parishioners Honor Father Waterstraat

Auburn — Approximately two thousand people gathered at St. Alphonsus School, Sunday to welcome the new pastor, Rev. Francis C. Waterstraat. The affair was held in the school hall from 2 until 4:30 p.m.

Members of the parish and their families turned out in large numbers in spite of the cold weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Schneider were co-chairmen of the planning committee. Serving with them were Mesdames William H. Kobornes, Edward Van derbo, Martin Brennan, Laura Murphy, Sarah Maywall, Vincent Agosta, John Moehan, John Corcoran and Pat Petrosino.

Also Caroline Rattigan, Mrs. John Colbert.



Presenting Gift To Pastor

Auburn — The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society of St. Francis Church presented a \$600 check to Rev. John Nacca, pastor, for the new church building fund, which is nearly completed. The presentation was made at the annual Christmas party of the society which was held in the school hall. Left to right are Mrs. Sam Asaro, president; Mrs. Angelo Dello Stritto, chairlady, and Father, Nacca. (A. G. Tarby Photo.)

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### Choral Group Sings At Meeting

Auburn — Members of the choral classes at Mt. Carmel High School entertained at the December meeting of the Catholic Action League of St. Alphonsus Church. The girls presided at a program of music suitable to the Christmas season. They were led by Sister Margaret Josephine, S.S.J., head of the music department at the school.

Appearing were Diane Guarino, Carol Ryan, Sharon Peleley, Trudi Wells, Eunice Bergeron, Ruth Ann Nagle, Elaine Bellner, Anne Marie Casper, Karen Fennessy, Barbara E. Lynch, Nancy Spinelli.

Artoline Casaro, Theresa Delmonte, Donna DeWitte, Mary Rice, Margaret Chilloard, Frances Wendelich, Mary Anne Polito, Juanita Hoadley, Mary Margaret Snyder.

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Lois Mae Lynch, Judy Conboy, Linda Corcoran, Elaine Casbarro, Sarah Wilson, Patricia Corrigan, Lynn Anderson, Lorraine Baran, Monica Moroney.

Caroline Mitchell, Mary Bigley, Suzanne Roberts, Judy Wilbur, Camille Vistocco and Miriam Mutsack.

Editor's Uncle  
Made Monsignor

Rev. Joseph D. Ostermann, pastor of St. Peter Church, Kingston, was among 24 priests of the Archdiocese of New York named domestic prelates with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor by Pope John XXIII last week.

Reverend Herman Brinkman, CSSR, will be the great mass editor of the Catholic Courier, a new publication of the Journal now in charge of editorial news.

**Microscope Display**  
A miniature microscope has been placed on display in the hall of optical science of the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences. The tiny instrument is 2 1/2 inches tall and is mounted in a magnifying detail to a Bausch & Lomb microscope. It was made by Joseph P. Klobner of New York, a former employee of the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company.

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### High School Girls Retreat Slated

A retreat for high school girls will be held at the Conace Retreat House, 693 East Ave. from Jan. 9th to 11th.

Rev. Herman Brinkman, Monsignor Ostermann is an uncle of Frank Kelly, associate editor of the Catholic Courier.

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