

AROUND THE COUNTRY

13 Expelled for Drinking

Davenport, Iowa — (RNS) — Seventeen young people were asked to withdraw from Bethel College, St. Paul, during the past year because they used alcoholic beverages.

"Church and college must work together more closely on establishing ideals for a Biblical Christian life style proper in today's world," Bethel's president declared.

Liturgical Experimentation Urged

Chicago — (RNS) — The Conference of Major Superiors of Men, an organization representing the nearly 38,000 Catholic priests and brothers belonging to religious communities, has called for "a more generous and confident attitude toward liturgical experimentation."

In a series of resolutions adopted at their annual meeting the superiors stressed the "urgent need for more than timid, belated permissions" in such experimentation.

The superiors also sent an "urgent plea" to the International Union of Superiors General to see that "the procedure of complete laicization of priests be clarified, simplified and expedited." Laicization is the process by which a priest is dispensed from his vows and returns to a life in the Church as a layman.

Vocation Study Planned

Portland, Ore. — (RNS) — Serra International has announced plans for a two-year, fund raising campaign to support research into the cause of the "steady decrease in priestly vocations as well as a growing number of defections by ordained priests."

The world-wide Catholic laymen's organization which encourages vocations to the priesthood announced its capital fund drive at its 30th anniversary convention here.

Serra officers listed the following factors as affecting vocations negatively:

The image of the priesthood, "with its full range of liberals, conservatives, and middle-of-the-roads, plus the growing number of defections," has produced a confusing situation for many young people.

Family influence is vital; a recent study showed that "more than half of the young men who enter the seminary today do so over the objection of one, or more of their parents."

The poor quality of communications and promotional materials used by the dioceses and religious orders "detract from the notion of something which has been turned-on, tuned-in, now generation should be interested in as a lifetime career."

Bishop Praised In 'Defector' Case

St. Paul — (NC) — The priests' senate of the St. Paul-Minneapolis archdiocese has commended Bishop Leo F. Dworschak of Fargo, N.D., for his support of a former priest who is now teaching at the University of North Dakota.

Bishop Dworschak agreed to have the Fargo diocese underwrite two-thirds of Dr. George Frein's salary in the department of religion at the state university, in accordance with university policy.

Dr. Frein, formerly a priest of the St. Louis archdiocese, is married. Bishop Dworschak commented, "If the Church writes these men off as defectors, we will be hard-pressed to close the 'credibility gap' which is one of the crises of our time. They have been mothered and taught by the Church. There is still the willingness to serve."

Father Joseph Bender, proposing the senate resolution, said that Bishop Dworschak's decision was "made with enlightenment, courage and perhaps some loneliness."

Article Claims 'Wasps' Catholic Schools In Dayton Speed Integration Pace

New York — (RNS) — The purse strings of America are still firmly in the hands of "White Anglo-Saxon Protestants," the so-called WASPs, according to a survey published in a national magazine.

Look magazine, in its July 23 issue, presents the results of a survey it undertook which show the rulers of economic America—the producers, the financiers, the manufacturers, the bankers, and the insurers—are still overwhelmingly WASP.

The survey appears in an article by Fletcher Knebel. It reported that:

Of the 790 directorships of the nation's 50 largest corporations, 88 per cent are held by WASPs. Nine have one or more Jews, and another nine have one or more Catholics. Most of the executives in these corporations, like the directors, are White-Anglo-Saxon Protestants.

In the field of banking, 83 per cent, or 200 of the 241 directorships, are held by WASPs at the country's 10 largest commercial banks. In the remaining 17 per cent, Catholic directors slightly outnumber Jews.

At least 100 of the 131 directorships of the country's five largest life insurance companies are held by WASPs, a representation of approximately 80 per cent.

The governing bodies of the 10 universities with the largest

est endowments are made up of about 80 per cent WASPs. The remainder consists of two Jews for every Catholic. The ten institutions are Harvard, Texas, Yale, Chicago, Baylor, California, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Princeton, Columbia, and Stanford.

The Look article also claimed that the national government, "despite political pressures and the brief tenure of a Catholic president, remains basically a WASP enterprise at the top."

Paulist Lectures On Luther to Lutheran Pastors

St. Paul, Minn. — (RNS) — A Catholic priest taught a three-week course here in which he lectured to 30 Lutheran pastors about Martin Luther.

Father Harry J. McSorley, a Paulist who "majored in Luther" and minored in "Lutheranism" during more than five years of study in Germany, said teaching at Luther Theological Seminary was "a wonderful experience."

Father McSorley, a professor of ecumenics at St. Paul's College, Washington, said that the contemporary Catholic attitude toward Luther "is not the result of an indifference which simply lets bygones be bygones." "It is, in fact," he said, "the result of more, not less, historical and theological research."

Dayton, Ohio — (RNS) — Roman Catholic schools in this city next September will open their doors to Negro children, both Catholic and non-Catholic, in a major school integration effort announced by Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati and his Archdiocesan Board of Education.

The action, according to Msgr. Edward A. Connaughton, superintendent of the 28 Catholic schools in the Dayton area, resulted from a report submitted by the De Facto Segregation Committee in which a plan to end racial imbalance in the parish schools was recommended.

In essence, the Dayton area Catholic schools are putting into effect the recommendation of the committee which was headed by Prof. Thaddeus Regulinski of the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Under the plan for open enrollment, Negro children will be allowed to attend any school outside their parish boundaries.

White children in Catholic grade schools will be permitted to attend schools outside their parish only if they enroll at St. James and Resurrection, two predominantly Negro institutions.

Last year, the enrollment at St. James included eight white and 156 Negro youngsters of which 44 were non-Catholics. At Resurrection, there were 91 white students and 224 Negroes, with a non-Catholic enrollment of 64. Nineteen of the 28 schools in the Dayton area had no Negro children.

Plan to Exonerate Galileo Praised

Lindau, West Germany — (RNS) — A Vatican plan to exonerate Galileo of heresy charges was announced by Franz Cardinal Koenig, Archbishop of Vienna, in an address at a meeting of Nobel Prize winners here.

Galileo, a 17th Century Italian scientist was accused of heresy for teaching that the earth revolved around the sun, in 1633 under threat of torture he recanted before the Roman Inquisition and was forced to spend his remaining years in strict seclusion.

Cardinal Koenig expressed hope that the rehabilitation of Galileo's reputation by the Vatican would help to "heal one of the deepest wounds between science and religion."

Galileo, (1564-1642), by his use of the telescope for astronomical observations, upheld the Copernican theory that all the planets moved around the sun and refuted Aristotle (383-322 B.C.) who had taught that the Earth was the center of the universe.

In 1616, Galileo was warned by the Inquisition — the Church office that dealt with the punishment and prevention of heresy—to cease teaching the Copernican theory, which was considered contrary to Scripture.

In 1632 Galileo published his "Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems," which purported to be an impartial presentation of the Copernican and Ptolemaic systems of the universe. But it was obvious that Galileo had attempted to prove the Copernican Theory.

Pope Urban VIII appointed a special commission to look into the matter. The commission made two charges against Galileo: First, that he had treated the Copernican system not as hypothesis, but as an absolute fact; second, that he never really intended to heed the Inquisition's warning not to teach the system.

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