



PLAN IRISH FAIR AT SCECINA—The Catholic Students Mission Crusade at Secena Memorial High School, Indianapolis, will sponsor their annual Irish Fair on Friday, March 17. Proceeds from the mission activity will help educate one seminar, aid the Bishops' Relief Fund, and provide funds for the New Guinea mission of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg. The Irish Fair, which is open to the public, will start at 5 p.m. with a fish fry and continue until 11 p.m., featuring games, booths and prizes. Discussing project arrangements above are Maribeth Taylor, general chairman, Sister Mercedes, O.S.F., freshman moderator, and Dave George, prize chairman. Other committee members include Ted Wessel, booths, and Bob Roberts, publicity. (Staff photo)

'PREPARE FOR THE WORST'

Future dark, Primate warns Poles

BERLIN — Poland's Primate has warned that dark days lie ahead for the Church in his communist-ruled country and called on Polish priests to defend Church rights at any cost.

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński spoke in a letter to the nation's priests dated January 12, but only now reported here.

The Cardinal noted that the Church's difficulties are growing because of the "furious fanatic spirit of atheism (that) has arrived" and told priests to "prepare for the worst."

He urged priests to resist government attacks on Church rights—increasingly severe in recent months—"even at the price of punishment, exile or loss of freedom."

"Self-love" and "excessive ambition," have recently joined the schismatic Polish National Church being promoted by the communist government.

"Painful instances of apostasy have been revealed recently," he letter said. "Several priests... did not stop at breaking their links with God, but started anti-Church and antireligious activities."

"It is not without pain that we note the increased activities of fallen priests, the organizers of the so-called 'National Church,'" he declared.

It added that priests should follow "the example of our Catholics, who are sometimes more faithful and sacrificing than any of us."

N. Y. Interracial Council honors Charlayne Hunter

NEW YORK—Charlayne Hunter, one of the two Negro students who entered the previously segregated University of Georgia last January, was presented here with a citation by the Catholic Interracial Council of New York.

Father John La Farze, S.J., noted priest-author and associate editor of America, national Catholic weekly, awarded the citation to Miss Hunter at an annual membership dinner of the New York C.I.C. Father La Farze is a founder of the Catholic Interracial Council and chaplain of the New York chapter.

Miss Hunter said she was "overwhelmed" by the award which praised "her exceptional and highly exemplary demonstration of quiet poise and Christian strength in the accomplishment of a great thrust forward in the struggle for equal opportunity in education."

Rev. George Todd, Corydon assistant, dies at age of 38

CORYDON, Ind.—A Pontifical Funeral Mass was offered here Tuesday by Archbishop Schulte for Rev. George P. Todd, 38, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church, who died Saturday in St. Joseph's Infirmary, Louisville. He was a victim of leukemia.

A native of Richmond, Ind., Father Todd studied for the priesthood at St. Meinrad, where he was ordained on May 27, 1947. He offered his first Mass in his home parish, St. Mary's, Richmond.

He served for one year as assistant pastor at St. Michael's, Brookville, before being assigned to Corydon. As assistant pastor at Corydon, he was also in charge of the missions at New Middletown and Buena Vista.

Father Todd was active in civic affairs and had served as treasurer of the Harrison County March of Dimes.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Richmond.

Survivors include two brothers, Joseph Todd, of Richmond, and Marion T. Todd, of Lansing, Mich.

UPON HER arrival in New York, Miss Hunter, a convert to Catholicism, was greeted by a group of college students, including members of the National Federation of Catholic College Students and the National Students Association.

Miss Hunter stated that the present attitude regarding Negro students entering the University of Georgia indicated "a toning down of feelings. Most of the students are adjusting, and if they are not totally accepting it," she said, "they are not resisting in an outward way."

SHE ATTRIBUTED the support she has received in the South to a "dynamic movement" which, she feels, "is something very sincere." She also noted that college students throughout the country have encouraged her through letters and are vitally interested in the progress of mission at the University of Georgia.

Educators to study revolutionary steps

WASHINGTON — Catholic elementary school teachers and principals will talk about some revolutionary steps in education at their upcoming national meeting in Atlantic City, April 4-7.

Sessions are scheduled on the Montessori method of education, being pioneered in the U.S. by lay people; on the non-graded school and on dropping report cards in favor of parent-teacher conferences.

THE LETTER said a campaign is now being waged to sow dissension among the country's priests and called for unity among them, "especially in view of the heavy and unusually difficult tasks which face the Polish clergy at the present time."

A further attack against priests is expected," the Cardinal warned, whose aim will be "to undermine the confidence of Catholics in their priests and to divide priests into the more or less loyal and (to impose) financial restrictions."

The letter also denounced the "renegade behavior" of some Polish priests who, prompted by

General Council to last into fall

VATICAN CITY—His Holiness Pope John XXIII, who recently asked people to pray that the ecumenical council can be held next year, now indicates his conviction that if it does begin next year, it will still be in progress in November. But there is still no hint as to when the council will convene or how long it will last.

Num named to post at nuclear center

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — Sister Maria Bemina, cohenmistress at St. Joseph's College here, has been named a research scientist in the biology division of the Oak Ridge (Tenn.) National Laboratory.

The appointment was made by the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies and is for the summer months, beginning June 16.

Sister Bemina will work in radiation research as it relates to the life sciences. Her findings at Oak Ridge will be applied to her teaching programs at the college, which maintains a well equipped nuclear laboratory.

Laymen conduct study of Mass

CRESTWOOD, Mo.—Laymen and women are conducting a weekly series of Lenten lectures in St. Elizabeth parish to explain the Mass to their fellow parishioners.

The Lenten series is attracting more than 100 each night. It was planned by Father James E. Ryan, St. Elizabeth pastor, to replace more traditional week-night Lenten services at which attendance had fallen off.

Father Ryan said the idea for the program began when 12 laymen and women from the parish, through the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men and Women, made a concentrated study of the Mass.

They wanted to pass on what they had learned to fellow parishioners and approached the pastor with the idea of having an afternoon Seminar. He suggested the week-night meetings.

The format for each evening has a lay man and a lay woman giving the same lecture simultaneously, so the large crowds can be broken up into groups more suited to discussion.

A question period follows each lecture. Then the audience adjourns to the adjacent church, where Father Ryan and his assistant, Father James Rodis, conduct a demonstration of a part of the Mass.

Constitution doesn't forbid school aid, expert declares

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — There is no constitutional problem involved in Federal aid to parochial schools, according to a leading constitutional expert.

Prof. Arthur E. Sutherland of Harvard University here is the author of "Constitutional Law Cases and Other Problems" and "The Law," both of which are used in law schools throughout the United States.

In a statement to the press, he said:

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Mr. Sutherland, an Episcopalian, said:

● There is no clear constitutional prohibition against Federal aid to parochial schools;

● If Congress passed a law providing such aid, there would be no way to bring it before the U.S. Supreme Court for a constitutional decision.

THE HARVARD law professor cited Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution in a report to Congress on appropriate funds.

"Congress can spend money on anything it wants," said Mr. Sutherland, "provided it is for the 'general welfare' and does not conflict with any other constitutional provision."

The only other provision with which it might conflict, he added, is the first Amendment to the Constitution which reads, in part: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

Aid to parochial schools would not "impose the free exercise of anyone's religion," he said, and the phrase on "establishment of religion" would probably not cover "anything which is an incidental to aiding a church," such as aid to education.

He said that specific aid from tax funds has already been given to religious schools in the Federal lunch programs and in school bus transportation on a local level.

"THESE are the arguments that this was aid to students, not to schools," he said. "Can you say that a hot lunch given the pupils in the middle of the morning does not make that school more attractive to parents thinking of sending their children there?"

He applied the same argument to bus facilities and religious loans given to religious colleges.

"If a law aiding religious schools is passed by Congress, said Mr. Sutherland, it would have no clear constitutional reason to veto it."

"This is not a black or white case. It is one of those things that cannot be answered categorically by turning to the Constitution."

There is no practical way, he said, to bring such a law before the Supreme Court. An ordinary taxpayer could not bring suit against such a law because his involvement in the case would be too "diluted."

"Let's look at it this way," Professor Sutherland said. "You cannot have a court without someone being hurt and bringing suit. Now whose toes are being stepped on if the U.S. government gives aid to private and church schools? Only the taxpayer whose money it is."

"But the Supreme Court has long established the principle that a Federal taxpayer has no standing in court to challenge the constitutionality of a Federal statute."

THE RULING against taxpayer suits on constitutional issues dates back to a 1923 Supreme Court decision, he said.

In that year, a Massachusetts woman believed that a Federal law passed to aid divorced mothers was unconstitutional.

As a taxpayer, she brought suit against the Secretary of the Treasury, but the case was thrown out by the Supreme Court.

The case was invoked as a precedent in 1923, when a citizen named Elliott brought suit to eliminate Army and Navy chaplains, claiming a violation of the First Amendment.

The Supreme Court did not decide on the merits of either case, but found that the taxpayers had too "diluted" an interest to bring suit against the government.

Anglican bishop at Catholic rite

ROCKHAMPTON, Australia — The Anglican Bishop of Rockhampton attended the consecration here of Father Francis Robinson, who is Catholic Bishop of Rockhampton.

After the ceremony the new bishop and the consecrator, Archbishop Maximilian de Furstenberg, left the sanctuary to shake hands with the Anglican Bishop, the Most Rev. T. B. McCall, and one of his clergy, Rev. K. Raff.



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NCWC OFFICIAL

Expresses optimism on school loan plan

WASHINGTON—A National Catholic Welfare Conference official said here he thinks Catholic and other private schools will be permitted by Congress to share in Federal aid through a loan program.

This opinion was given in a radio and television interview by Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt, director of the Department of Education of the NCWC, the U.S. Bishops' voluntary coordinating agency.

In the meantime, House Majority Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts said he would support a move in Congress to amend the Federal aid bill to include a program of long-term loans to private schools.

Rep. McCormack made his comment in a television and radio interview with Sen. Kenneth B. Keating of New York. The program was broadcast on New York television and radio stations.

IN HIS REMARKS, Msgr. Hochwalt said that Catholics supporting inclusion of a loan program which would aid construction of private and parochial schools are not suggesting an unconstitutional procedure.

The courts have never ruled against the constitutionality of loans to institutions. As you know, there is a college housing loan program in effect at the moment.

"What we are suggesting is a parallel program for elementary and secondary schools, which to my mind is not unconstitutional."

The radio and television interview of Msgr. Hochwalt, a veteran of 15 years service in the NCWC, was nationally broadcast on news programs.

MSGR. HOCHWALT was asked to explain the differences in approach to Federal aid between Catholics and Protestants.

Education bodies split over issue of school loans

NEW YORK—Educational associations are split over the question of Federal loans to private schools, with the opposition led by the National Education Association, a Herald Tribune survey shows.

The newspaper also said that there is a difference of opinion on the question of loans among state governors, many shades of opinion among Protestants and no firm Jewish position.

The administrative board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, has urged that long-term, low-interest loans be made a part of Federal aid to education proposals before Congress.

The Herald Tribune, in a large survey of opinion (March 5), called the National Education Association "the biggest spender among lobbyists in Washington."

It quoted William G. Carr, executive secretary of the NEA, as in favor of confining Federal aid to the pre-college level to public schools. He said aid to parochial schools would be unconstitutional.

But Dr. Carr supported the President's proposal for construction loans to all types of colleges and for Federal scholarships to students who would be free to choose the college of their choice.

PETITION

REGENSBURG, Germany — Eight thousand Catholics of this Bavarian city have signed a petition to the Holy See for the beatification of the late Pope Pius XII.

administrative board of the NCWC, and President Kennedy, the nation's first Catholic President.

"I think he has arrived at his own judgments in his own fair way, and I think we have arrived at our own fair judgment in our own fair way."

"That we are, at the moment, seemingly on opposite poles is more due to the interpretation of what is being said than to actual facts," he added, "because I'm not sure that Mr. Kennedy and my organization here are talking about the same things in the same way."

"He didn't mention loans; we do."

A NEWSMAN asked if the Monsignor thought the President is in conflict with his own faith.

"Not at all," he answered. "Asked if he thought a loan program to private schools would be granted by the Congress this year, even though rejected in the last session, the Monsignor replied affirmatively."

The major reason for optimism, he said, is an educational process to acquaint citizens with the purpose and needs of parochial schools.

In the last Congress, Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon was the

sponsor in the Senate of a loan amendment to the Federal aid bill then before that body.

The Morse amendment was defeated by a 49 to 37 vote, with President Kennedy, then a Senator from Massachusetts, voting negative.

Sen. Morse has announced this session of Congress that he will not again sponsor the loan amendment.

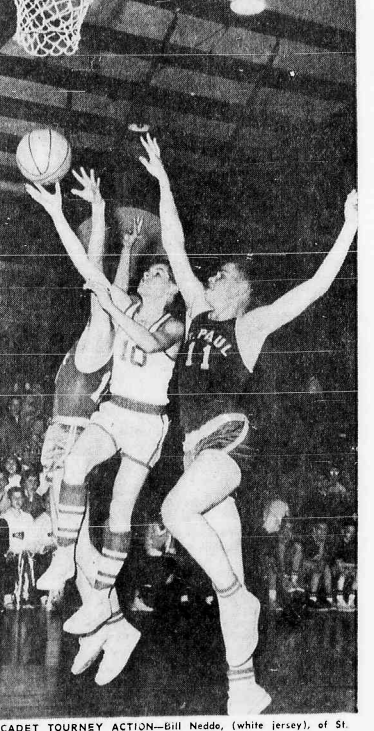
He has been asked by the administration to sponsor its Federal aid bill in the Senate, he explained, and because of this, he feels that he is not in a position to sponsor any changes or additions to it.

Joint venture

THE HAGUE—Catholics and Protestants have combined in door-to-door selling of the Bible in this Netherlands capital.

This is believed to be the first joint Catholic-Protestant venture in spreading the Bible and fostering its reading.

It was undertaken at the suggestion of the Protestant Bible Society. Catholic authorities accepted the offer, especially in view of the Protestants' greater experience in house-to-house selling.



CADET TOURNEY ACTION—Bill Naddo, (white jersey), of St. Patrick's, Terre Haute, goes under for a layup in the final game of the Archdiocesan Cadet tourney held at Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, last Sunday. Charles Brumfield, of Lee, and Ben Roggie, of St. Paul's, Tell City, attempt to guard the shot. The Tell City aggregation won the game, 46 to 34, and with it the 1961 Archdiocesan Cadet championship. Details on Page 4.