

Adults, Not Pupils, Said Block To School Integration

Notre Dame — (RNS) — High school students who are independent of adult encouragement rarely show any overt resistance to school desegregation, some 200 Catholic sociologists were told here.

Father James F. Muldowney, S.J., assistant professor of sociology at Wheeling (W. Va.) College, made this observation in a report to the 20th annual convention of the American Catholic Sociological Society.

The priest recounted results of his study on desegregation in five unidentified communities in five different states which had compulsory racial segregation in their public schools before the 1954 Supreme Court decision.

Among his other findings, Father Muldowney disclosed that the size of a community and its population distribution "do not seem to be significant determinants" in bringing about peaceful school desegregation. "Even the actual proportion of Negroes to whites in the community seems to be less important a factor in the change than is the definition of the proportion in the minds of white people," he said.

The Jesuit sociologist noted that rural communities have greater difficulty making the transition than urban areas. He said that just about the worst climate for school desegregation would be "a predominantly rural area with few Negroes living in segregated sections, and which had been forced to mix white and colored children by local court order."

Academic differences between white and colored students, he added, was not a significant factor in the ease or difficulty of the transition in the communities studied. Nor did school grades seem to make a difference among the white and Negro students themselves.

Father Muldowney told his fellow sociologists that when school teachers and administrators

are desegregated professionally, the chances are better that the schools where they work will be integrated more easily. "Parity of white teachers with Negroes gained from biracial professional meetings creates an atmosphere favorable to the acceptance of colored students in white schools," he said.

Historians

Elect Officers

Washington — (NC) — Dr. Harry W. Kirwin of Loyola College, Baltimore, has been installed as president of the American Catholic Historical Association.

Other officers installed at the 30th annual meeting here were: Paul Horgan, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, new first vice president; Father Eric McDermott, S.J., Georgetown University, second vice president; Msgr. John K. Cartwright, rector of St. Matthew's cathedral here, re-elected treasurer, and Msgr. John Tracy Ellis, Catholic University of America, re-elected secretary.



First Mass In New Church

Auburn — Midnight Mass was the first Mass to be celebrated in the new St. Francis Church. Photo taken from the balcony shows the Mass in progress. Celebrant was Rev. John J. Nacca, pastor; Rev. Daniel V. Hogan, assistant pastor, was deacon, and Rev. Pascal Greco, O. Carm., sub-deacon. General contractor for the building of the new church was the William E. Bouley Co. of Auburn. (A. G. Tarby Photo.)



Parishioners Move Into New Greece Church

Father John Whalen gives Christmas Communion to Our Lady of Mercy parishioners, Greece. The new parish used its new quarters on Denise Road for the first time at midnight Mass. Sunday Masses will be said at 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12:15. The parish hopes to have its school ready by February.

Cross Peddler Convicted For Fake Charity Bid

Washington — (RNS) — The Post Office Department announced here that Julius Duke Kahn, 25, of San Jose, Calif., has been convicted in Federal court on two counts of mail fraud for soliciting funds for a non-existent charitable organization, called the Handicapped Brothers of St. Jude Thaddeus.

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Cardinals Return From Rome

New Pope Said Man Of Service

Boston — (NC) — "Thank Almighty God, I am home."

The words were spoken by His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, upon his arrival by plane at Logan Airport from Rome where he was elevated to be the second Cardinal in the history of New England.

CARDINAL CUSHING said he was fatigued by the many functions during his stay in Rome. He tried to sleep as much as he could during the 16 hour plane trip home, he said.

"I slept right through the stop-over at Shannon," the Cardinal chuckled. "Imagine anyone sleeping through Ireland!"

He said his most vivid impression of his trip to Rome was the memory of His Holiness Pope John XXIII. He described the Pontiff as a very kindly man, a humble man, a man of the people. He predicted that history will record the Holy Father as "good Pope John, a man who loved to be of service to his fellow man."

Motor Dies On Prelate's Plane

Philadelphia — (NC) — Drama unfolded as His Eminence John Cardinal O'Hara, C.S.C., Archbishop of Philadelphia, arrived home from Rome at the Philadelphia International Airport.

The plane came in on three engines. The pilot cut off the fourth when a sparking short-

circuited on the flight from New York. Squads of policemen and firemen with equipment stood by.

They had been summoned for emergency duty after the pilot had radioed the control tower of the trouble that developed. The plane made a smooth landing.

Speaking from the ramp of the plane after the welcoming cheers had died down, Cardinal O'Hara said simply but sincerely: "It's great to be home." Then he gave his benediction to the throng from the platform.

U.S. Seeks Freedom For Bishop Jailed By China Reds

Washington — (NC) — The U.S. State Department has stated it "takes a very serious view" of the reported arrest of Maryknoll Bishop James E. Walsh in China and that "every effort will be made to obtain freedom" for him.

In a detailed letter addressed to Rep. Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts, the State Department said "the conclusion is unavoidable that this 67-year-old Maryknoll missionary, who has devoted nearly 30 years of his life to the service of God and the Chinese people who now become a political hostage."

The letter, signed by Assistant Secretary of State William E. Macomber, Jr., was in reply to one from Congressman Lane in which he had asked the State Department to demand from the Peiping government an explanation of the "sudden disappearance" of Bishop Walsh, who is the last American Catholic missionary in Red China.

THE STATE Department at the same time informed the Maryknoll Fathers' headquarters in New York that Jacob D. Bean, U.S. Ambassador to Poland, had asked Wang Ping-nan, the Chinese government representative there, about Bishop Walsh.

The Chinese official told Ambassador Bean, the State Department had said, that Bishop Walsh had been arrested in Shanghai because "he violated the laws of China." No further details were given.

In his letter to the State Department, Congressman Lane had called attention to an N.C.W.C. News Service story about Bishop Walsh. The story noted that the Bishop has not been available to visitors since October 19, 1958.

In replying to Congressman Lane, Mr. Macomber said the State Department "has been continuously interested in the status and welfare of Bishop Walsh since his personal decision to remain in communist China several years ago."

He added that the department "has been alerted" from the so-called progressive work of digging ditches and building roads.

A means to secure the release of Bishop Walsh...

Bishop Walsh, a native of Cumberland, Md., is a veteran of three Asiatic campaigns in China. He has been greatly limited in his activities for the past several years, but he has consistently refused to leave China without being formally expelled by the Red government.

In its letter, the State Department noted that "the United States Government has no authority to insist in instances of this kind that its citizens return to the United States."

Communes Split China Families

Dublin — (RNS) — A Dublin-born priest who was imprisoned in Communist China for nearly three years for organizing the Legion of Mary there said China's family system has been broken down by the new "commune" scheme.

Father Aedon McGrath told a meeting here that 90 per cent of the Chinese people are now organized in "communes."

"The people have been 'liberated' from their homes and now eat in common mess halls," he said. "They have been 'liberated' from their children who now live in kindergartens. All women have been 'liberated' from the so-called progressive work of digging ditches and building roads."

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