

Prayers, Trust In Crisis

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peace and global stability by the world's churches.

In 1957, addressing members of the World Council of Churches' Central Committee at the United Nations building, he epitomized his feelings on the need for religion in the campaign for peace: "What we do here is of little avail without the support of the world's spiritual leaders and those who have the courage to follow them."

Mr. Hammarskjold was described as "an architect of the structure of peace" by his friend and counselor, Ernest A. Gross, former U.S. deputy representative to the United Nations who is now chairman of the National Council of Churches' Department of International Affairs.

"As a statesman," said Mr. Gross, "Dag Hammarskjold understood that peace is not merely the absence of violence but that it must have form and substance. He was an architect of the structure of peace."

Cardinal Spellman of New York spoke Catholic feeling when he described Mr. Hammarskjold's death as a loss to the free world.

"All lovers of freedom are saddened by the untimely death of Dag Hammarskjold," the cardinal said. "His courageous resolve in withstanding Communist pressure made him a strong bulwark of democracy, and a fearless champion of peace."

"His death is a tragic loss to the United Nations and to the entire free world."

Rabbi Julius Mark, president of the Synagogue Council of America, said he joined with millions of Americans of all faiths in expressing deep shock and sorrow at the "untimely death of the great protagonist for peace, Dag Hammarskjold."

Throughout his long career, said Rabbi Mark, "Mr. Hammarskjold ceaselessly fought for peace and worked for equal justice for all, as well as the recognition of the universal

dignity of man, irrespective of creed, race or color.

Father John LaFarge, S.J., former chairman of the Africa Committee of the Catholic Association for International Peace and an associate editor of America, national Catholic weekly, said that "the tragic death of Mr. Hammarskjold comes at an incredibly dangerous moment in history."

"The people of the free world must stand absolutely firm lest the integrity of the United Nations be hopelessly imperiled and its freedoms be lost forever."

Father LaFarge said the "sympathy of the American people will surely go out to the people of Sweden who have lost such a distinguished and devoted servant."

Father John B. Sheerin, C.S.P., editor of The Catholic

World in New York, said the world had lost a "great servant and peacemaker."

His death, he said, was a tragic blow to world peace. "His genius as a trouble-shooter, plucking the flowers of peace out of their terroristic crises, was matched by his bold intransigence against disturbers of the peace," said Father Sheerin.

"I especially admired his astuteness amidst the riots and turbulence in Africa, dealing with native leaders who had a minimum of political experience but a maximum of suspicion of the West," Father Sheerin continued. "Now the world's great servant and peacemaker is gone. One should not lose hope, but I frankly fear the United Nations will be sorely tried to find a successor who will measure up to his greatness of mind and heart."

And We Need Federal Aid?

Pools OK'd Busses No

Detroit — (NC) — Public school board officials in nearby Taylor Township refused bus service for parochial schools despite appeals from 5,363 petition signers.

A sharply divided group of more than 700 spectators attended a board meeting Sept. 14 in Taylor Center High School.

Many protested reduction of bus service to public school students who now must walk if they live within one and a half miles of their classrooms. Others appealed for an extension of service to church-supported schools.

Fred Bloink, chairman of the committee which gathered the petitions, said that "we pay the same taxes as everyone else for the public schools, as well as tuition to privately owned ones."

"We are not asking other

people to give us anything. If necessary, we will campaign for increased mileage to provide bus service for all," he said.

Several spectators demanded that the school board spend more on bus service and less for what they called "frills." About 90 per cent of those who attended left after the discussion on school bus service and ignored the next item on the agenda.

It was a proposal calling for a referendum on October 31 to spend \$7,387,000 for several new schools, two swimming pools and an administration building. The proposal passed without debate.

Why Does God Do This?

St. Louis—(NC)—What sense does it make for God to allow physically and mentally handicapped children to come into the world?

Plenty, according to a priest who has spent his entire priestly career working on behalf of such children.

Monsignor Elmer H. Behrmann goes back to the words of Christ. Asked why God permitted a man to be born blind, he replied that it was "in order to manifest the works of God."

"That eludes people for a long time," commented Msgr. Behrmann, assistant director of the National Catholic Educational Association's Department of Special Education.

"And yet, over the years, I have come to see how these handicapped kids really fit into God's picture. It is another case of God using the weak to confound the strong, the foolish to confound the wise."

"They are helping the strong to become more charitable and more patient—more Christian," he explained.

"Over the years I have seen others grow holier simply because they had a retarded child, or were the sister or brother of one. This happens when they accept the child for what he is, and through the sacrifices they make to help him."

"I have seen people grow wonderfully in Christian perfection through their acceptance of a retarded child."

And for the retarded child himself, the day is gone when he was condemned to a useless and passive life.

"If your child is mentally retarded and you leave him alone, he'll just stare out of the window or watch television and gradually vegetate," Monsignor Behrmann said.

"But in special schools, where he gets to play with other handicapped children, he's going to be constantly stimulated. He'll begin to learn things that he could never learn by himself."

Are handicapped children happy?

"I'm inclined to think they are happier than most other people," the Monsignor said. "They don't have the feelings of responsibility that other people have, and that means they don't worry."



New School at St. John's

A new twelve-classroom unit was blessed at St. John the Evangelist school, Rochester, Sunday afternoon. Bishop Kearney placed a crucifix at the entrance to symbolize the dedication. The unit also includes library and other special facilities. Four more classrooms are under construction as part of a project to replace a 1914 structure. Currently 725 pupils are in the school. Monsignor Charles V. Boyle, pastor, and Monsignor Edward McAniff assisted in the rite.



Father Ray Minder Report For August

- Highest amount of cash paid to date—Sacret Heart Cathedral.
- Highest percentage of amount pledged paid in cash in August — St. Louis parish, Pittsford.
- Highest percentage of amount pledged paid in cash to date — St. Joseph's parish, Rochester.
- High Schools Fund Campaign, Monroe County

Prelate's Funeral Tomorrow

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Auxiliary Bishop Casey will offer the Requiem Mass there tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. Priests of the Diocese will chant Vespers of the Dead in the church tonight at 8 p.m.

Rev. Thomas Reddington will preach the sermon at the funeral Mass.

Monsignor Sullivan founded St. John's parish June 28, 1914, after serving nine years as assistant to the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dennis Curran of Corpus Christi Church, Rochester. He supervised construction of a complete parish unit—church, school, rectory and convent.

He marked his golden jubilee in the priesthood with Bishop Kearney presiding at the solemn Mass June 5, 1955.

Since his retirement from active duty three years ago, the deeply revered prelate resided at St. Ann's Home.

While he was at Corpus Christi, he inaugurated a parochial school baseball league and during his years as pastor he consistently promoted athletic programs for youngsters.

He also taught religion at the old Cathedral High School in addition to his duties at Corpus Christi.

Besides his pastoral work at St. John's, Monsignor Sullivan also served as a diocesan consultant, a position he held since 1930, and as a member of the board of directors of the St. Elizabeth Guild House.

He was born July 16, 1878, at Seneca Falls, the son of Timothy Sullivan and Mary FitzSimons. After attending schools at St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls, St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, Auburn, and St. Patrick's, Danville, Monsignor Sullivan studied for the priesthood at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, Rochester.

Ordained in 1905, he was named to Corpus Christi parish and in 1914 to St. John's. Pope Pius XII made him a domestic prelate in 1947. He was the last survivor of the seven priests ordained in 1905.

University Grows
Nijmegen — (NC) — A record number of 640 new students has enrolled at the Dutch University of Nijmegen this year, almost one-third above the old record set last year.



Nuns at this week's teachers' conference took time between talks by educators to view exhibits of latest teaching aids.

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