

## One Man's Opinion

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn doesn't realize it but she's just written more sense than she's written in years for the Daily Worker. Miss Flynn is one of New York's leading Communists, she writes regular articles for the Daily Worker. One of her most recent articles is an attack on Monsignor Sheen but it winds up being, for Christians, the realest kind of praise.

She's mad because several Communists have left the Communist fold and became Catholics. Monsignor Sheen doesn't bother with the ninety and nine who are in the fold, wrote Miss Flynn. Instead he goes looking for the lost sheep. Now Miss Flynn doesn't know her Bible or she wouldn't use this to attack the Monsignor. What she says Monsignor Sheen is doing exactly what Our Lord told men to do.

### Attacks Monsignor

Then Miss Flynn thinks that the people who are becoming Catholics are undesirable people. "Apparently no sin is so great to be forgiven," she says, again thinking she is attacking the Monsignor. But again she is right, there is no sin so great to be forgiven.

But then Miss Flynn makes her strongest attack — and again it becomes not an attack at all. With a bitter pen she writes, "You can do any low-down, dirty, contemptible turn-coat, stool-pigeon action despised of honest people—but Monsignor Sheen loves you and saves you."

And if all men were truly Christian then what Miss Flynn says of Monsignor Sheen could be said of all men. For the Christian loves all men, loves and prays for them.

And for Elizabeth Gurley Flynn among them.

The ability to relax in ease is not a virtue for a militant person called to action by Christ's Vicar.

## Parochial Schools As Well As Public, Deserve Federal Help; N.C.W.C. Says

WASHINGTON. — With the question of Federal aid to education again occupying the attention of Congress, the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference has reiterated its position that the parochial schools, as well as the public schools, are eligible claimants for help from the national government.

In a statement released here the N.C.W.C. department declared that "at the very minimum" federal aid to non-public school children extend to such school services as transportation, and health should extend to such school services as transportation, and health and welfare services.

The text of the statement follows:

### 2,500,000 Enrolled

Approximately two and a half million pupils are enrolled in 10,088 Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the U. S. Each year Catholics contribute approximately \$200,000,000 to finance the current expenses of this large school system. If the cost of maintaining these schools were shifted to tax payers, the nation's tax bill for education would be increased by over \$400,000,000. The replacement value of Catholic school property is in excess of \$1,000,000,000.

The graduates of these schools are full-fledged American citizens, qualified to vote, eligible for public office, subject to military service. They represent a cross-section of American life, bright and dull, rich and poor, colored and white. It is a caricature to portray Catholic schools as "exclusive private schools." They are as typically American as the public schools.

Mindful of this danger, the N.C.

## Extension Society Gives \$42,302.85 To Raleigh Diocese Missions In '48

RALEIGH. — The Diocese has been the beneficiary of the sum of \$42,302.85 during the past fiscal year from the Catholic Church Extension Society of Chicago, it was revealed by the President, The Most Rev. William D. O'Brien. This sum included funds for chapel building and repairing, subsidies to missionary priests, and theological students, for church supplies and goods, and other miscellaneous necessary donations.

This large sum contributed to the missionary diocese of Raleigh was made possible by the Charity of Friends of the Extension Society and subscribers of Extension magazine, which regularly publishes the urgent needs of our home missions and commends them to the charity of Catholics throughout our country.

The grants and subsidy allotted to the Diocese of Raleigh was almost half of the sum to total allotted to the province of Baltimore. Within the archdiocese six dioceses were beneficiaries to the sum of \$88,196.90. Raleigh leading in this beneficiary the other Dioceses were as follows according to gifts distributed. Charleston, S. C., \$20,395.50; Richmond, Va., \$10,335.00; Savannah, Ga., \$9,808.80; St. Augustine, Fla., \$5,052.45; Wheeling W. Va., \$302.30.

W.C. reiterates its long standing position that federal funds should be made available to all schools that are in need, both public and nonpublic. The sole criterion of eligibility for public educational funds should be "service to the public" and not "public control." Any school to which parents may send their children in compliance with compulsory education laws does serve the public.

Federal aid is needed. However, rather than accept a bill that denies bus rides and textbooks to thousands of nonpublic school pupils, it would be better to have no legislation at all.

### In summary:

1. The N.C.W.C. reiterates its position that public and parochial

## Leaders of Resettlement Program To Discuss D. P. Problems Here, Feb. 8

FAYETTEVILLE—At the invitation of the Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters Bishop of Raleigh, regional directors in the Catholic Resettlement Program from Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida and the District of Columbia will meet at Prince Charles Hotel here, February 8 to formulate plans for expediting processing and reception of displaced persons into the United States.

The Rev. Aloysius J. Wycislo, Assistant Director of War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, states that the agency felt too many obstacles are placed in the processing of Displaced Persons. "The Commission at Washington," he stated, "has corrected some of the faults, but they are being urged at this time to streamline some of the faults, but they are being urged at this time to streamline the whole procedure."

The Rev. J. Stanley Ormsby, Assistant to the Executive Director of the National Catholic Resettlement Council, says that "we need these displaced persons for the welfare of our own country." "The Government bureau of information at Washington has been hard-pressed," he said, "to defend America against its critics. We have been accused of 'dollar diplomacy,' imperialism and world conquest. The greatest and quickest answer to these charges is to admit the homeless displaced persons into the United States. We need them as they need us."

"Besides that," Father Ormsby observed, "it will be cheaper for Americans to bring these people here and let them support themselves than to send money and food over there to feed and support them. Large sections of agricultural America are begging for these people. Because they are not already here, our Resettlement Division at New York has been receiving complaints every day."

RALEIGH—The Cathedral Latin High School football team, here, was recipient of a benefit party staged by the Father Thomas F. Price Council, No. 2546, Knights of Columbus, in the Council Chambers at Nazareth, January 13. During the course of the evening Bill Streb, Master of Ceremonies, presented the annual K. of C. awards of two white letter sweaters to Pete Tola and Dick Keyes as the outstanding players of the season. Also, Coach "John" Norell was in turn, introduced the members introduced to those present, and he, of the team as he presented them with their letters.

schools are both eligible claimants to federal aid.

2. The N.C.W.C. maintains that at the very minimum federal aid legislation must include a mandatory provision that funds be appropriated to furnish school services to nonpublic school pupils. fails to include the above provision

3. Federal aid legislation that is unjustly discriminatory and should be defeated."

## Pictures in Passing

### COMMAND DECISION

(Family) M-G-M

The William Wister Haines play, tremendously successful on Broadway has been vastly improved upon in this M-G-M version.

The roar of American bombers and their daylight missions over Germany, merely mentioned on the stage, are shown in realistic fashion on the screen. Barrack room profanity, heavily featured in the play, has been cut from the screenplay. There is some great writing by Haines and his movie adaptors William R. Laidlaw and George Froeschel.

The story shows a U. S. Air Force headquarters in England during the softening up of Nazi Germany. Brigadier General K. C. Dennis (Clark Gable), despite frightful losses orders his bombers to maximum daylight missions over vital Nazi plane factory targets. His superior, Major General Kane (Walter Pidgeon), orders him to cease. He needs only a further day or two to demolish factories producing a deadly new Nazi plane. A couple of Congressmen (Edward Arnold and Moroni Olsen) arrive at base on a tour of

inspection. Highly-placed "brass" wishes to call off the offensive and keep losses low in order to impress the politicians. "Casey" Dennis knows that any such subterfuge may cost more lives in the long run and probably lengthen the war. He risks his career, carries through the offensive, defies politicians and panderers and wins victory.

There are some wonderful performances in the picture. Pidgeon particularly may win an Academy nomination. Gable, Van Johnson, Brian Donlevy, Charles Biskford, John Hodiak, Clinton Sundberg and Marshall Thompson are especially fine and Sam Wood's direction makes the best of every dramatic situation. There are many. The conflict of ideals is skillfully presented so as to uphold the dignity of the service and fair respect for discipline. There is to be a whole cycle of war films of this type, but it is difficult to imagine any of them surpassing this one for dramatic power and literary integrity. It is a man's picture most of the ladies are sure to like.

## Miss Madill, Legion of Mary Promoter Finds Cordial Welcome In Diocese

NAZARETH. — During the past week, Miss Delphine Madill, contacted twenty-one pastors in her effort to interest parish groups in becoming affiliated with the Legion of Mary program. Using the Catholic Orphanage here, as her headquarters, the enterprising promoter made flying trips to parishes largely located in the Raleigh deanery. She is very much enthused over the process of establishing the Legion in parishes where it is conducive to do so.

"All the pastors have given a gracious welcome to me when I come ringing their doorbell to interest them in the Legion's activities. I have made arrangements to return and meet a few parishioners with their pastor in many places," said Miss Madill. "The past week has been quite memorable for me, for North Carolina is certainly keeping up with tradition of gracious hospitality. That was what I met at every doorbell I rang."

The activities of the Legion of Mary appeals to any adult regardless of his Catholic background. All the legionnaires I know are Catholic lay people who have a busy schedule of daily activity yet, they seek to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by a few hours of devoting their efforts in her behalf each week. The obligations are not too demanding for the ordinary busy person to belong," commented Miss Madill.

Two meetings have already been held in Raleigh which were directed by Miss Madill. One at Cathedral and the other at St. Monica's. Towns in which Miss Madill contacted pastors, are as follows: Smithfield, Goldsboro, Kinston, Greenville, Farmville, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Roanoke Rapids, Henderson, Wake Forest, Durham, Chapel Hill, Newton Grove, Dunn, Fayetteville, Clayton.

### Elected President

NEW BERN—At a recent meeting of the Senior Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Parish here, Mrs. Philip A. Fecher, Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina Catholic Layman's Association, was elected President for the current year.

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