

Invocation For Wisdom

Los Angeles — (NC) — The Cardinal-Archbishop of Los Angeles expressed the hope that Divine Wisdom would prevail in the decisions of delegates to the Democratic national convention.

In his invocation at the convention, held in the Sports Arena, James Francis Cardinal McIntyre reminded the delegates that they were assembled in a city dedicated to Our Lady Queen of the Angels.

As spokesman for the delegates and for millions of other Americans, the Cardinal said, "I know that I express the impulses of all our minds and hearts, as we lift them with supplication to Almighty God in fervent petition that His divine wisdom will prevail in your decisions, and that His manifold blessings will remain with you abundantly."

THE TEXT of Cardinal McIntyre's invocation follows:

On this the 11th day of July in the year of Our Lord 1960, here in the fair city of Our Lady Queen of the Angels, assembled in convention, are the delegates of the Democratic party of the United States of America.

The primary purpose of this convocation is to select the candidates that this party will present to the consideration of the electorate, next November, for the supreme office of President of our country.

We are a nation founded and functioning in the declared recognition of the existence of a Supreme Being who is our creator and the source of all human rights. We are ever aware of God's Providence and protection over the life we live. In all our undertakings we are dependent on His divine assistance.

It is therefore appropriate and proper, it is right and just and salutary, that we inaugurate the deliberations of this immensely important proceeding by invoking God's wisdom and guidance.

The honorable delegates of this convention function in a representative capacity. They will exercise a delegated power as they cast their votes for the candidates presented.

This power comes to them by procedural selection. While it comes with more or less specific instructions or expressions of preference, this power in reality draws its origin from the source of all power, from Almighty God.

There is no power but from God, and those that are appointed, are appointed by God.

Civil authority is of God. We know this not so much by revelation or positive instruction as by the self-evident fact that God is the Author of nature, and man's social nature requires that civil authority be established and obeyed.

What nature absolutely requires, that God commands. What nature absolutely rejects as incompatible with man's well-being, that God forbids.

Hence it is that all just authority comes from God. God binds men in conscience to observe the rule of the state within the sphere of its competence. Thus the exercise of delegated authority is governed by the demands of conscience and by the laws of nature and of man's God.

Let us be mindful further that in the fulfillment of the responsibility imposed by the exercise of authority, God in His great mercy and providence supplies the special gifts and guidance necessary to conduct that responsibility in justice, integrity, and charity.

Thus the promise of divine assistance overshadows your actions and awaits your cooperation.

The history of our beloved Land gives testimony to the guidance and protection which God has always furnished to our country's leaders. Confidence in His continued blessing should give you assurance as you approach your present responsibility.

The grave importance of this moment is obvious. This gravity emphasizes the responsibility which you bear. It is a responsibility which is shared by millions of our fellow Americans as they follow your deliberations with intense interest and concern.

As your spokesman and theirs, I know that I express the impulses of all our minds and hearts, as we lift them with supplication to Almighty God in fervent petition that His divine wisdom will prevail in your decisions, and that His manifold blessings will ever remain with you abundantly, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Mass For Victims

15 Years Since Hiroshima Blast

Hiroshima — (NC) — The Bishop of Hiroshima will celebrate Mass on August 6 for the 78,000 persons who died here 15 years ago in the world's first atomic holocaust.

Bishop Dominicus Noguchi will sing the Requiem in the Peace Memorial Cathedral that towers above the rest of the reconstructed city.

THE CATHEDRAL, dedicated to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, replaces a tiny wooden chapel of the Assumption that disintegrated in the atomic attack.

Among those crowding into the majestic nave of the cathedral will be some who remember that morning 15 years ago when the first atomic bomb exploded over this city of 400,000.

The disaster that overtook Hiroshima's Catholic community seemed small compared to the over-all destruction in the city. The Catholic community then consisted of not more than 150 persons, many of whom lost their lives in the bombing.

Today, in the area of the ruins of the atomic chapel where they worshipped, there are a great Cathedral and eight other parish districts, six of which have new churches with restoration that disintegrated in the atomic attack.

The new high schools have also been constructed in the last 15 years, the Notre Dame High School for girls and the Jesuit High School for boys.

The School of the Helpers of the Holy Souls and the Jesuit House of Studies have been completely rebuilt or expanded.

Finally, Hiroshima in the year that marks the 15th anniversary of the bombing has been raised to the status of a diocese.

The symbol of this remarkable rebirth from disaster that seemed to be the end of everything is the Peace Memorial, where the anniversary services will be held. It is perhaps more a symbol of future growth than of actual achievement, for Catholicism in Hiroshima is still in its infancy, despite its progress and influence.

Those who were chiefly responsible for the erection of the cathedral intended that it should point to the future. Chief among these was Father Hugo La Salle, S.J., pastor of the tiny mission chapel at the time of the bombing, and now Vicar General of the Diocese of Hiroshima.

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Unity Said Catholic Press Role

Sanderson — (RNS) — Primary concern of the Catholic journalist should be with "what unites people rather than with what divides or separates them," Domenico Cardinal Tardini, Vatican Secretary of State, declared in a message read here at the opening session of the sixth congress of the International Union of the Catholic Press.

Over 300 lay and clerical journalists from 28 countries, including the United States, gathered here for what Bishop Pedro Cantero Cuadrado of Huelva, Spain, one of the many prelates attending, described as the "Union's most important congress so far."

Among the U.S. delegates were Father Thurston N. Davis, S.J., editor-in-chief of America, national Catholic weekly, who gave the keynote address; and Frank A. Hall, director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service in Washington, D.C.

Praising the theme of the Congress, "The Catholic Press: Link Between Peoples," Cardinal Tardini said the guiding principle of the Catholic journalist should be friendship among peoples, and he must be a constant "defender of the oppressed and of the victims of injustice."

"If the press is capable of forming public opinion, daily experience shows it also can serve to sow division among men," Cardinal Tardini cautioned. He said the press of wealthy countries cannot remain indifferent to the plight of peoples struggling against hunger, disease and ignorance, and they have an obligation these days to help the peoples of Africa, India, South Asia and Korea.

Reds Forge Rome Decrees

Chicago — (NC) — A Chicago Tribune reporter has asserted that Chinese bishops who appear to be defying Rome have been duped into thinking they have proper authorization from the Holy See.

Dom Paulinus Lee, O.C.S.O., said on a visit here that the communists have forged papal documents to convince the bishops that Rome has ordered a "reaching conciliation to communist propaganda. Genuine messages from Rome have been intercepted."

Dom Paulinus, who is titular of Our Lady of Joy monastery on Lantau Island near Hong Kong, said most Chinese Catholics oppose the schismatic church the communists are trying to create there.

Charities To Hear Ike

New York — (RNS) — President Eisenhower has accepted an invitation to address the Golden Jubilee Dinner of the National Conference of Catholic Charities here on Sept. 26.

He will speak to more than 3,000 delegates and visitors from Catholic charitable institutions and agencies throughout the U.S. who are expected to attend the conference's five-day annual convention that will start Sept. 23.

End of World This Week?

Rome — (RNS) — Some 100,000 Italian Spiritualists gathered in camps near the village of Courmayeur in the Italian Alps this week and prayed fervently for the expectation of the destruction of the world by an atomic war, Rome Radio reported.

This was the prediction, it said, made by their leader, "Brother Emmanuel," who set Thursday, July 14, as the date when the end would come.

Brother Emmanuel earlier predicted that a giant piece of rock would break away from Mount Blanc on Sunday, July 3, and that on July 5 a nearby mountain would shake like a leaf.

The predictions failed to materialize.



Two Catholic high school students named "Teen Agers of the Year" — Patricia Saville and John Mulvan, both of Wilmington — were given a Capitol tour by Senator John Kennedy on the eve of his Democratic nomination as a presidential candidate this week.

Graill Girl's Appeal

Leveland, Ohio — (NC) — Africa is recruiting into a new era and one of its chief needs is "responsible people who will help the Africans help themselves."

Elizabeth Reid, Graill Girl East editor, thus summarized her impressions after a four-month survey of Nigeria, Togoland, Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Ghana.

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Anglicans Like Genial Pope John

London — (NC) — The official Church of England yearbook urged Anglicans to be "quick to respond to the gentleness of the new Pope."

After criticizing the Catholic teaching on the primacy of the successors of St. Peter, it says:

"Pope John has at least given indications of a new spirit in his attitude to non-Roman Christians. It is also clear that his ideas are meeting obstruction and English churchmen would be very unwise to rest their hopes too much upon the liberal currents flowing from Germany and France."

"Anglicans should be eager to welcome every move that is made from Rome, but they must realize that issues have to be settled with the Roman Catholics in England. Relations have been very difficult in the past and they are still not too easy. It is necessary to clear the mind that Roman Catholics have memories of persecution and exclusion from public life which are at least as powerful as our own fears of Rome."

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Report from Los Angeles

Bias Dies As Political Roadblock

RICHARD CORBETT
Special to the Courier Journal



Richard Corbett, this June a graduate of Notre Dame University, is the son of attorney Donald J. Corbett and the late Mrs. Corbett, 76 Brewster Blvd., Brighton. He is attending the Democratic convention at the invitation of Senator John F. Kennedy and is scheduled to attend the Republican convention at the invitation of the President Richard M. Nixon. His on the spot report from Los Angeles follows.

Senator John F. Kennedy soared to the Democratic Party's summit spot this week as candidate for president — the first Catholic since 1928 to do so.

His chief rival, Texas Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, in a special statement for the Courier Journal, deplored injection of religious bias into the political cauldron.

"At the heart of my own beliefs," he said, "is a rebellion against this very process of labelling and filling Americans under headings regional, religious, economic, racial or otherwise."

"Americans cannot afford to squabble over the manner in which a man worships or the place in which he was born. We cannot and will not survive if we are more concerned about the color of a man's skin than

the purity of his soul," the southern statesman stated.

From talking with scores of delegates at this convention, I got the impression that "Catholic issue" was virtually vanished as a block to Kennedy's chance of victory.

My job as administrative assistant to Hy Rankin and Chicago, leader of western states delegates for Kennedy, convinced me religious bias is a negligible factor here.

As Rankin's assistant I have been able to garner these comments from key Kennedy supporters for Courier Journal readers:

Major Richard Dury of Chicago said he felt that "The Democratic Party was fortunate to have men of the high caliber of Senator Kennedy. Dury further said "Kennedy's legislative career, his great war record, and his personal attributes make him a highly qualified to lead our nation."

With the help of Carol D'Salle, daughter of the Governor of Ohio, who attends Saint Mary's College across the "Dixie" from Notre Dame, I was able to speak with the Governor.

"I have known Jack Kennedy for many years," he said. "I am familiar with his remarkable record and with his brilliant insight into the problems of this decade. In my opinion he is by far the most qualified man in America today to assume the heavy burden of the presidency." Further he said, "The Senator from Massachusetts is the strongest candidate to lead the Democratic Party to a great victory in November."

Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan was very strong in his praise of Kennedy. "The Senator is my choice for the Presidency. He knows what America wants and needs and he knows how to get it. His courage exemplified so many times in the past is what is needed to face up to the many problems of the age." Williams went on to say that he felt that Kennedy has the ability to come up with specific and practical answers for action.

The views expressed by Governor Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut were quite similar. "If the U.S. is to give to the free world the full measure of leadership expected of us, the nation itself must have a leader like Kennedy. Kennedy has both courage and wisdom, wisdom which is not found commonly. He has the courage to face up to the difficult decisions a President inevitably will have to make."

The members of the convention are serious, hard working men. They are dedicated to the welfare of the party and the nation and are studying the various candidates with the wit and in mind. They are professional and competent men working diligently for the best possible ticket.

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Help Africans Help Themselves

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first surgical operations, per-Kpandu hospital, Miss Reid formed by Dr. Harquart with said. All of them will have to be patient — a man with a clefted training both at the upper appendix — stretched Graill Institute for Overseas, out on a kitchen table. "I Service, Brooklyn, and at pumped the heroics lamp." Graillville, principal U.S. train said Miss Reid, "and kept the center of the Graill movement in the U.S. located here."

Relatives of the patient watched the successful operation through the open windows. Before the year is out three more Graill members from the U.S. will be assigned to the

At Kpandu, in the Diocese of Keta, the Graill group "carried a hospital out of the jungle," Miss Reid said, and within a week of its opening, all 45 beds were filled with a thousand and patients had been treated.

A young German physician Dr. Murgant Marquart, and two American nurses, Phyllis Fuchs and Anita Linniger, comprise the Graill staff of the hospital, assisted by a Ghanaian nurse and a number of Ghanaian aids.

Miss Reid herself was pressed into service at one of the said.

Congo Troops Rape Nuns

Leopoldville — (NC) — A number of nuns were among the white women reportedly raped by soldiers during the mutiny of Congolese troops against their Belgian officers.

A report from the Thyville region about 75 miles southwest of Leopoldville reported that mutinous troops broke into a convent in Abumu-Jowa and took for the patient. "At night, with all the little fires burning around the hospital, it looked like a continuous picnic," said Miss Reid.



Maryknoll Sister Directs Prize Play

Dar es Salaam — (RNS) — Maryknoll Sister Marian Teresa of Fall River, Mass., shown with two of her students at Marian College, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, in British East Africa, was the director of the school's play which won both top production and acting honors for its first entry in a nation-wide youth drama competition. The play was "The Little Nut Tree." Sister Marian Teresa is one of eight Maryknoll nuns who with two African lay teachers staff the college, the only Catholic girls school of higher education in Tanganyika. Opened in 1957, it now has 170 students.