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Lind's Prejudice Against Catholics Shown At Hearing

Absurdly Holds Them Responsible For Illiteracy in Mexico

BACKS AND FILLS

Denies Making Certain Statements Against Church, But Repeats Others

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, May 10.—Judge Francis C. Kearful, counsel for the Senate Sub-Committee investigating conditions in Mexico, has furnished the National Catholic Welfare Council with a copy of the full testimony of John Lind. Mr. Lind went to Mexico as the personal representative of President Wilson. His report to the President never has been published. But in addresses which he has made and interviews he has given Mr. Lind has disclosed some of the information he gleaned and some of the views he formed in the course of his investigation. Some of Mr. Lind's expressed views about conditions in Mexico have been hostile to the Catholic Church. There is therefore much Catholic interest in the character of the testimony given by Mr. Lind before the Committee. Only a remark or two, heretofore, has been published in the secular press.

Lind's Foolish Charges

In the course of his examination by Judge Kearful, Mr. Lind, supplemented, modified, or flatly denied many assertions about the Church which he has been quoted as having made, but he still clung to his contention that "the failure of the Catholic Church to establish and sustain public schools" in Mexico principally was responsible for the backwardness of the Mexican people.

"What was your opinion in regard to the effect of the operations of the Catholic Church upon the natives of the country?" Judge Kearful asked.

"The policy of that Church has not been to foster popular education of the masses; I mean in the same sense. I will not say that either; I am not assuming to say what its policy has been, but it has not been done, that is all there is to it. Outside of the towns there was not a school house to be found in Mexico at that time. There are some now; a great many as I understand it."

"Do you think that the operations of the Catholic Church in Mexico were for the good or to the injury of the Mexican people?"

"That is a controversial question that I think would be very unfair and very unprofitable to discuss," answered Mr. Lind.

"I am asking only for what your opinion was."

"I may not agree with some of the policies of the Catholic Church or any other Church, but for me to undertake to condemn its work would be an absurdity that no sane man, no level-headed man, could be guilty of."

"Was it one of the bases of your matured views that one of the difficulties in Mexico was the operations of the Catholic Church?"

"No, sir. I have said and have felt that a state Church in politics is a misfortune in any country. I have always felt that way and feel that way now, and I think when those were the conditions

in Mexico that Mexico was no exception."

"You did not find those conditions existing when you were there, did you?"

"What conditions?"

"This interference in politics on the part of the Church?" Judge Kearful inquired.

"I do not know, but they had a Catholic party, a church party, and always have had as I understand it."

Lind Shows Ignorance

Judge Kearful asked whether it wasn't a fact that ever since the adoption of the constitution of 1857 the church has had no influence in Mexican affairs and that all its property was confiscated by the government.

"I could not discuss those questions with any degree of accuracy," replied Mr. Lind.

The reports of the confiscation of property, the desecration of churches and the persecution of priests and nuns at the hands of the Mexican revolutionists Mr. Lind characterized as "some false and very many greatly exaggerated."

Mr. Lind denied that he ever charged the Catholic Church with responsibility for the bad conditions in Mexico.

"I might have said that it was unfortunate that the Catholic Church, with its hold on the people and its power, has not devoted more efforts to education of the masses of the Mexican people. That I may have said, and I say that now."

"Where did you get the information that the Catholic Church has not performed its proper functions in regard to the matter?" Judge Kearful asked next.

"I did not say it had not performed its proper functions. Whether an institution had performed its proper functions depends upon the time, place and circumstances. But I say now that I think it very unfortunate that a larger effort by those in position to exercise power has not been made to establish and maintain popular education. For instance, do not agree with the opposition in the United States to our public system and our public schools."

Shies at Controversy

"Have you, since the publication of this booklet (one containing Lind's article from The Bellman) read a pamphlet issued by Rev. Francis C. Kelley, entitled 'A Book of Red and Yellow,' in which he refers to the statements made by you?"

"Yes; but I do not care to discuss the book or pamphlet," replied Lind. "I do not want any controversy with any Jesuit or any one else."

To Judge Kearful's question whether Mr. Lind was apprehensive about the influence of the Catholic Church upon Mexican affairs, the witness replied:

"Only as I stated this morning. What poor Mexico needs is education, schools, and to the extent that the church in Mexico opposes public schools I think it is a very unfortunate policy, and I think the same policy in the United States very unfortunate."

Judge Kearful then asked Mr. Lind whether the influence of the Catholic Church in Mexico is such as to prevent the establishment of the public schools.

"As to that I have no opinion as to the extent of its influence," answered Mr. Lind, "but I think in so far as it can exercise any influence it is not in the direction of either establishing or sustaining public schools..."

"But you never made that statement."

"I never made that statement," Mr. Lind said.

Catholic Women's Council Outlines Program Of Work

Miss Agnes G. Regan of San Francisco Made Executive Secretary

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Corps of Social Workers to be Trained; Community Houses To Be Opened

(By N. C. W. C. Service)
Washington, D. C., May 17.—Organization of diocesan councils of the National Council of Catholic Women will be the initial step in perfecting the machinery through which the Catholic womanhood of America will be enabled to carry out the program of social service outlined at the first meeting of the board of directors, recently held in Chicago.

Miss Agnes G. Regan of San Francisco was elected executive secretary of the national organization. Miss Regan was formerly a member of the San Francisco Board of Education. She will take up her active duties as executive secretary of the N. C. W. C. next month.

One of the first big projects the organization will undertake is a membership drive intended to bring every Catholic woman in America, as well as every Catholic women's organization, into the ranks of the National Council.

Catholic women's organizations will be classified into national, diocesan, State and local, and each will have representation in the national body proportionate to its character and the number of its members.

While the national organization will define the general outlines of the program to be put into effect during the coming year, each diocesan council will be permitted to preserve its autonomy and local problems will be met in a manner best suited to the peculiar locality. In cases where national action as a unit is desirable, the entire machinery will be set in motion.

The meeting of the national directors of the N. C. W. C., was held in Hotel Blackstone, Chicago.

The establishment of a chain of community centers throughout America, measures for protection of immigrants and the providing of suitable quarters and a home environment for employed girls who have no relatives or friends with whom they may secure accommodations, will be among the first great works of the council.

In order to carry out this program a corps of well-trained workers is necessary, and to meet this need plans have been projected for the establishment of a national school for women social service workers which shall include residence on part of the students in order to insure the highest standards, both as regards personnel and the work to be accomplished.

The National Council will publish a bulletin in order to keep members informed of the work it is carrying on.

The national membership drive is to start immediately and already Catholic women throughout America are being invited to join. Individual membership is \$1 a year and organization membership fees will be based on the character and scope of the organization.

Irish Religious Spirit Is Strikingly Shown In Tragedy

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, May 1.—Illustrating the importance attached by Catholics to the last Sacraments, and also the deep religious spirit of the Irish people, the Daily Chronicle has given prominence to an account of the last moments of James McCarthy, a baker of Thurles, who was recently shot dead in the night in that town. The story recalls the death of the Lord Mayor of Cork, who, after receiving the last rites, forgave his murderer and commended his own soul to God.

McCarthy, according to the Daily Chronicle, had received a threatening message some days before his murder. In spite of this warning, he went to the door himself in answer to a violent knocking. On the threshold he encountered two men who asked his name and immediately on hearing it fired with revolvers. The Daily Chronicle thus completes the tragic story:

"A sister cried out: 'Poor Jimmie has been murdered,' and sped out into the moonlit night for a priest. One shot was aimed at her, but without effect. Inside a dramatic scene followed. The dying man staggered into the kitchen and collapsed before the fireplace. A brother, raising his head, said: 'Say to God you are sorry for your sins, and ask Him to let you into Heaven. I'll say an act of contrition and let you think the words.' James was just conscious enough to nod and smile feebly, and then his life flickered out."

Laymen's Board of Directors to Meet

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, May 17.—The fact that more than 70 per cent of the Catholic laymen of America are not members of any Catholic society will not prevent their full participation in the great work of the National Catholic Laymen's Council, according to an announcement made here today by Michael J. Slattery, who acted as secretary of the first congress of the council, held in Chicago recently.

Plans have been formulated whereby, working through parish units, the active support of every Catholic layman in the United States will be enlisted in the work of the organization, of which the Right Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Toledo, is the leader.

The establishment of a national school for the training of laymen for social service work will be one of the first projects of the organization. This will be a subject of discussion at the first conference of the twelve members of the board of directors to be held within the next few weeks, probably in Chicago.

The project is to raise \$25,000,000 as an endowment fund with which to establish a chain of Catholic associations for boys and young men which will provide them with adequate recreational and educational facilities was enthusiastically received by the delegates to the conference, according to Slattery.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—Among the valuable gifts recently offered to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to be erected here on September 28 is a most artistic Blessed Sacrament lamp.

Chaplains Of Navy Hold Conference In Washington

Catholic Officers Contribute Important Papers to Meeting

(N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, May 14.—Catholic chaplains played an important part in the three-day conference of U. S. Navy chaplains, which concluded here today.

Three important papers were contributed to the conference by Catholic priests who are helping Uncle Sam's boys afloat to become or remain religious-minded men.

The Rev. Eugene E. McDonald delivered an address on "The Personal Religious Work of a Chaplain." The Rev. Matthew C. Gleason, chaplain of the Atlantic fleet, spoke on "The Fleet Chaplain and His Duties," and the Rev. E. S. Burke gave his impression of "The Chaplain as a Shipmate."

The Catholic chaplains celebrated the inauguration of the conference with a solemn high mass sung in St. Patrick's Church by the Right Rev. Monsignor George J. Waring as celebrant, Chaplain Eugene S. Burke, deacon; Chaplain John J. Brady, sub-deacon; Chaplain Eugene E. McDonald, master of ceremonies.

Chaplain Matthew C. Gleason, who preached the sermon, declared that there was no body of men in the world who worked together more harmoniously than the Protestant and Catholic chaplains of the United States Navy, and declared it was his hope that they would continue to work side by side until the time when there would be "one fold and one shepherd."

Prominent among the Catholic chaplains at the conference were the Rev. Harris A. Darche of Chicago, who won the Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre decorations and the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery with the Sixth Marines at Chateau-Thierry, Soissons and Belleau Wood, and the Rev. John J. Brady of New York, who won the Croix de Guerre and the D. S. C. for valor with the Fifth Marines.

Other Catholic chaplains who attended the conference were George B. Kranz, U. S. S. Alert; Thomas F. Regan, U. S. S. Minnesota; Garrett F. Murphy, Marine Barracks, Tampico; Joseph F. Underwood, U. S. S. Delaware; Daniel F. Monaghan, U. S. S. Prairie; Thomas J. Burke, U. S. S. Mercy; P. J. Hammersely, Navy Base, Norfolk, and John B. Conroy, Marine Camp, Paris Island, S. C.

CARDINAL GASPARRI LOSES BROTHER AND NEPHEW

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Rome, May 1.—All the sympathy of Rome is going out to Cardinal Gasparri, His Holiness' Secretary of State. Only a few weeks ago his nephew died here. Avvocato Filippo Gasparri, and yesterday His Eminence was at the death bed of his brother, father of the nephew, Signor Bartolomeo Gasparri, and to both those whom he has lost the Cardinal was devotedly attached. The Holy Father sympathizes keenly with his Secretary of State, expressing his sympathy personally and sending the special Papal blessings to the bedside.

Catholic Federation Of Labor Founded In France Its

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, May 1.—The passage of labor agitation in France has taken on new significance to the Federation in Paris last November. The Catholic Federation of Labor with an affiliation of 350,000 Catholics and a membership of 100,000.

The aim of the Federation is to organize Christian syndicates throughout the country and to give for its members all that the General Confederation of Labor undertakes to do, viz., to safeguard their professional interests by opposing by a concerted and methodical effort the destructive activities of the revolutionary organization.

It is founded on the principles of Christian ethics recognized as the sole basis of social order, progress, and it will seek to apply the Gospel and in the teaching of the Church the solution of labor problems. It is open to all who are willing to abide by its principles.

Its organization consists of local trade-unions grouped into regional unions, and these together form the National Federation. The Federal Bureau is located in Paris, with a Federal Council meeting every two months. A general convention is planned every year. The fees are high enough to assure the efficiency of the secretariat, the expense of the propaganda and the cost of helping whatever local unions may need assistance.

One of the leaders of the movement, M. G. Tessier, writes in the Revue des Jeunes, interpreting the aims of the Federation: "The corporate relations between employers and employees have long been affected by political and scientific aberrations. But the dignity of a social doctrine, the doctrine of the struggle for existence has perverted ideas, methods, undermined institutions and led extremists to utter blasphemous doctrine that has alone can create. Thus our society, gasping already under the weight of the World War, is the digging of new trenches in the raising of new barriers. The remedy to the evil will be to oppose to the Syndicates, which have become schools of moral degeneration and perversion, a syndicate which will make itself an enlightened, watchful and defender of the rights of workers to its care and will be bound by the force of logic to impose members with the duties relative to their rights. This can be accomplished only by taking inspiration from the only principle which stands above the conditions of interests and passions: the Christian ethics."

Chicago Women Start Drive

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Chicago, May 17.—A movement that seems destined to gain popularity throughout the country has been started by business women and is winning many adherents. The practice of sending a body once a month for an hour period of "business" in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The movement is at present attracting the attention of our lady of the month for the devotion of women to the Blessed Sacrament.