Layman Takes Over at Fordham

New York — (CPF) — When Dr. John J. Meng became president of New York City's Hunter College in 1960, a scholarly reporter from "The New York Times" came up with the information that, in Chinese, "Meng" means "A-Number-One."

The fact that Meng is of German-Irish descent didn't faze the reporter one bit, nor did it sidetrack Fordham University, which has appointed Meng to the highest administrative post ever to be held by a layman in a major Catholic university.

Beginning September 1, the 59-year-old educator will become an executive vice president at the Jesuit institution, with complete charge over the schools of education, law, social service and business; in fact, he will control the development of the university's new Lincoln Center campus going up in midtown Manhattan.

When Fordham approached him for the job, Meng was hardly in a position to say "No," albeit not in the financial sense.

"It's more a case of put up or shut up," Meng said. "On more than one occasion over the last several years I've sounded off on Catholic universities and how they must become modern if they want to establish and maintain excellence. Fordham has what I'm really interested in—the opportunity to build a really first-class operation."

The first Catholic university to take him up on his challenge, as most people know, was St. John's, for whom he took a six-month leave from Hunter last spring to serve as an "educational planning consultant." Since then, St. John's has put into effect all of Meng's recommendations regarding increased salaries, tenure and faculty participation, and he is still at work drafting reorganization plans for the Vincentian-run university (the firing of the 31 faculty members was not a Meng suggestion).

"What Catholic colleges need to do now is be aware of the fact that their faculties are no longer what they used to be, that the bulk is composed of lay people, and that the younger generation of teachers expect that they wil be consulted and have a voice," said Meng. "It's necessary to recognize this."

He terms this "psychic income," which he regards as important to a professional teacher as good salary, tenure, proper teaching load ("no more than 12 hours a week") and fringe benefits ("which few nuns and priests understand").

"You also have to have people in the top administrative positions who are not going to be subject to frequent transfers by their superiors," Meng went on, noting that one of St. John's problems was that it had "four different deans of the graduate school in the space of 2½ years."

What Meng will be looking for at Fordham is the development of "a true community of scholars" among the teaching staff, something he regards as essential to the creation of academic excellence. He is aware that most teachers oppose a teaching load of 12 hours, because it interferes with research. His idea: "I'd like to offer a 12-hour load, and I'd be willing to say to them, 'Every second term you will have a full term off, with pay, for research. 'That way I'd get the teaching in consistent lumps. I don't think that's been tried anywhere, but I'd like to see it."

His concern for the problems of the teacher in the modern university is indicated in one of the clauses of his contract with Fordham: appointment as Professor of History. "I don't want to give up my academic rank," he said.

Dr. Meng's attitude has changed considerably since his graduation from Catholic University in 1928. At that time his only desire was to go into the foreign service, and he took graduate courses at CU in history and economics in order to

Dr. John J. Meng, new executive vice president of Fordham University, examines a model of planned mid-Manhattan campus with university president, Rev. Leo McLaughlin, S.J.

"Meanwhile, I had to eat, so professor and I took a job as instructor in Catholic University's new political science department, and I taught political science for the next 20 years," he said. He taught at CU until 1938, then moved to Queens College in New York, in 1949 he moved over to Hunter as a history professor and in 1960 succeeded president George N. Shuster, who is now assistant to the president of the University of Notre Dame.

He was born in Cleveland, where this coming April 24 he will give the main address at a dinner marking the 50th anniversary of his high school, Cathedral Latin School, operated by the Marianist brothers. He notes proudly that three present archbishops went to school there when he did: Archbishop John J. Krol of Philadelphia, Archbishop John Dearden of Detroit and Archbishop Paul Hallinan of Atlanta.

He is close to one other bishop — Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Brunini of Natchez-Jackson, Miss.—whom he met when the prelate was a seminarian. Shortly afterward, Meng met the seminarian's sister, Marjorie, and married her.

(Catholic Press Features)

Miss Lacey to be Honored, Teacher for 40 Years

Seneca Falls — A teacher for 40 years at St. Patrick's School here, Miss Mary C. Lacey will be honored at a reception, Sunday, April 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The reception will be under the arrangements of the Family Guidance Group, St. Patrick's Guild and Altar Society, Catholic Daughters of America Court 824, Knights of Columbus Council 222, the K. of C. Auxiliary, the S.M.S. and its Auxiliary.

Joining in the tribute will be Sister William Mary, S.S.J., principal of St. Patrick's School. Miss Lacey is a communicant of St. Patrick's Church of which Father John P. O'Beirne is pastor and Father Raymond Ringwood, assistant pastor.

Miss Lacey is highly esteemed in Seneca Falls for her teaching ability and pleasing disposition. Many former pupils taught during the 40 years will join in the tribute.

She began her teaching career at St. Patrick's in September

MISS LACEY

1926. Grandchildren of pupils she taught many years ago are in her present classes. Many former students are prominent business and professional men and women. Some are religious in the Sisterhoods and some are priests.

Each year Miss Lacey supervises the small second graders in preparation for First Holy Communion. Down through the years she has shown a remarkable memory in keeping track of former students.

Miss Lacey in 1963 was honored by the Seneca Falls Police Department when she marked her 37th anniversary as a teacher.

Hornell Girl Takes Vows As Carmelite

SR. ROBERT ANTHONY

Sister Robert Anthony of the Holy Angels, O. Carm., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Didas of Hornell, made her first vows on April 13.

Sister is a member of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm.

The ceremony of profession took place in the chapel at St. Teresa's Motherhouse and Novitiate, Germantown, N.Y.

USSR, A Graveyard For Jews

New York — (RNS)—A succession of experts and eye-witness accounts portrayed a generally pessimistic view of the future of Soviet Jewry before a distinguished panel of Americans from religious, academic, labor and human rights circles in a day-long public hearing here.

The hearing was under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Commission on the Rights of Soviet Jews, an organization formed in 1963. It includes such distinguished sponsors as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court William O. Douglas; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike of California; Walter Reuther; and novelist Robert Penn Warren.

Witnesses appearing before the panel having called attention to the lack of any facility to train rabbis to replace the aging Soviet Jewish leaders; the atmosphere of fear in Soviet Jewish communities; the near total absence of Jewish theater, publications and other accoutrements of Jewish culture; and the lack of ritual objects such as prayer shawls, prayer books, and matzohs for Passover celebration.

While there were some indications of improved conditions in recent years, most witnesses agreed that there is real danger of complete extinction of the 3 million Soviet Jews unless immediate steps are taken.

Pope Warns Youth about 'Stupidities'

Vatican City —(RNS)— Pope Paul VI, in two Palm Sunday talks, warned young people against the "futility and stupidities" of many of their contemporaries and urged them to make Christ their model and guide.

His appeals to youth came during a sermon in St. Peter's Basilica, where he celebrated Mass, and later when he addressed the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square to join him in recitation of the Angelus.

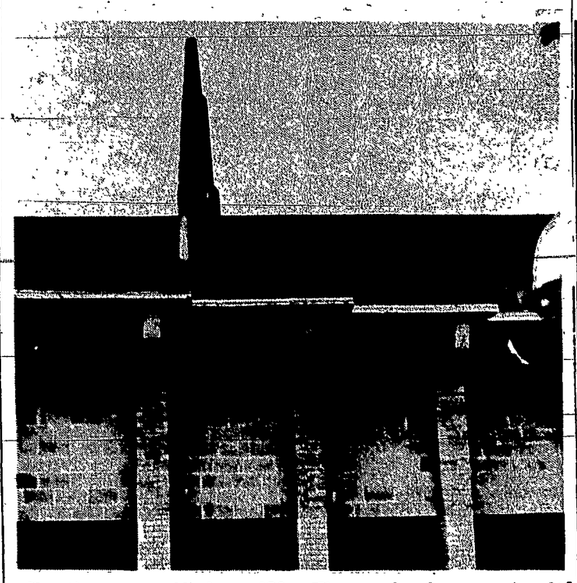
Rome Radio said the Pope's expression of concern over youth probably was prompted by a recent and notorious trial in Milan in which three college students, two girls and a boy, were charged with publishing in their college magazine a survey of sex views among their colleagues.

The Pope's 10,000-member congregation in St. Peter's included large groups of Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and members of Catholic Action youth groups.

Many modern youths, he said, have taken advantage of the fluctuating circumstances of an evolving society and are demanding absolute liberty.

"They believe," he said, "they are authorized to give judgment on every issue whatsoever. This applies even to things about which they have no knowledge. This is a situation which leaves parents, teachers and all who have an interest in the young perplexed and agitated."

Chapel Nears Completion



Erection of a 12 foot, 800 pound steeple over Notre Dame Convent Chapel in Elmira recently marked another step in the progress of the building on lower Maple Ave.

Placed on the roof directly over the altar, the steeple is made of chunks of faceted glass set in epoxy cement, with an outer covering of aluminum with duradonic finish.

Designed by the Baut Studios at Forty Fort, Pa., it tapers from 3 feet 8 inches at the roof to 4 inches at the tip, and will be lighted at night.

The roof when completed will be of hypalon, a plastic substance designed for durability as well as beauty.

The uniquely - constructed chapel now being completed, was planned in detail by Sister Mary Lisette and Sister Mary Eric of the Sisters of Mercy. Haskell and Conner are architects. Welliver Construction Company are the builders.

Dedication of the chapel and open house for the new convent will be announced at a later date.

Fraternal Fellowship Unit Sets Third 'Get-Together'

Auburn—The third in a series of "get-togethers" by the Fraternal Fellowship Group of Auburn is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 24 at the Masonic Temple on South Street.

The organization composed of the Elks, Masons and Knights of Columbus members, plan to join in combined activities from time to time.

Ellis Atwater is chairman of the next event sponsored by the Masons. He has arranged a program that will open with a social hour at 2 p.m. which will be followed by a buffet dinner at 4 p.m. Entertainment will be furnished throughout the afternoon. The party is not only open to members but also to ladies.

There will be a nominal charge of $1.50 per person for the dinner and tickets are available from Edward Murphy, steward at the K of C or from Philip Conboy, Harold McDonald, Raymond Glancy or Francis Cuddy.

Mothers Circles Plan Eve of Recollection

The Mothers Circles Committee of the Family Life Bureau of the Diocese of Rochester will hold their annual evening of recollection at the Cenacle Retreat House on 693 East Ave. on Thursday evening, April 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Remuneration for the evening will be $1.50. Reservation may be made with Mrs. John Tschiderer, 299 Berkshire Dr., Rochester, N.Y. or by calling UN 5-5760.

Elect Six

Reno, Nev. — (NC)—Priests of the Reno diocese have elected six of their number as the diocese's board of consultors.

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