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Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, U. S. N., presents to the Rev. Dr. Maurice S. Sheey, of the faculty of the Catholic University of America, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service as chaplain aboard the USS Saratoga during action against enemy forces in forward areas of the Pacific, from August 25, 1943, to May 6, 1944. Official Navy photo. (NC Photos)

## Catholic School Children Will Save To Help Starving Children Overseas

RALEIGH—There'll be no cokes or candy bars for Catholic school children during the next several weeks. They'll be saving their nickels and dimes to give to a fund that will bring food to their fellow-school-mates in war-torn Europe and Asia.

The Reverend Francis K. O'Brien, Diocesan Director of the Bishop's Relief Campaign for the Victims of War, has announced that a prize will be awarded to the school whose children give the greatest proportionate donation to the Bishop's Relief Fund.

"If a school that has 20 students gives \$100 it deserves to win over a school of 50 students that gives \$200." Father O'Brien explained in announcing the award. This, he said gives the small schools an equal chance to win the award.

Meanwhile, the drive was underway all over the diocese to make the 1947 contribution to the Bishop's Relief Fund the greatest in the history of the diocese. The (Continued on Page 6)

## Conspiracy Charge May Be Filed Against Eisler

WASHINGTON — (NC) — A greatly intensified investigation into espionage activities of communists in the United States is freely predicted here following the request by the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities that the Department of Justice prosecute Gerhard Eisler on charges including conspiracy to overthrow the United States Government.

Mr. Eisler is the man whom Louis F. Budenz, the former Communist editor returned to the Catholic Faith, and others accused of being the principal agent in the United States of international communism. Mr. Eisler defied the (Continued on Page 7)

## Spanish Exile Cabinet Falls After Resignation

Paris.—(NC) — Complete collapse of the cabinet of the "Spanish Exile Government" followed the resignation of its only Catholic member, Sanchez Guerra. Premier Jose Giral resigned after Mr. Guerra's withdrawal had been followed by four other cabinet resignations. President Jose Martinez Barrio has turned over the task of forming a new cabinet to Augusto Barcia, former Finance Minister.

## Senators and Newspaper Praise Catholic Declaration of Rights

Washington.—(NC)—With the statement that he considered it one of the finest summaries of "a truly humanistic and democratic program" to be set forth in recent years, Senator James E. Murray of Montana obtained unanimous consent from the United States Senate to have the Declaration of Human Rights prepared by the National Catholic welfare Conference printed in the Congressional Record.

After mentioning that The New York Times had published the declaration in its entirety, Senator Murray recommended that all members of Congress read it, commenting that "it should serve as a framework for all progressive-minded people regardless of their religious faith."

Senator Robert F. Wagner of (Continued on Page 6)

## Supreme Court Says School Buses May Transport Parochial Pupils

Washington.—In a decision of far-flung interest the Supreme Court by 5 to 4 ruled this week that New Jersey public school funds raised by taxation can be used to pay for transportation of children to Catholic parochial schools.

The controversy which the tribunal settled by this narrow margin revolved around the interpretation of the first amendment to the Constitution which forbids Congress to pass a law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

For the majority, Justice Hugo L. Black held that a New Jersey law permitting the payments amounts to religious or public benefit legislation and that no person may be barred

from these benefits, because of his religion. Justice Black was joined by Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson and Justices Stanley F. Reed, William O. Douglas and Frank Murphy.

The minority view expressed by Justice Wiley Rutledge, held that the First Amendment's purpose was to separate religious activity and civil authority by forbidding (Continued on Page 6)

## Legislate for Justice Bishop Haas Tells Michigan FEPC Group

Lansing, Mich.—(NC)—"Let us not delude ourselves by using education as a smokescreen for doing nothing" to combat racial and religious discrimination, Bishop Francis J. Haas of Grand Rapids urged in an address to the Michigan Council for Fair Employment Legislation here in which he emphasized the need for legislation in this field.

Bishop Haas, who is honorary chairman of the Council, said: "To those who object that you are not going to get these things by law I would reply, 'Of course let us have education, and more and more education . . . We can educate at the same time as we legislate. And I doubt very much whether in the field of job discrimination we can educate un- (Continued on Page 6)

## All Star Cast Appears On Family Theater

HOLLYWOOD —(NC)—Walter Brennan, Beulah Bondi, Jennifer Holt and Gene Reynolds will appear on the family theatre program in a sketch entitled "No Night Too Dark," by Charles Tazewell, on February 20, it has been announced here.

The Family Theater is broadcast throughout the world by Mutual Broadcasting System and the Armed Forces Radio Service.

## Abandon Myth of White Supremacy Says Father LaFarge In College Talk

West Baden Springs, Ind.—(NC)—America's race problem will be solved only by completely abandoning obligatory segregation and the theory of "White Supremacy," the Rev. John LaFarge, S.J., editor of America and author of "The Race Question And The Negro" declared in an address at West Baden College. The Negroes, he stated, rapidly advancing in education and organization will never be satisfied with anything less than their rights, complete equality.

The Negro is forced to fight on a twofold front, Father LaFarge asserted. He must fight for decent living and against unjust restrictions and competition. Intelligent Negroes who could devote their talents to the advancement of their (Continued on Page 7)

## The Bishop's Lenten Message

My Dear Brethren:

This year as we begin the Season of Lent we are reminded that the Dispensations given during the war years from Fast and Abstinence are no longer in force and that the Church's Lenten Regulations are serious and binding in conscience, as are the other laws of the Church, e. g., to hear Mass on Sundays and Holy Days; or to abstain on Fridays. I am sure that these regulations will be followed by all who are not excused by serious reasons.

### Lenten Regulations

The law of fasting regulates the quantity of food and the law of abstinence prohibits the use of meat on certain days.

All the weekdays of Lent from Ash Wednesday until noon of Holy Saturday are days of fasting. The Wednesdays of Lent (with the exception of the Wednesday of Holy Week), all Fridays, Ember Saturday and the forenoon of Holy Saturday are days of both abstinence and fast. On Sundays in Lent there is neither fast nor abstinence.

Those who are obliged to fast may take liquids and a moderate portion of bread or its equivalent for breakfast. They may take one full meal either at mid-day or in the evening and the third meal may consist of approximately one-quarter of the full meal.

Those excused from the obligation of fasting are:

1. All under twenty-one and over fifty-nine years of age.
2. All whose health would be impaired or who would be unable to perform their regular duties if they fasted.
3. The sick, the convalescent, and those in delicate health.

Those excused from the obligation of abstinence are:

1. Children until the completion of their seventh year.
2. Persons who are ill or feeble.

By special Indult, working people and members of their families are dispensed from the obligation of abstinence on all days of the year except Fridays, Ash Wednesday, the forenoon of Holy Saturday and the Vigil of Christmas.

Those who are in doubt about the obligations of fasting and abstinence should consult their pastors or confessors.

Those who are excused or dispensed from fasting or abstinence should practice some other definite mortification.

All Catholics are obliged to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist between the first Sunday in Lent and Trinity Sunday.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Vincent S. Waters  
Bishop of Raleigh.