

Twin Circle Editor Fired Over Grapes

Culver City, Calif. — (RNS) — Archbishop Robert J. Dwyer of Portland has announced that he has asked for and received the resignation of Father Daniel Lyons, S.J., as editor-publisher of Twin Circle.

The prelate, who is chairman of the editorial board of the weekly, said that the reason for his request for resignation was the Jesuit priest's coverage of the California grape dispute.

In particular, Archbishop Dwyer cited the refusal of Father Lyons to print a statement from Archbishop Timothy Manning of Los Angeles which listed that prelate's position on unionization of farm workers.

Archbishop Manning was one of the five-member U.S. Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on the Farm Labor Dispute which was established by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The unit is largely credited with bringing a settlement in the five-year dispute and boycott between the California table grape growers and the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee headed by Cesar Chavez.

In articles and editorials, the Twin Circle charged that the bishops' committee was fostering "compulsory unionism" and intended to organize all the farm workers in America, a plan which the editor claimed was beyond the scope of the group's assignment.

On July 15, the five bishops on the committee headed by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph F. Donnelly of Hartford, Conn., accused the editor of a "gross fraud" on the Catholic commu-

nity and of "bungling interference" during a crucial period of their negotiations with the grape growers and the pickers.

Archbishop Dwyer, in his statement announcing Father Lyons' resignation, told of a visit made by Patrick J. Frawley Jr. and his wife to Archbishop Manning to learn his position in the grape dispute. Frawley is described by Archbishop Dwyer as chairman of the board of Twin Circle Publishing Co., Inc., and is also the head of the Shick Investment Co., with the publishing unit as one of its subsidiaries.

Archbishop Manning told the Frawleys that "his sole position on the grape issue was that the workers had the right to organize if they so desire," the Portland prelate related. He also gave Frawley a statement of his position.

Archbishop Dwyer declared: "In the interests of giving Twin Circle readers both sides of the issue, Archbishop Manning's statement was presented to Father Lyons for publication in Twin Circle. Father Lyons failed to see the importance of publishing this material and continued to present his own editorial policy. After conferring with Father Lyons, Dale Francis, and Patrick Frawley, I have decided that the best interests of the Church would be served by Father Lyons' resignation."

Francis, who was publisher of Twin Circle, is the new publisher-editor of the National Catholic Register, which Twin Circle recently purchased. He will act as editor of Twin Circle until a replacement for Father Lyons is found.

'Parliament' Advocated for Dutch Church

Amsterdam, The Netherlands — (NC) — The establishment of a Church parliament to help set pastoral policy along with the Dutch bishops has been recommended by a committee created after the last national pastoral council meeting.

A report submitted to the Dutch bishops by Prof. Piet Steenkamp, the committee chairman, said that a permanent Dutch national pastoral consultation, a kind of parliament, for the Church in the Netherlands must be started and must be corresponsable with the Dutch Bishop's Conference for the general line of national pastoral policy.

Steenkamp, who teaches economics at Eindhoven University and is a senator in the Dutch parliament, is a member of the Catholic People's party. He was chairman of the meetings of the last Dutch national pastoral council at Noordwijkerhout, in April 1970.

At the end of the sixth and final plenary meeting of the pastoral council, Cardinal Bernard Alfrink of Utrecht, president of the bishops' conference, announced that the bishops had appointed a special committee under Steenkamp to prepare plans for a continued national pastoral consultation.

Cardinal Alfrink said the Dutch bishops believe that "the experiment of this pastoral council is a valuable starting point for a new national pastoral consultation."

Garabandal Promoters Said Injuring Church

Dublin — (RNS) — Local supporters of the "alleged" and "officially disapproved" apparitions at Garabandal de San Sebastian in northern Spain, were denounced here for promoting injury to the Catholic Church and the growth of pagan superstition.

Father J.G. Canon McGarry, editor of The Furrow, a journal of St. Patrick College, Maynooth, leveled his criticism principally at an upcoming October "pilgrimage" being organized in Dublin. He charged that:

"The excited promoters of these happenings — one hesitates to describe them as devout — in their eagerness to add still another name to the

roll of shrines to Our Lady... ignore the caution and prudence of the Church in sifting evidence."

Father McGarry noted that from the time of the first reported "apparition" on June 18, 1961, local bishops have "rejected the affair" and advised Catholics to stay away from the scene.

"But in spite of clear disapproval on the part of the (Church) authorities," the priest observed, "the 'fame' of Garabandal grew."

He noted that in October, 1968, Bishop Cirada Lachiondo of Santander was forced to characterize the movement as expressing "rebellious opposition to the mind of the Church."

The prelate repeated what his predecessors had all declared, that there were no grounds whatsoever for the claim that the so-called appearances of the Virgin Mary and St. Michael at Garabandal were super-natural, the priest said.

Lodge Urged To Resign

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — The executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State called on Henry Cabot Lodge to resign from his post as President Nixon's "representative to the Holy See."

"The appointment of a Vatican envoy has proved divisive," wrote Glenn L. Archer, head of the national organization whose stated aim is "the maintenance of separation of church and state as promulgated in the Constitution and interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court."


Archer charged that the appointment "bestows special recognition on one very large Church and discriminates against others not so favored."


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