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Father Joseph Callahan, only chaplain ever to win the Congressional Medal of Honor, is shown here with his sister, Sister Rose Marie, a Maryknoll missionary serving in the Philippines. Father Callahan, now returned to civilian life, will speak before Catholic groups in North Carolina during Easter Week. Dates and places for the scheduled addresses will be announced later. Father Callahan spoke last year at a meeting of the Catholic Men's Club in Charlotte.

## Polish Elections Rigged for Reds State Department Says in Protest

Washington—(NC)—With news from Poland leaving little or no doubt that the elections scheduled for January 19 will be far from being as "free and unfettered as stipulated and promised in the Yalta and Potsdam agreements, the United States in a

strongly worded note to the Warsaw Provisional Government has declared that "the continuation of the present policy of suppression, coercion, and intimidation as applied to political opposition in Poland" violates the principle of the sanctity of international agreements.

The note, which was presented by U. S. Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane, stated that the American Government "is especially perturbed by the increasingly frequent reports of repressive measures."

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## Bishop O'Hara Given Important Post In Bucharest, Rumania

Vatican City. — (Radio, NC)—Bishop Gerald P. O'Hara of Savannah-Atlanta, has left Rome to assume the duties of Regent of the Apostolic Nunciature at Bucharest, Rumania. His appointment to that post by His Holiness Pope Pius XII has been announced here.

In Bucharest, Bishop O'Hara will take over the duties which Archbishop Andrea Cassulo, Apostolic Nuncio, relinquished when he was forced to withdraw because of reasons of health.

With the exception of a recent few days visit to the United States, Bishop O'Hara has been in Rome since last May. He left this country with his secretary, the Rev. John C. Kirk, at a time when unconfirmed reports stated he was in line to be named Regent of the Apostolic Delegation at Scutari, Albania. These reports dwindled to the doubtful class when later advices told of "strained relations"

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## Protestants Protest Against Leaders Stand On Euthanasia Question

New York.—(NC)—Dr. Harlee Bordeaux, general secretary of the American Council of Christian Churches, which includes 3,000 Protestant congregations in all sections of the United States, declared in an interview here that he thoroughly endorsed recently published statements of Catholic priests and lay groups con-

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## Love of God and Brotherhood of Man Only Basis for Peace, Says Cardinal

Cleveland.—(NC) — "I profess that only the love of God and the brotherhood of man can be the genesis, the basis and the soul of a sound, just and durable peace. To a wavering, death-sick world. America can offer a path of hope, a road to sanity, a way to safety, prosperity and world peace—for America stands before all nations and peoples envious of none and fearing none, desirous of nothing from them save their respect and cooperation in the rehabilitation of mankind."

This was the message of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spell-

man, Archbishop of New York, at the 21st annual institute of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs here. Speaking at the concluding session of the institute the Cardinal shared the platform before 12,000 people at Public Hall with retiring Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, and Mildred McAfee Horton, wartime commander of the WAVES and now president of Wellesley College.

Cardinal Spellman told his audience that the mission of the Church remains the same in

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## Catholics All Over World Open Church Unity Octave Observance

WASHINGTON —(NC)— Highlighting the annual observance of the Church Unity Octave here in the Nation's Capital, a Celebration of the Divine Liturgy according to the Byzantine-Romanian Rite by the only priest in the United States administering that Rite, will be offered in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of the Catholic University of America, on Sunday, January 19.

The Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of the Diocese of Raleigh, was scheduled to open the observance in Washington with an address.

The Church Unity Octave is a world-wide eight-day program of prayer for the intention of

## India's Caste System Disappearing, Bishop Visiting Rome Says

ROME —(NC)— The movement for an independent India has brought about a crumbling of that nation's once strict caste system, it was noted by Bishop James Mendonca of Trichinopoly, during a visit to the Eternal City.

He disclosed that despite protests and admonitions of the clergy, the people once made a habit of observing the caste system even in the Catholic churches. He said they went to the Sacraments in order of caste precedent and occupied places in the churches in the same order. A marriage between persons of different castes, he said, was a rarity.

But as the movement for independent India gained momentum, the caste system began to disappear and now persons of low caste are welcomed even in Hindu temples, he said.

## 319 Catholic Books Published in 1946 Detroit Survey Shows

Milwaukee.—(NC) — American book publishers got out 319 books for Catholic readers during 1946, it is reported in the winter issue of Between the Lines, house organ of the Bruce Publishing Company. The information is based on a compilation made by Walter Romig, Detroit Catholic bookman.

Mr. Romig's study discloses that the books were put out by nearly 100 different publishers. The publishing houses leading in this work, according to Mr. Romig, were The Catholic University of America with 41 volumes to its credit, Bruce with 34, The Newman Bookshop with 18 and Sheed and Ward with 17.

The report places spiritual books at the top of the list with 51 volumes published. Biography was next with 49, and then came history with 38, belles lettres with 31 and fiction with 30.

## Benedictine Primate Dies in Eternal City

Rome.—(NC)—Funeral services were held recently for the Rt. Rev. Fidelis von Stotzingen, Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Order throughout the world, who died in Rome, comforted by the special Apostolic Blessing of His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Abbot Fidelis was head of the famed Maria Lach Abbey in the Rhineland at the time of his choice as Abbot Primate.

the promised one fold and one Shepherd and is observed annually from January 18, the Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome, to January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Each year, the Celebration of Divine Liturgy according to an Oriental Rite attracts thousands from all parts of the East to the observance in the Shrine in this city.

Celebrant of the Divine Liturgy this year will be the Rev. George Babuti of St. Helena's parish in Cleveland, who also will deliver the sermon. The music will be sung by the choir of St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Seminary in this city. Appropriately, the intention of the day in the observance of the Octave will be "The Return of the Oriental Separatists."

At services in the Shrine that evening, Bishop William R. Arnold of the Military Ordinariate, will preside and the principal speaker will be the Rev. Francis Moran, author and authority on the Oriental Rites.

The observance in the Nation's Capital is one of the outstanding of the Church Unity Octave celebrations in this country. New York, Chicago, Boston, Baltimore, Buffalo and Philadelphia and among other cities of the nation in which outstanding observances are held each year.

## United States Only Nation That Can Help Italy, Says De Gasperi

WASHINGTON —(NC)— Desperately in need of outside help and looking to the United States as the one country which can give them that assistance, Italy is determined to overcome its enormous postwar problems, Alcide de Gasperi, President of Italy's Council of Ministers, declared during his visit here this week.

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## Church Unity Octave Emphasized in Address On Eastern Rites

NEW YORK —(NC)— Emphasizing the impending observance of the Church Unity Octave, eight-day program of prayer from January 18 to 25 for the religious unity of all Christendom, the Rev. Alexander Beaton, S. A., of Atonement Seminary, Washington, related "The Story of the Eastern Rites" last Sunday on the Catholic Hour radio program, which is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men and carried in the National Broadcasting Company network.

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## Veterans Program Not Complete, CWV Head Declares in New York

New York.—(NC)—While the existing veterans program legislation is generous it by no means is a complete program, Max H. Sorenson, national commander of the Catholic War Veterans, declared here in a statement expressing disagreement with the views of President Truman as set forth in the chief executive's state of the Union message to Congress.

President Truman, in the pertinent passage, had stated: "Except for minor adjustments, I believe that our program of benefits for veterans is now complete," and had characterized the \$7,000,000,000 outlay per year as "the most far-reaching and complete veterans' program ever conceived by any nation."

"We regret that we must disagree with the President," Mr. Sorenson commented, "and call upon the 80th Congress to extend continued consideration to the needs of veterans and their families."

## 80th Congress Gets Education Bill Proposing Funds for All Schools

Washington.—(NC) — Among the bills introduced in opening sessions of the 80th Congress was a measure submitted by Rep. Richard Welch of California "to assist in reducing the inequalities of educational opportunities in elementary and secondary schools" authorizing federal funds for both public and private schools.

The Welch Bill authorizes an appropriation of \$150,000,000 initially, rising to \$250,000,000 in 1951 and in many features is similar to the controversial Thomas-Hill Taft Bill considered by the 79th Congress. It has been referred to the House Committee on

Education and Labor for public hearings.

In comparing the Welch proposal, H. R. 156, with the Thomas-Hill-Taft Bill, the following points of similarity stand out:

- 1) Federal control of the selection of teachers and of the school curriculum is explicitly prohibited.
- 2) The funds are available only to the 33 States in need of federal assistance for the maintenance of minimum educational standards.
- 3) The formula for allocating the funds among the States correlates child population, State-wide

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