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Laymen's Council Directors Meet In Washington

School For Social Service Workers To Be First Project

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, June 14.—With the adoption of a definite program of Catholic welfare work that will extend from the most congested city district to the most neglected rural community, the directors of the National Catholic Laymen's Council are now making plans for a nation-wide membership campaign which will insure the active support and cooperation of every Catholic layman, as well as every Catholic lay organization, in its work.

The program, outlined at the first meeting of the board of directors, held here, will not be formally inaugurated until the next meeting of the board of directors, in September, but meanwhile determined efforts will be made to bring into shape the great machinery through which the council is to function.

Officers Chosen
Richmond Dean of Chicago was elected chairman of the board of directors at the meeting and other officers elected included: Nicholas Gonner, Dubuque, Iowa, vice-chairman; P. J. N. Halley, Detroit, Mich., secretary; Charles I. Denechaud, New Orleans, La., treasurer, and Michael J. Slatery, executive secretary.

One of the first projects to be taken in hand by the organization will be that tending to the establishment of a national training school for social service workers. The necessity of carrying out the program outlined through carefully-trained and experienced workers was emphasized by several speakers.

A resolution presented by James F. Herron of Philadelphia, opposed the consideration or imposition of a per capita tax for membership on organizations allied with the Council. In the same resolution, which was unanimously adopted, definite membership fees were provided for five classes of members, including national organizations, state organizations, diocesan organizations, local organizations and individuals.

National interests, the immigration problems, and the boy problem were included in the outlined program, a summary of which will be sent to every Catholic organization in America.

Thomas P. Flynn of Chicago, Ill., introduced a resolution calling for the next meeting of the board of directors to be held in September, in Washington, following the meeting of the Catholic hierarchy.

In accordance with the resolutions adopted at the national convention in Chicago the executive body will take immediate steps to have every Catholic men's organization of the country affiliated with the National Catholic Laymen's Council, and ask their support in the carrying out of the program adopted.

Washington, D. C., June 14.—The one-hundredth anniversary of the foundation of St. Peter's Church of this city will be celebrated this month, starting June 27. At the same time the pastor, the Right Rev. Monsignor James M. O'Brien will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination.

Orange Outrages Against Catholics

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Dublin, May 27.—It has been observed that the Orangemen have moored their boat to a rock from which the tide has receded for centuries. On any pretext, however absurd, they are ready to assail and maltreat Catholics. In Derry city they have made a mad and furious attack upon the Catholic citizens. In another and remote part of the country a Protestant clergyman who, in a foolhardy way, attempted to interfere with men engaged in the demolition of a police barrack, was wounded earlier in the week. To avenge this incident the Derry Orangemen proceeded to attack Catholics indiscriminately. These terrorists occupied one of the main thoroughfares. Persons declaring themselves Protestants were allowed to pass, but Catholics were assaulted and struck with stones. This led to retaliation, and to action by the police. Firearms were freely used. A police officer and an ex-soldier, both Catholics, were shot dead; another police officer, also a Catholic, was severely wounded. For three nights the Orange gang kept the city in a state of terror. Fearing an attack on the Convent of Mercy buildings, a special guard was provided for the institution.

An outrage of a singularly offensive character to the Catholic community has been committed at Louthal, County Cork, one of the most Catholic towns in the south of Ireland. The fine marble statue of the Rev. Peter O'Neill, a patriot priest, was dragged off its pedestal and broken. Father O'Neill was cruelly flogged in 1798 by British soldiers. From the evidence accumulated by the townspeople, it is clear that this shocking act of vandalism was the work of the armed forces of the British government.

Archbishop's Mother Dies

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Philadelphia, Pa., June 14.—Mrs. Bridget Dougherty, mother of Archbishop D. J. Dougherty of Philadelphia, died at her home in Homersville, Pa., Friday, June 4, at the age of 92. The funeral took place Monday, June 7. Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's church, Gardville, where the remains were buried.

Mrs. Dougherty was born in Ireland and came to this country when still a girl. Her husband died more than twenty years ago. Besides Archbishop Dougherty, three sons and five daughters survive Mrs. Dougherty.

SYMBOLIC MEANING OF THE OFFERINGS AT CANONIZATIONS

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Rome, June 4.—The significance of the "offerings," which are presented during the mass for the canonization of saints was the subject of no inconsiderable study among the pilgrims who flocked to Rome. The "offerings" were placed at the Gospel side of the Confessio and immediately caught the glances of those who had been studying the ceremony in advance. In the great ornamented wax candles, the wax signified the Christ as man, born of the Virgin and the tapers typified his Divinity. The bread symbolized the spiritual food of the saints; the wine indicated sanctifying grace; the turtle-doves were emblems of fidelity to God. Small birds in gilded cages typified the desire of the saints for the things of Heaven.

Catts' Campaign Against Church Brings Defeat

Voters of Florida Repudiate the Bigot Who Sought Senatorship

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Tallahassee, Fla., June 14.—Bigotry in politics was struck a severe blow in the defeat of former Governor Sidney J. Catts, who aspired to the Democratic nomination for United States Senator in last Tuesday's primary election.

Catts, who so distinguished himself by his manifestations of ignorance and incompetence while Governor that he has been termed the worst executive Florida has had since 1870, made his opposition to the Catholic Church a feature of his campaign. According to present returns, Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, incumbent, has snatched Catts and his bigotry under by a vote of 19,167 to 7,180, and the vote is steadily mounting in Fletcher's favor.

The campaign literature sent out by Catts, a former Baptist minister, fairly reeked with attacks on Catholics.

"The Catholic toe-kissers of the Pope," said one of the Catts screeds, "know very well that if Catts gets to the Senate they will hear his strong, fierce voice, urging that the United States shall not be sold to the Pope of Rome."

Catts spent considerable of his wet powder in attacking a bill introduced by Senator Fletcher in 1919, aimed at those who attempt to overthrow the government of the United States. The bill had no religious significance whatever, but Catts clawed it in this manner:

"It may be that the Knights of Columbus have taken Fletcher for a soft case and are getting him to fix the people of the United States, and when they have done away entirely with the right to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience, they will, with Fletcher's aid, hold up the Roman Catholic dogma and creed and say to the despised Protestants, 'You worship as the Holy Mother Church says, or you go to prison or the fires of persecution.' Poor old Fletcher, he must be in his dotage to let these ancient hypocrites and Jesuits pull the wool over his eyes."

Catts' miserable showing is proof that the voters of Florida will no longer permit him to pull the wool over their eyes.

Italians Lose Majority In the Sacred College

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Rome, June 4.—As a result of the death of Cardinal Boschi, the Italian members of the Sacred College are now outnumbered by those of other countries. There are thirty Italian prelates and thirty-one from other countries in the College. Eleven of the present cardinals were created by Leo XIII, twenty-nine by Pius X, and twenty-one by Benedict XV. Pope Benedict, it is commonly known, has one cardinal reserved "in pectore" and an announcement of the appointment is expected shortly.

Belgian Senate Again Controlled By Catholics

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Brussels, May 27.—As a consequence of the recent elections the Catholics have just regained their former majority in the Belgian senate. At present, they hold sixty-two seats in the upper house, as against thirty-eight held by the Liberals and twenty-one by the Socialists.

Formerly they stood fifty-eight against thirty-six Liberals and twenty-seven Socialists. The elections were caused by the invalidation of eight Socialist senators elected according to proportional representation. Out of these eight seats the Socialists regained only two. In fact, in the province of Brussels, they had given up all idea of fighting. In Brussels the Catholics polled 20 per cent more votes than they did in November last.

In Antwerp the number of Catholic votes jumped from 19,000 to 25,000.

Irish Truth Society Extending Its Work

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Dublin, May 27.—Calling the printing press more and more to its aid, the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland distributed nearly three-quarters of a million of books last year. This is an increase of 115,000 on the previous year's total. The greatest social function in Dublin now is the society's annual conference.

The society has been watching with much interest. American Catholic methods, and it is now proposed to reorganize it on the lines adopted by the Catholic Welfare Council of America. Meetings to that end have already been held in several parts of the country, recent ones in the Archdiocese of Tuam being most successful. Ireland is determined to compete with America in giving a lead to the Catholic World.

CATHOLIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
St. Paul, Minn., June 14.—Plans for the fifth annual convention of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States, which will be held here June 22, 23 and 24, are now completed by the committees in charge.

The sessions will be held in the College of St. Thomas and the largest attendance in the history of the organization is expected. Delegates from practically all Catholic hospitals of standing in the United States will attend and many representatives from Canada are expected. Dr. B. F. McGrath, of Milwaukee, is secretary of the association.

OFFICIAL FIGURES ON FRENCH DIVORCES

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, May 27.—In answer to a question put by Mr. de la Ferrière, a Catholic representative, in the Chamber of Deputies the other day, the Minister of Justice gave the official figures on divorce in France. An American paper had printed the statement that there were 123,000 divorce cases before the Paris courts.

The Minister of Justice replied that the total number of divorce cases before the Paris courts was not 123,000, but 5,230, or only 1.30 per thousand instead of 30 per thousand as reported in the press.

Catholic Charities Conference Will Meet In Washington

Washington, D. C., June 14.—Elaborate preparations are being made at the Catholic University to accommodate the large number of delegates who will attend the sixth biennial meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities to be held September 12-16. The University has decided to place all its buildings at the disposal of the delegates during the Conference. It is prepared to supply them with board and room at cost.

In order to arouse interest in the September Conference local meetings of Catholics interested in social and charitable work are being held in all the important cities in the United States. Meetings have already been held in New York City, Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Trenton, Hartford, and Cleveland. During the month of June local meetings will be held in Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Detroit, and Los Angeles.

Nearly every diocese in the United States will be represented at the National Conference and several of the larger dioceses will be represented by hundreds of delegates.

Almost every phase of Catholic charity will be discussed at the September Conference. The problems which will have special attention are the organization of diocesan charities, care of Catholics in public institutions, the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the social and charitable work of the Catholic "Big Brother" and "Big Sister" organizations.

The organization of diocesan charities will be discussed by the Diocesan Directors of Charities. The great progress which has been made in the organization of Catholic charities during the past few years should make this problem most interesting. Those in charge of the Catholic charities in the different dioceses should be able to learn much from the experience of others who are engaged in the same kind of work.

Great progress has been made in organizing welfare work for Catholic boys and girls in different cities during the past two years. At the meeting of the National Conference the leaders in this work will have an opportunity of coming together and discussing their common problems.

The delegates to the Conference will be interested in the discussion of the larger social reform movements of the present time. They will be interested in the movements for the establishment of family courts, for the extension of probation and Catholic programs for the economic betterment of the working classes.

The Superior Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the United States will hold its annual meeting during the sessions of the Conference. Two afternoons and one evening will be set aside exclusively for Vincentian work. The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will take a prominent part in the sessions of the Conference especially in the sections dealing with relief, child welfare, and delinquency.

During the sessions of the Conference the Catholic chaplains of the various penal and correctional institutions throughout the United States will come together for the first time. Several Catho-

lic chaplains have been invited to the Conference to call attention to the fact that they are most helpful to have the delegates meet for the purpose of exchanging views and of profiting by the experience of others in devoting their time to the same kind of work.

Graves of Catholic Soldiers Abroad Will Be Blessed

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, D. C., June 14.—Opportunity to bless the graves of Catholic soldiers buried in France was made the subject of a stipulation by Rev. Father John J. Burke, C. S. P., at the first meeting of the War Memorial Council, of which he is a member as the representative of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The meeting was held in the office of Secretary of War Baker Wednesday.

Secretary Baker raised the question whether it was desirable that the remains of Catholic and Jewish soldiers be segregated in the American cemeteries in France. Father Burke replied that this would be unnecessary, that the right and opportunity to bless the individual graves of Catholic dead should be insisted on.

Col. Harry Cutler, representative of the Jewish Welfare Board, announced that there would be no need of segregating the graves of Jewish soldiers from those of their fellows.

The War Memorial Council was organized to provide for the regulation, maintenance and preservation of the graves of American soldiers in France and to form a connection between the relatives of the American dead and the War Department. Three permanent cemeteries have already been selected. They are those at Surches, Beldun, and Romagne. More than 25,000 American soldiers are buried in these cemeteries.

In Dante's Memory Ravenna Church Will Be Restored

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Ravenna, June 9.—The restoration and decoration of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, which was Dante's favorite vocational retreat, is one of the projects which the committee in charge of the celebration of the great poet has in mind for observance next year.

"Dante has admirably made St. Francis in the splendid 'Paradise,'" says the committee announcement, "and it is without singular significance that the great poet's tomb should be found within the shadow of a church dedicated to the Man of Assisi; the name of the saint thus remaining intimately with that of the great Italian saint."

Dante, it is recalled, was a zealous member of the order of St. Francis, and his most fervent admirer.

Plans for the restoration of the 1,000 stadium, called the "bowl," at the University of Chicago, was announced at the meeting of the American Association of University Women.

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Washington, D. C., June 14.—Plans for the erection of a 1,000 stadium, called the "bowl," at the University of Chicago, was announced at the meeting of the American Association of University Women.