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## Catholic Schools Stir Fury, Ferment

It's quite an experience to hear Mary Perkins Ryan and Kenneth O'Loane in the same evening.

Mrs. Ryan is the quite well known author of the now one year old book "Are Parochial Schools the Answer?"

Merely to ask the question sends many people into a fury as if the Church, our country and mother had all been simultaneously assaulted.

Her answer is a realistic one.

Although Mr. O'Loane insists her reply is "unintelligible."

(Mrs. Ryan, a member of the board of directors of the National Liturgical Conference and chairman of the spiritual development committee of the National Council of Catholic Women, is the author of numerous books, pamphlets and magazine articles. Mr. O'Loane, a Rochesterian, is well known locally as an articulate champion of "civil rights" for pupils in parochial schools. Mrs. Ryan spoke at St. John Fisher College last week under auspices of the alumni association. Mr. O'Loane attended the talk.)



MARY PERKINS RYAN 'need for new forms'

Mrs. Ryan points out that present parochial school arrangements provide education for only a minority of Catholies. She says the Church is committed to the con-cinuing education of all its members children and con-cinuing from the cradle to the grave. She questions whether the money, time, equipment and personnel spent on the dwindling number of parochial school pupils is justifiable — whether it would be better to balance the expenditure of all this energy so more will

She wields no hatchets over existing schools — it would be "a disaster" to scuttle the system as it now exists - but she "weeps" when more such schools are built.

Mr. O'Loane countered with his claim that if tax money was equitably divided according to the needs of the pupils rather than according to the school they attend, then Catholic children could attend parochial schools in greater numbers.

Mrs. Ryan was far less critical of the quality of parochial school education in her talk last week than in her book last year.

In a recent article in Commonweal magazine, she admitted, "I might regret that the book was not written and published a year later than it was. . . . If I were to write the book now, I should happily have to take into account the ferment going in whithin Catholic education itself — a ferment to which, perhaps, my book made some contribution. Not only are more and more Catholics beginning to be aware of the need for a truly vital religious formation and for somehow making it available to all Catholics. More and more of those now concerned with Catholic schools and colleges are also beginning to be aware of the need for new forms of effective Christian witness in the world of education. It is obviously true that the Church cannot suddenly extricate itself from its present vast involvement in formal education. But, if the energy and resourcefulness and dedication that has gone into building up our present Catholic educational institutions is used to solve the new problems presented by our times, these institutions may be transformed in ways as yet unforeseen and undreamed of. Nobody has all the answers — but a great many people are now looking for them."

This much is certain — any school system which can command the attention and concern of people of the caliber of Mrs. Ryan or Mr. O'Loane is far from being a dead system. The debate itself is indication that parochial schools, even if they aren't the whole answer, certainly are not the wrong answer.

-Father Henry A. Atwell

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**Emotions Cloud Ecumenical Atmosphere** 

## London Prelate Reports to Anglicans on Council

CARDINAL HEENAN

"We knew from the very be-

'borders on miraculous'

ginning that this Vatican Coun-

cil was a pastoral one. It had

not been called to solve theo-

logical disputes. This had been

made quite clear to the bishops.

It was foolish, therefore, to

argue at such length and bit-

terness about problems which

this Council was never intended

to solve. I mention all this

simply to illustrate that the

disputes were not so much

about the Faith as the presenta-

Turning to peace, Cardinal Heenan recalled that the debate

on the Church in the Modern

World considered nuclear war-

fare, but he questioned the dif-

ference between dying from a

nuclear bemb or from a conven-

"The general principles are

clear enough," he said. "What is

tion of the Faith.'

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London — (RNS) — Cardinal John Heenan has lashed "foolish" arguments made in the-Vatican Council and warned that such "emotional" trends as dispute over Revelation could cause ecumenism to fail.

The Roman Catholic Primate of England and Wales also forecast that the Council might consider disarmament generally instead of restricting its discussions to nuclear warfare.

Cardinal Heenan made these points when delivering the 31st and last Burge Memorial Lecture at Church House, the main assembly center of the Church Assembly, or "parliament," of the Church of England.

His subject was "Unity and Peace," and in a wide-ranging discourse on ecumenical prog-ress, which he attributed largely to the late Pope John XXIII, sought to put into perspective various press reports of "wrangles" at sessions of the Council.

"In fact," he said, "there were very few actual wrangles and when they did occur it was over matters of principle. There was no politics in the Council in the sense of parties or nations striving for ascendancy. The struggle was one of ideas.

"Sometimes there were exaggerations which led to heated words and misunderstanding. This sometimes gave the impression, to those outside, of great turmoil within the walls of St. Peter's.

"There were one or two periods in the Council at each session when feelings were running very high. The first and greatest was, of course, the famous dispute about the source or sources of Revelation. For what to me was a wholly insufficient reason this dispute was regarded as an aspect of ecumenism. It was, as you know, the old question of Scripture Tradition. Which came first? The thological chicken or the egg? Was there one source? Were there two sources?

"This theological problem, incidentally, has never been any trouble whatever to the Orthodox Churches. I don't think it had caused much dispute among

Roman Catholics until our own day. At the Council there were those who felt strongly that if Tradition were spoken of is being equal to the Word of God that was the end of eth !

"I was one of those deeply involved in this dispute because to solve it Pope John withdrew the discussion from the Council chamber and appointed a mixed commission composed of the members of the Theological Commission and the members of the Secretariat for Christian

(Cardinal Heenan was a rmember of the Secretariat and is now a vice-president).

"That shows how completely. the problem was regarded as ecumenical," he continued. This really brings us to the heart of the matter. It allustrates an emotional trend which could make ecumenism fail.

"It is absolutely wrong, so it seems to me, to study Catholic dectrine with an eye to these outside the Church. It is quite another matter to scrutinize expressions used in Catholic documents to make sure that no offense is given to other Christians.

"That is one of the great achievements of the ecumemical movement and of the Council. Until now Catholics have not been especially sensitive to the feelings and convictions of other Christians. We have now learned how easy it is to wound others without malice or imten-. tion. But it seemed deplorable to take for granted that the Theological Commission would -have one view and the Secretariat another. It is insincere to phrase Catholic doctring to make it sound as if it were the same as Protestant doctrine. In fact there is little essential difference between Christians on this question of Revelation. In the event, the mixed commission did its work with great

After pointing out that as the joint commission had achieved practical unanimity it should not be difficult to secure m fa vorable vote when the subject arises at the next session, Cardinal Heenan declared:

nation has the right under any circumstances to use or even to possess nuclear weapons. There is here no problem for the pacifist, nor for anyone convinced of the moral obligation of a nation to disarm unilater-

"But can the Church bind all Christians to hold this view? What of those who believe that the state has a right to keep the bomb as a deterrent? Is it realistic to talk of a deterrent? Has a government the right or even the duty of owning any weapon which would deter a ruthless enemy from destroying the nation?

"Archbishop (George Andrew) Beck of Liverpool put this point of view at the Council and, of course, was described by some journalists as a warmonger. All he was doing was pleading that we should not condemn out-of-hand responsible statesmen, gravely burdened in conscience and hating nuclear warfare, who refuse to destroy arms which match those of potential enemies.

"It may be that before the end of the Council the wider question of disarmament will be considered. This might be more logical than thinking only of nuclear weapons. It is hard to imagine from the victims' point of view what difference there was between being in Hamburg or Dresden during two weeks when people were slaughtered by British high explosives and being in Hiroshima during the few minutes when the Americans dropped their nuclear bomb, Thousands more were slaughtered or maimed for life in Germany than in the Far East.

"Is the principle of the kind of bomb so very different? It is really complete disarmament that Christians should be working for all the time. But it is difficult to declare that Christians ought to disarm and leave their families and nations to the mercy of the enemy."

Cardinal Heenan's lecture was sponsored by the Burge Memorial Trust, founded in 1926 to commemorate the work for international friendship of Angli-Bishop Hubert Murray

Burge of Oxford and to promote a better and wider understanding of the international obligations of Christian peoples.

Presiding over the meeting addressed by Carclinal Heenan was Sir Kenneth Grub, chairman of the Trust and chairman of the House of Laity of the Anglican Church Assembly.

Barlier in his lecture Cardinal Heenan traced time oragins of ecumenism. "I want to my, in the first place," he stated, "that the change of stillule within my Church is so motorishing as to horder on the maintenaious. It is clear that what we mow call ecumenism could have had no place in our Church at the beginning of the century. It wasm't the kind of thing that the Vietorians, either Protestat or Catholic, would have welcomed.

"Even a few years ago itwould have been impossible to imagine the present warmth of relations between Christians, nor to picture the Chauch of Rome actually instructing her children to pray with other Christians and encouraging them to come closer to the separated brethrem."

Tracing the development of ecumenism, he said, "I don't want to exaggerate but one could almost call Adolf Hitler the father of comtineratal ecumenism. Certainly no man has been more responsible than he for throwing Protestants and Catholics into each other's arms. In Germany and the Nati-occupied territories of Europe, Christians united to resist the new paganism. They could mot help realizing that their Christian existence depended upon the outcome of this struggle. Denominational loyalites seemed very unimportant by comparison with this fight for the

But Cardinal Excessor added that had it not been for Pope John it was unlikely that ecumenism would have made very much progress for generallons unican God raised up semuchody else of Pope John's character to head the Catholic Church.

"This is a most important fact to remember," he sid. "Other-wise there is some danger-of a suspicion that the bearts of English Catholics are not really in ecumenical work."

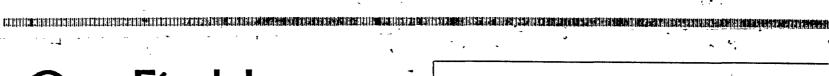
After describing the historical. background to PrometamitCatholic relations in Britain, Cardinal Heenan said: "Pcope John by his humanity, his evideent bushbling love of people, qualchened the pulse of the whole e-cumeraical movement. His sincerity and charity towards Christians of every Communion rive a new

"One of the first promie who made a practical resonate to the new attitude of the Cathelic Church disclosed so soon after Pope John's election was Dr. Geolfrey Fisher, The (Hormer) Archbishop of Camterbuary. Before the election of Poppe John he had arranged to go to Constantinople and the Hory Land. But I believe that it was Pope John's whole personal ity and evident\_desire for better relations with Christians which led the Archbishop of Caracterbury to include Rome om his journey and seek an audience of the Pope. He called Lt a courtesy visit. But, of course, it was much more than that . . .

"It would be an exaggreration to suggest that the etumenical movement began arms when the archbishop went to the Vatican, but it would be true to may that relations between Anglicans and Catholics changed after that visit and can never again be quite the same."

Cardinal Heenam also clarified references in the Vatican-Council's Decree om Ecusmenism to the Orthodox and Anglican Churches, This did not mean that they were the only Christian bodies, with the Chauch of Rome, in the ecumaenical move-

"That would be missleading and unfortunate," he said. It would be wrong to for get the great numbers of dedicated Christians belonging to what we call the Free Churches."



One Final Lesson

ing to colebrate the end of the school year for students of Chicago's Loyola University extension program has ended in tragedy with the death of one of the students.

Frederick Ritts Wray, 20, of Altoona, Pa., drowned (May 28) while swimming at Fregene beach near Rome. He would have left the following day to sail home and was to be met by his parents in New York.

Tragedy struck within minutes after about 200 students at Loyola's third programtmomtm Loyola's third year program at the Civis International Student Center in Rome arrived at the Tyrrhenian Sea beach, Heeding the signs about dangerous currents, Wray and a companion, Carl Lund of Chicago, had decided only to wade in the water. But the current swept both out to sea.

Lund managed to reach the shore again, but efforts by students, a lifeguard and rescue helicopters failed to recover the body of Wray.

Though most of Loyela's students are Catholics, Wray was a member of the Church of Christ. He held the post of mational chairman of that church's vouth section.

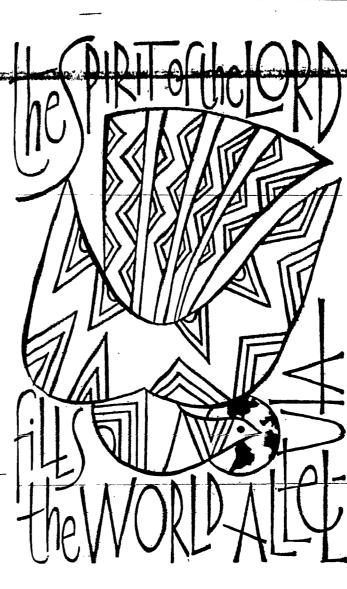
According to the Loyola extension director, Father John Felice, S.J., he was "one of the

others." At the time of his death he had just completed a dirive among the students to aid Rome's Don Gnocchi Institute for Crippled Children and was working on another project to send used textbooks to missions in India.

Editor and organizer of the school publication, the Organixer. Wray in effect wrote his own epitaph in an issue that appeared the day before he

"When I get despondent," he wrote, "I think of how fortunate I am that of all of God's children I have been a privileged witness to so much of His handlwork. Now life will be so much more exciting because my horizons are no longer circumscribed by a mountain range or an ocean . . .

"I have learned one final leason and it is this: that although people in different nations may live and work and play according to different local customs, intrinsically they are alike. They share the same appirations, the same smiles, and unfortunately the same fears. But life resembles nothing so mauch as the Way of the Cross with each of us carrying our indavidual burdens, but moving all the while toward the greater common good."



Text and Symbol, Pentecost Sunday



## Chile, Testing Area for Democracy

GARY MacEOIN

"Latin America's traditional political parties have outlived their usefulness. Now on their last lap, they represent only personal power or group interests attempting to defend anachronistic privileges... But in the past few years they have been substituted in a sensible manner by two ideologies with an old European tradition: Marxism and Christian Democracy. These two movements have carried Latin America to the antagonism which currently divides it. The prize is worth open warfare. It consists of a continent with 230,000,000 inhabitants which is a decisive factor in the balance of world power."

The comment comes from "Il Popolo," organi of Italy's Christian Democrats, and its acquires added significance from the amazing victory of President Eduardo Fret in last month's elections in Chile.,

People were surprised when Frei last September won the presidency by trouncing Salvador Allende, candidate of a coalition of Socialists and Communists. But the commentators quickly downgraded the significance of his success. The so-called Liberals and Conservatives, parties of the upper class, voted for Frei only because ; hey could handle him more easily than they could Allende,

This interpretation was confirmed by subsequent political goingson. Frei had only 23 supporters in the House and one in the Senate; and the Liberals and Con-servatives joined in rejecting every piece of legislation which he presented in fulfillment of his election promises.

Even a project to give Chile a decisive voice in the copper industry, worked out with the United States companies that now control it, was rejected.

The Communists were delighted. It was almost as good as having won, perhaps better. Their contention that Christian Democracy was a front for reaction was confirmed. The movement stood to be discredited in all latin America.

The situation looked hopeless, Congressional elections were stated for March, but under Chile's system only half of the 147member House and a third of the 45member Senate was due for renewal. It was mathematically impossible for Frei to win control of the Senate, statistically impossible to win the House.

Frei did not compressise, Instead, with increasing urgency he put the house square to the people. "You have your choice between turn Letts," he told thus, "the Marriet Lift and the Democratic Left. We are the Democratic Lot. Chile satisfied with a response that would show

significant opinion for the Democratic Left, even short of control of the House.

Instead, the people went all the way with him. Refuting statistics, they gave him 82 members, an absolute majority, in the House, 13 in the Senate. "A magnificent vote of confidence for my program of reforms," was how Frei described it. Chile's democratic reforms would now become, he said, "the example of Latin America."

Among the domestic problems which have brought Chile to a point of crisis are a demographic explosion, illiteracy, infant mortality, low industrial production, inadequate agricultural production, and unemployment.

The disparity in the distribution of wealth is extreme. Workers, who form 87.2 per cent of the population, have an annual per capita income of \$125. It works out at about 35 cents a day for food, clothing, housing, health; welfare, recreation and savings. Per capita income of the tiny middle class, less than half of one per cent of the population, is \$600 yearly. The top 12.4 per cent, the traditional upper class, averages \$2,000 per capita annually. This is far from wealth by United States standards. What it demonstrates is the depth of stagnation to which the economy has fallen.

For the first time, the United States is killed twenty of its leaders.

taking the Christian Democniic move ment in Latin America serimally, Frei shows every intention of purning an independent foreign policy, But writin a framework of support of the West and close friendship with the United States. We for our part have shown symposity for his objectives and understanding of his positions.

All Latin America is watching the Chilean experiment with extreme concern. Already, the likelihood of a Christian Democrat victory in Venezuela in the next elections (in 1968) as better than

Elsewhere, however, there will be no landslide. The only country with a substantial vote in recent elecations for the Christian Democrats was El Salvador, 26 per cent. Peru's vice-president. Marco Pelar, belongs to the party. It has the support of about 7 per cent of the voters in Brazil, 5 in Argentins, 4 each in Uruguay and Panama. It has substantial backing in Belivia and Deminiscan Re-public, being the third party in both

Support is nominal in Collonian Costs Rica and Mexico. And the party is under-ground in Honduras. Gusteralas, Paraguay, Cube and Nicarauga Passiguay's

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