

My Daze

Mrs. F. J. McMahon

When better attended and more interesting board meetings are held they will have to go the Winston-Salem affair one better. Anyone expecting to leisurely enjoy along with a casual acceptance of packaged plans was disappointed. The question mark was greatly overworked and for good reason.

Those attending represented not only the adjacent parishes but New Bern, Asheville, Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro, Durham as well as our gracious hosts of Winston-Salem.

They spoke their piece and so helped ensure the peace and future of this so often misunderstood project. Perhaps primary curiosity caused some to attend but they must have left the meeting feeling that much had been accomplished.

We have not only developed the "New Look" but we have initiated a stark exposure of lagging laymen. The membership has spoken through letters and through their deanery representatives and the board listened.

This association has stopped catering to a diminishing few. Outstanding impediments have been removed without argument or ridicule. Differences of opinion have disappeared by understanding. Don't leap to any wrong conclusions however. Were not all just one happy family yet but we believe people are essentially good—at least ninety-nine and forty-four percent so. We are too full of optimism and an inextinguishable zest to have any room for mistrust—Let's make our fellow Catholics want to become an active member of this up and doing program. It's your job for 1950.

Judge Denies Catholics Be Barred as Jurors In 'Mercy Death' Trial

MANCHESTER, N. H. — A Boston newspaper's report that Catholics might not be allowed to serve as jurors at the forthcoming trial of Dr. Herman Sander, local physician, on a first-degree murder charge in the alleged "mercy killing" of a cancer patient, has been denied.

Justice Harold E. Westcott of Superior Court, who will preside over the trial, said that there would be no ban on Catholic jurors because of the opposition of their Church to so-called "mercy" killings.

"Religious beliefs will not enter into the selections of jurymen," he said.

It was pointed out that Catholics are not alone in opposition to euthanasia.

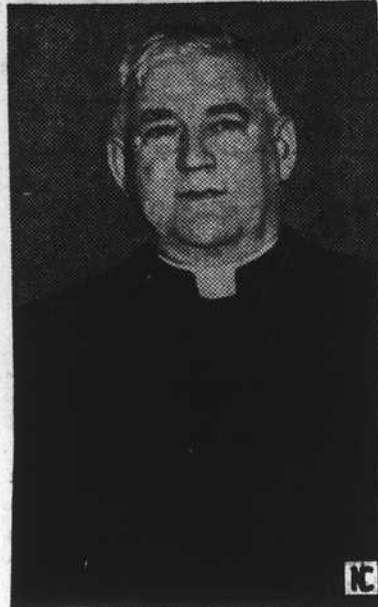
Meanwhile, Dr. Sander, whose case has attracted wide-spread attention in this country and abroad, was free under \$25,000 bail in the case, which involved the death of Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto, 59, of Manchester, December 4, as the result of alleged air injections into her bloodstream.

Both Protestant and Catholic clergymen in the area have discussed the issue of mercy deaths in their churches.

At the St. Mary, St. John the Baptist and St. Anthony churches in Manchester, priests preached on the Fifth Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," as it applies to euthanasia.

At John the Baptist, the Rev. Napoleon J. Gilbert, told his parishioners that suffering serves to expiate for sin and gains merit in the sight of God for the sufferer and for others when offered by the sufferer for their purpose.

First American



Pictured on the occasion of his arrival in Cincinnati, his native city, is the Most Rev. Valentine T. Schaaf, O. F. M., Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor, who came from Rome where he has been stationed since 1939. He is the first American-born head of the Franciscan Order and has jurisdiction over 23,000 Friars Minor and 12,000 Poor Clare Nuns throughout the world. He reports that 100 Franciscan friars, along with 150 other priests have been killed in Yugoslavia since the end of the war. (NC Photos)

Renewed Emphasis on Holy Year's Spiritual Side Stressed At Rome

VATICAN CITY—Members of national and diocesan Holy Year committees are invited to give even greater stress to the true spiritual characteristics of the Jubilee, in an article by Monsignor Alfredo Ottaviani appearing in the Holy Year Bulletin.

Monsignor Ottaviani is President of the Commission for Spiritual Assistance, which is one of the commissions of the Central Committee for the Holy Year.

Because the press has generally emphasized the technical and organizational aspects of the Holy Year, Monsignor Ottaviani says the public at large may have missed the principal, the specific end of the Holy Year—the spiritual.

Real Objective Cited

To the end of insuring the proper atmosphere of spirituality in all pilgrimages, he makes two suggestions to directors: a short course of sermons for pilgrims, deriving the material particularly from the Pope's Holy Year prayer and from the Holy Year Bull, "Jubileum Maximum;" and that pilgrimage directors designate a special priest for preaching and another for the spiritual care of pilgrims during the voyage and the sojourn in Rome.

Wrong Emphasis

Monsignor Ottaviani absolved the Catholic press of any fault or lack of appreciation and he is not severely critical of the "great press and press services." But he regrets that emphasis has been given to the size and numbers of pilgrimages, logistic matters such as transport, accommodations and food, and other material circumstances.

The Monsignor readily admits that these are important so that pilgrims are not bothered by many material considerations and may better and more readily attain the main purpose of a Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome. But, he adds, too much of that tends to obscure and overshadow the real purpose and objective of the Holy Year.

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House Agreement on US Aid to Education Bill By March 1 Is Foreseen

WASHINGTON—Federal Aid to education legislation will be taken up by the House Education and Labor Committee on February 6 and agreement on a measure is expected by March 1.

This estimation was made by Representative John Lesinski of Michigan, chairman of the 25-man committee. The committee has before it a half dozen measures on the Federal aid question, including the Taft-Thomas bill which was passed by the Senate at the last session.

The legislation was bottled up in the House committee at the last session mainly because of the controversy which arose over the Barden Bill. The Barden Bill was approved by a subcommittee, but was universally denounced by Catholic leaders as anti-Catholic and anti-American.

Compromise Sought

It was reported that quiet pressure by Democratic leaders has been exerted in an effort to reconcile members of the House toward a compromise on a Federal aid bill. Mr. Lesinski sent notice to each member of his committee stating the legislation will be called upon February 6.

Meanwhile in New York, the Liberal Party agreed on a national legislative program which has been submitted to members of Congress. The party, in dealing with the Federal aid to education question, contended that since the so-called constitutional principle of separation of church and state would limit aid for purely educational purposes to public schools only, there should be separate legislation to provide for health and welfare services for children in both public and non-public schools.

Dixie Welcome Extended Bishop F. E. Hyland At Savannah-Atlanta Post

SAVANNAH, Ga.— Traditional southern hospitality greeted the Most Rev. Francis E. Hyland upon his arrival here from Philadelphia to take over his duties as Auxiliary Bishop of Savannah-Atlanta.

In addition to the solemn and colorful installation ceremonies (January 12) in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Bishop Hyland was feted at dinners and receptions, and in addition to the ceremonies here other activities are being planned to welcome the new Bishop in Atlanta.

Bishops Take Part

Among the members of the Hierarchy who took part in the ceremonies here were Bishops Emmet M. Walsh, Coadjutor of Youngstown; Hugh L. Lamb, Auxiliary of Philadelphia, and Thomas J. McDonough, Auxiliary of St. Augustine.

Feted by City

Proudest of all who attended the fetes for Bishop Hyland was his mother, Mrs. James Hyland of Philadelphia.

The festivities began with a dinner at which Msgr. James McNamara, cathedral rector, was host. The installation ceremonies at the cathedral on the following day were next. Then came a dinner for the clergy; the civic reception at which Mayor Olin P. Fulmer and other outstanding civic leaders were present; a reception for the various Sisterhoods in the diocese, and another reception for a number of parish groups.

One Man's Opinion

By DALE FRANCIS

We're being subjected right now to one of the most thorough propaganda jobs in the history of our nation. The object of this propaganda is to convince the American public that there is nothing wrong in murder if it is done with the proper attitude.

The newspapers call it "mercy" killing. But giving it a pretty name doesn't change the fact that it is still murder.

Morally such murders can never be justified. The state does have certain rights over the individual. The state can take the life of a man for the protection of society, as is done in the execution of a condemned murderer. The state can order a man to endanger his life in battle for the protection of the state. But the state can not kill a person just because the person is old or ill or mentally unfit.

Kill Incurables

The men who favor euthanasia—and there are many doctors and many non-Catholic clergymen among them—say now that they are for killing only those with incurable ailments. Aside from the fact that "incurable" is a relative term and that many things thought incurable 100 years ago are now curable, this is merely an opening wedge. It is certain to be followed by murder of the aged, the murder of the mentally unsound, then murder of deformed infants. Murder is catching and let the gates be opened they will be forced open wider.

Matter of Faith

Murder is murder. The patient's request for death doesn't change the facts. It merely makes the patient guilty of suicide and morally guilty, too. All this is a natural followup to a lack of belief in eternity. If you do not really believe in eternity then making things comfortable on earth becomes the major fact. If you do believe in eternity then your major aim is to follow God's laws and submit yourselves to His will.

Tito's Cruelty Toward Church Is Continuing As He Begs for Aid

The Tito-Stalin feud has failed to produce the slightest improvement in communist-governed Yugoslavia's treatment of the Church, although Tito continues to beg for and receive help from the West on the ground that his regime is a tolerant one.

From reports received the position of the Church has deteriorated since the break, real or pretended, between the Moscow and Belgrade Bolsheviks.

There has been no move to free Archbishop Stepinac, head of the Yugoslav hierarchy, who was sentenced to a 16-year jail term by Tito on the absolutely false charge that he had collaborated with the nazis. Priests are still arrested by the hundreds, tortured, imprisoned and murdered. Tito's government has redoubled its efforts to obstruct free, religious worship and stamp out the people's religious faith.

Religion Crushed

"Since Tito and his gang of communists seized power in Yugoslavia, they have killed several hundred priests and condemned an even greater number to the notorious forced labor camps. Before Tito, and even during the worst horrors of the Nazi occupation there was freedom of religion. Each Yugoslav worshipped as he thought fit. The various churches were even entrusted with maintaining the marriage, birth and death registers for the state." Although Tito persecutes all

Theme of Unity Octave Taken From Pope Pius's Holy Year Address

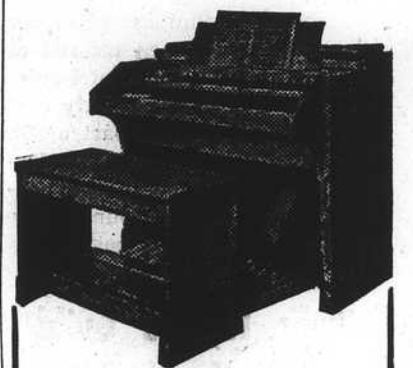
WASHINGTON—The theme of Holy Father's address at the opening of the Holy Year will be stressed when the Chair of Unity Octave begins January 18 in churches across the nation.

His Holiness Pope Pius XII, at the Christmas Eve ceremony in St. Peter's, prayed that the 1950 Holy Year would see a "great return to the one, true Church, awaited over the centuries, of so many who, though believing in Jesus Christ, are for various reasons separated from her."

The Chair of Unity Octave was known in prior years as the Church Unity Octave. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement originated the observance in 1908 and are known now as its principal promoters. The aim of the octave prayers is to bring all men into the Church.

Some of the leading celebrations of the octave will take place in Boston, Chicago, New York, New Orleans, St. Paul, and at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at the Catholic University of America, here.

Yugoslav religious elements, he has reserved his most vigorous measure for the Catholic Church and its followers. The Catholic clergy suffers more grievously than any of the others. Nevertheless the priests continue to do their duty until they are forcibly prevented by the secret police or the usual gangs of communist hoodlums. To the best of their ability the people are showing their solidarity with the Church by defying the communists and attending divine services."



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