

## New French President

# DeGaulle, Faith Without Fear

Paris — (RNS) — General Charles de Gaulle, who has taken office as the first President of the Fifth Republic, is a staunch Roman Catholic who has long been noted for his almost mystical sense of personal dedication to France.

It is a paradox that for two terms running, a state which vaunts its secularism, has had two devout Christians at its head. Like his predecessor, former President Rene Coty, also was a practicing Catholic.

### Name In

The News President de Gaulle's Christian formation began when he entered the College of Notre Dame de Bonne Foi in Lille, and it continued when he enrolled at the Stanislas College in Paris.

This school has for its motto: "Français sans peur et chrétiens sans reproche." — Frenchmen without fear and Christians above reproach.

General de Gaulle has made this motto his own. He has shown himself to be a highly patriotic Frenchman without fear, and a Christian that none can reproach.

President and Madame de Gaulle will probably follow the example of M. Rene Coty and attend the Madeleine church, not far from the Elysees Palace, when they are in Paris. The funeral service for the late Madame Coty was held in this celebrated church.

In spite of his own deep religious convictions, President de Gaulle has been entirely impartial to his political life. One of his closest collaborators is Pierre Boegner, son of Pastor Marc Boegner, and Jewish as well as Catholic leaders have been numbered among his most active supporters.

Elected by an overwhelming majority, France's new President enjoys a power and prestige as head of the state that has not been equalled since Napoleon III was proclaimed Emperor in 1852.

Thirteen years ago, when General de Gaulle was serving as President of the Council of the French Provisional Government set up after the liberation, he was praised by a Vatican spokesman for the "political clairvoyance and energy" with which he had helped France to regain its liberty and faith in the future.

The tribute came from Archbishop Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, Papi Nuncio to France, who now occupies the papal throne as Pope John XXIII. It was spoken when the Nuncio, as dean of the diplomatic corps in France, conveyed New Year greetings to the former Commander-in-Chief of the Free French Forces.

Noted for his astute and astute character, President de Gaulle has already outlined a program of "truth and severity" to overcome France's economic difficulties. This means higher taxes, higher prices and a curb on wage increases.

But M. de Gaulle is confidently expected to supply the heroic leadership that will help his country achieve new greatness and strength. He spelled out the terms in a notable exhortation that is to be the creed of the Fifth Republic: "People of France, great people! Prudence! Courage! Hope!"

These have been the characteristic virtues of the 68-year-old soldier-statesman who was graduated from the famous Saint Cyr military academy and rose to top rank after distinguished service in the two world wars, which included taking charge of special missions in Iraq, Persia and Egypt and teaching military history at Saint Cyr.



CHARLES DE GAULLE

Gen. de Gaulle has built the on other foundations besides austerity. He has already saved his country successively from civil war and from military rule. He promise of the French renaissance of the children:

had made reforms in the government, the economy, the currency, the judiciary, the educational system, and the defence establishment.

He has added to his new constitutional powers the power of national mobilization to ward off both armed attacks from abroad and subversion within. The whole purpose has been to establish a democracy that will work.

At the time of his recall to public service, Gen. de Gaulle and his wife Yvonne were living in seclusion at the home at Colombes, 170 miles from Paris, on the fringes of the champagne country and Lorraine. They rarely left their estate, but every Sunday they attended Mass in the pew of the two churches which gave the village its name.

During the period last year when Gen. de Gaulle was being consulted on the possibility of forming a government he still took time to attend the children's First Communion in his church. The de Gaulles themselves have two living children, Philippe and Elizabeth, both married and with children of their own. A third child, an invalid, died in 1948 when she was about 18.

In her memory her parents erected a home for backward children called the Agne de Gaulle Foundation. It is under the charge of an order of nuns. The General and his wife have visited the institution frequently to confer with the Mother Superior on matters concerning the welfare of the children:

## ACTU Spurs Clean Up Of Jewelers Union

New York — (NC) — The Association of Catholic Trade Unionists has termed the AFL-CIO reform of the International Jewelry Workers Union as "a great victory for the American worker."

George Meany, president of the merged labor federation, recently expelled the union's chief international officers, Elyman Powell and Joseph Morris, and placed the entire international under AFL-CIO trusteeship.

John J. McNiff, executive secretary of the ACTU, recalled that "the ACTU presented the facts of the sordid corruption within the Jewelry Workers Union to the AFL-CIO in the spring of 1957."

Praising the AFL-CIO for supporting the ACTU's stand, Mr. McNiff declared that such progress in combating racketeering could not have been accomplished without the rank and file revolt which stirred the jewelry workers for the past two years, and "the solid determination of George Meany."

"It is important to realize," Mr. McNiff continued, "that this is the first international union to be reformed without a full-scale congressional investigation."

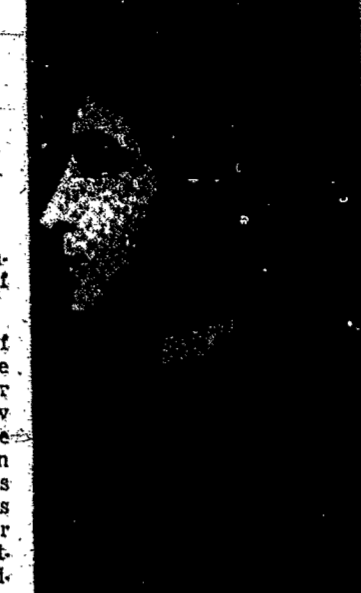
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## Diocesan Sports

# Knights Lose, But Cheers Greet Team

By FRANK KELLY

What price victory? This was probably the question asked by members of Fordham Prep's Little Rams after their 61-45 win over the Knights of McQuid Jesuit High School in New York City last Saturday.

Leading all the way, the Little Rams outclassed McQuid on the court — but not in the stands.

APPROXIMATELY 100 students from the Rochester school made the trip down to New York to see the game and their reaction to the loss seemingly was a reversal of the norm.

"Our students really rocked the stands with their cheers for our team," Rev. Roy Drake, who accompanied the team, said.

"These were not mock cheers that greeted the McQuid squad, but sincere, deep-feeling cheers that showed our team our appreciation for their efforts.

"IF ANYONE not familiar came into the gym without realizing the score, they would have thought we were winning by a big margin. In contrast to our students, you could have heard the proverbial pin drop in the Fordham Prep stands.

"Even at the end of the game, our students showed a spirit that was outstanding," Rev. Drake said.

"As the final whistle came, the students rushed out of the stands and formed a double line and cheered out the sound as it passed through to go down to the locker room.

On Jan. 11, Lou Basile's quintet defeated DeSales High of Geneva, 55-37 at Geneva and downed Madison High of Rochester on Tuesday, 68-58.

Ralph Yahn scored a total of 55 points in the three games to lead his mates.

HE SCORED 20 points both in the loss to Timon and the win over Madison and scored 15 counters against DeSales.

In the Timon game, the loss of Greg Riley and Ron Chatterton via the personal foul route proved too much of a handicap for the Little Irish to overcome.

AFTER GETTING off to a bad start in their first game of the new year by dropping a 72-69 game to Bishop Timon of Buffalo, The Little Irish of Aquinas Institute came through with two straight wins.

## Lourdes Feast Changed To Feb. 12

Vatican City — (NC) — The Feast of the Apparition at Lourdes, scheduled to fall on Ash Wednesday this year, has been moved by papal decree to the following day, February 12.

The change is intended to permit greater solemnity for the Feast. The Ash Wednesday liturgy would not have permitted celebration of the Lourdes Apparitions Mass.



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