

Court Upholds Bus Ride Law

Albany. — (RNS) — Free bus transportation by the Hempstead, N.Y., School District 3 for pupils going to parochial schools within 35 miles of their homes was ruled constitutional by a State Supreme Court justice here.

Judge Roscoe V. Ellisworth said that according to state law, local school districts may transport public or private school students for whatever distance approved by voters.

THE JUDGE upheld the State Education Department which had dismissed a protest by Jonas Silver of North Merrick, N.Y., who contended that bus service for parochial students in Hempstead was unconstitutional.

Such action, Mr. Silver said, permitted the state to "take by taxation private property and bestow it upon others to be used for their own private purposes."

Following the decision, Mr. Silver was undecided whether to appeal to the Supreme Court's Appellate Division.



Presbyterian Artist Paints Pope

Dallas. — (RNS) — Alexander Clayton (right), a Dallas portrait artist, is shown with his portrait of Pope John XXIII that he painted from life in the Vatican. Mr. Clayton, a Presbyterian who speaks no Italian, and the Pope, who speaks little English, met as painter and subject and this portrait was the result. The portrait, according to the artist, is the first one of the Pope painted from life to be brought to the United States.

Common Bible Proposed

New York. — (RNS) — A national Catholic weekly, addressed some 100 delegates to the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches' Committee on Religion and Public Education.

He emphasized that his proposed translation must be a "national venture" containing only "certain passages."

EXPRESSIONS in belief that the plan could be carried out, the priest proposed that the approved passages should not be published by any existing Bible publisher in order to "avoid all possible difficulties" of having the translation considered either Protestant, Catholic or Jewish.

Father Abbott, a strong advocate of a common English translation of the entire Bible for Protestants and Catholics, said the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, published under NCC auspices, was "vast improvement" over the Catholic Douay Version and the Protestant King James Version.

He also said that some Catholic Biblical scholars had proposed that the Revised Version be adopted, and mentioned the late Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, England, as having endorsed the proposal.

Father Abbott added, however, that he was "not sure" such agreement could be reached in the U.S. He explained that it was not a case of "being against it," but that Biblical scholars are "very much in favor of waiting" until the Confederation of Christian Doctrine (Catholic) and the Oxford (Protestant) translations are completed, along with the Jewish translation of the Old Testament into English. These are expected to be finished in 1962, he said.

Arizona Bans Religion Centers

Tucson. — (NC) — A ruling by the Arizona board of regents to remove all religious centers from state campuses was unpopularly received throughout the state.

The precedent-setting action was severely criticized by Arizona's Gov. Paul Fannin, several Arizona newspapers, and leaders of religious bodies.

THE RULING resulted from a controversy over the Newman Center at the State University of Arizona here, which serves some 2,300 Catholic students.

The issue was first raised February 29 when Dr. Richard Harvill, president of the university, informed Father Frederic Curry, director of the Newman Center, that university expansion plans called for taking over property now occupied by the Catholic center.

Bishop Daniel J. Gercke of Tucson immediately protested the proposed action to the state board of regents.

The board, however, voted 6 to 2 to remove all religious centers from state university campuses.

Following the regents' ruling, Gov. Fannin issued a statement declaring that he will ask the board of regents to rescind its action on campus religious centers because "materialistic planning" must not place barriers before "free religious life."

"It is regrettable if a university must grow up by absorbing its religious centers," he said. "It is hard to see how our American traditions can survive if the churches are removed from places of higher learning."

College Chapel For 3 Faiths

Keele, England. — (RNS) — A chapel with separate altars and sanctuaries for Catholics, Anglicans and Free Churchmen, is planned for the University College of North Staffordshire here.

In the new chapel, each group will have its own altar and self-contained sanctuary while the seating space will be shared by all. The sanctuaries can be screened off when the seats are used by one of the other groups.

Obscene Film Nets Penalty

Dayton. — (NC) — The Montgomery County, Ohio, Court of Appeals has upheld the conviction of a Dayton theater manager for screening the French film, "The Lovers."

The manager was convicted earlier this year of violating a city obscenity ordinance. Judges Joseph Kerns, Calvin Crawford and William Wiseman rejected defense attorneys' contention of trial error.

More Miles Per Gallon Pastor Invents Jet Auto

Ashabala. — (RNS) — The pastor of a rural Roman Catholic church near here has invented and patented a revolutionary development in internal combustion engines which he claims can increase their efficiency by as much as 33 per cent.

He is the Rev. Joseph J. Elias, pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Sheffield Township. His invention, a modification of the piston engine with jet principles, is now undergoing exhaustive tests at an Illinois laboratory.

Described as "simple" by mechanics who have seen it, Father Elias' invention combines the best of the jet-type engine with the engine itself. The problem of exhaust heat has been the major obstacle in adapting the aviation jet engine for automotive use.

Father Elias, who worked about two days a month for six years in spare time to perfect the invention, said he and two retired professors from Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland had thoroughly road-tested a 1938 model car equipped with cast aluminum firing chambers and pistons of the new design.

The innovation, he said, produced either an increase of 33 per cent more mileage or 33 per cent more power from a given quantity of fuel. The priest said that regular internal combustion engines are able to extract only 22 per cent of the energy contained in gasoline.

Automobile manufacturers have not expressed interest in the invention so far, the priest explained, because "they don't know about it yet."

"There will be time enough to talk with the manufacturers after all tests have been finished," he added.

Father Elias was ordained in 1933 and has been pastor of St. Andrew's since 1946. He studied at Lisle College in Illinois where he is proud to relate, he was half-back on a football team that beat a Rockne-coached Notre Dame squad by one point.

Glasgow Gets First Auxiliary

Glasgow. — (RNS) — Msgr. James Ward, Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Glasgow, has been named by Pope John XXIII as Titular Bishop of Sira and Auxiliary to Archbishop Donald A. Campbell of that diocese.

Bishop-designate Ward is the first auxiliary in the Glasgow See which has more than 335,000 Catholics and 360 diocesan priests.

Refugee Appeal Renewed

Geneva. — (RNS) — Another improved response to pleas that funds for building progress warning that the World Refugee Year has not solved the problems of the millions of homeless and displaced persons sounded here by Jean J. Cheneard on behalf of the International Commission on Migration.

In a "provisional evaluation" of the Year he told the United Nations Social and Economic Council that "we must not forget that the numbers of the refugees are legion and their existence is a festering sore that could become dangerous."

Earlier the International Commission for the World Refugee Year made public a statement declaring that the Year had been only partially successful and "a whole generation of refugee children is growing up in the shadow of camps of crowded slums."

Mr. Cheneard said that on the credit side of the Year was the generosity of people who contributed a total of \$50,000,000 in the past 12 months to refugee aid, thus giving proof that the public mind given the Year has had "a salutary effect."

He said that refugees living in squalid conditions outside camps were beginning to get the help they needed. Further, more, he added, although more immigration legislation was still awaited in some countries, there had been "an

Hitler Aide Reported In Spain Monastery

Vienna. — (RNS) — The Prague Radio, in a broadcast it said was based on "well informed sources," charged that Martin Bormann, who was Hitler's right-hand man, is now in hiding at the famous Benedictine monastery of Monserat in northeast Spain.

The Communist station claimed that Bormann, who was said to have been Hitler's sole confidante and the director of his personal affairs and finances, had been in Monserat ever since the end of the war, together with several other high-ranking Nazi leaders.

BORMANN WAS head of the Nazi Party Secretariat and Deputy Fuehrer. It has never been established with certainty whether he was dead or alive.

Memories of the man whom

was ordered to the Catholic priesthood in the Jesuit church of the Holy Trinity at Innsbruck, Austria.

The young Bormann was a member of a Nazi Youth unit at the time of the German defeat and was sent to the Austrian Tyrol, where he was befriended by a Catholic farmer named Klaus Hohenwarter. He returned some time later to Germany, but in 1947 was again in the Tyrol, where he was received into the Catholic Church.

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