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Catholic Bureau Of Information A Need of Rome

One of the Institutions Knights of Columbus May Establish

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Rome, Sept. 20.—Regrets voiced here ever since, following the armistice, the Knights of Columbus discontinued the establishment which they maintained in Rome for American soldiers, and withdrew from Italy, are giving place to general satisfaction at the prospect that the order is to return and undertake, at the Holy Father's suggestion, the task of meeting with their "good propaganda," the "bad propaganda of the enemy."

It is felt that there are a hundred ways in which the activity, energy and ingenuity of the Knights may perform useful works for the Church, and that not the least important and valuable of these efforts would be furnishing of a service which would free Catholic tourists and visitors from dependence on guides who are hostile to the Church.

It has always been a mystery how, after the war ended, the American Y. M. C. A. continued to enjoy the use of motors belonging to the American Military Mission and prolong their activities which had no appearance of benefiting the American soldier. When there were no longer any American troops in Italy the Knights of Columbus ceased their work and went home to render to American generosity an account of what they had done.

But Rome was sorry for their departure, because it had seen the many advantages of such a center here in the Eternal City. The question of providing a permanent center came to be discussed quietly. The Holy Father made no secret of the pleasure it would give him to have the Knights here. Those who knew what the Knights can do and also something of Rome and the opportunity for action here began to consider possibilities and procedure.

Catholic Travelers Bureau Needed

As Monsignor Ceretti said at the banquet at which he was a guest of the Knights, the methods and extent of the work would be a subject for study by some of the Order's representatives who know Rome, and he instanced European Commissioner Edward L. Hearn as one of these. It might also have been stated that Monsignor Ceretti is one who knows America and the Knights.

One simple but immeasurably valuable institution here in the center of the Church's life would be a bureau to which every American Catholic visiting Rome might go for information or other assistance so that he or she need not depend on hotels which have no call to acquire the Catholic viewpoint concerning places and persons here.

There is always the American College, natural and proper center for all Catholic visitors, for audiences and the like, but there are a hundred things in the life of the Catholic sojourner concerning which he could not think of looking to the Rector for help. The difficulty for those whose task it will be to organize will not be that of finding openings but that of selecting those things which ought to be included in the plan.

Catholic University Announces Changes In the Faculty

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 2.—More than nine hundred students are enrolled at the Catholic University of America for the year 1920-21, according to an announcement made by the Very Rev. George B. Dougherty, the vice-rector, today. Five hundred lay students, three hundred ecclesiastics and one hundred students in the Catholic Sisters' College make up the largest registration in the history of the institution. This does not include the 375 young women registered at Trinity College. The Freshman Class has 200 members.

Solemn high mass of the Holy Ghost was sung in the University gymnasium yesterday before the entire student body and numerous visitors. The Right Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the University, delivered the sermon to the students.

Many notable additions to the faculty and the curriculum have been made, it was announced by the rector. A special series of lectures on the origin and development of constitutional history will be delivered by the Hon. Hannis Taylor.

The resignation of the Very Rev. Edmund T. Shanahan, for many years professor of dogmatic theology and whose recent papers, published in the Catholic World on the Second Coming of Christ, have created the most profound discussion among biblical critics, being highly praised by Dr. Hugh Pope in the Dublin Review, has been announced. Dr. Shanahan will do parish work in Boston and meanwhile will prepare for a series of new papers on the subject of the Parousia. He will be succeeded by the Very Rev. D. J. Kennedy, O. P., professor of Sacramental Theology.

Other additions to the faculty include the following: Mr. Paul Larwell, formerly of Kenyon College, Ohio, professor of French; Mr. James M. Fay, instructor in mathematics; Dr. Richard J. Purcell, formerly of St. Thomas College, instructor in American history; Mr. Angelo Vasquez, instructor in Spanish.

Cardinal Amette's Devotion To Rosary

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Paris, Sept. 25.—In a letter addressed to the people of Paris on the occasion of Cardinal Amette's death, Mgr. Roland Gosselin, Auxiliary Bishop of Paris, reports that despite his taxing amount of work the late Cardinal never failed to recite, every day, a full rosary. He usually made use of big wooden beads given to him by his sister, a Dominican nun.

The Cardinal was also strongly devoted to the Third Order of St. Dominic. The sash of this Society was in his coffin, placed round his body which had been dressed in full pontifical garments.

Archbishop Seton's Autobiography

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, Sept. 25.—Mgr. Seton, Archbishop of Holiopolis since 1913, and formerly of New Jersey, is at Canterets (Hautes Pyrenees) where, with a few friends he celebrated his eighty-first birthday. Archbishop Seton is engaged in writing his reminiscences, "A Life Trail of Eighty Years," which will be published next year in New York.

Raising Millions To Aid Activities Of The Church

Most of the Funds Being Gathered For Education—Hierarchy's Plans

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 4.—Appeals made to Catholics of the United States in the last six months in behalf of educational, charitable and welfare enterprises have aggregated about \$30,000,000, and indicate the spirit of progressive activity now animating the Church in this country. This total does not include sums raised or sought for the erection of new or the repair of old churches.

Millions for Education

Most of the funds which it was contemplated gathering were intended for Catholic education—primary, secondary and higher. The total of the budgets prepared for this purpose was more than \$23,000,000. Charitable institutions—hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged and the like—were to be the beneficiaries of some \$2,700,000 of the aggregate. Welfare work, such as clubs for men and women, community houses, civic betterment, etc., was to receive something more than \$500,000. The remainder was to go to miscellaneous activities under Catholic auspices.

The largest amounts to be gathered were the "Archbishop Ireland Educational Fund of \$5,000,000" in the Archdiocese of St. Paul; \$4,000,000 for the endowment of the Seminary of the Detroit diocese; \$3,000,000 for the Catholic University (including a seminary), which Most Rev. Archbishop Mundelein has planned for Chicago; \$3,000,000 for St. Louis University, and \$2,000,000 for the Cathedral, grade school and nurses' home in Duluth. Most Rev. Archbishop Hayes is making provision for an annual income of at least \$5,000,000 to support Catholic charities in New York.

Not all of this great total of \$30,000,000 was to be obtained at once, but a considerable part of it was for immediate use, and was subscribed within short periods. In many instances the sums named in the appeals were greatly exceeded.

Definite figures are not available as to the amounts raised in the last six months for the building and repairing of churches, but the total is believed to be several millions of dollars.

In view of the generous response of American Catholics to the calls made upon them in the name of their religion, the decision of the Archbishops and Bishops to consider a survey for an appeal for the support of the National Catholic Welfare Council assumes additional interest. At their recent meeting in Washington the Bishops authorized the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Council to prepare a survey for an appeal to the Catholics of the country for an endowment fund. Until this survey has been made it will not be known what amount it is proposed to raise for the Council, assuming that the Bishops approve the survey.

Council's Endowment Fund
It is the intention of the Hierarchy to continue the Welfare Council's several activities—the departments of education, laws and legislation, social action, lay organizations and press and publications. (Concluded on page 8)

Cardinal Gibbons Receives Delegates From German Clergy

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Baltimore, Sept. 29.—Cardinal Gibbons yesterday received a delegation of four prominent German priests, representatives of St. Boniface Society, who have arrived in the United States for the purpose of appealing for aid in behalf of the starving children of Germany. They are the Rev. F. Schlatter, Rev. H. J. Bruning of the diocese of Richmond, Va.; Rev. Dr. Weinand and the Rev. F. Weinhold.

Father Bruning, the spokesman of the party, explained the mission of the delegation here. His Eminence stated that he had read, at the meeting of the hierarchy in Washington last week, a letter of Cardinal Bertram and the other German bishops in Fulda, setting forth the great distress in their country.

"I myself," continued the Cardinal, "am in deep sympathy with the suffering children of Germany and the dire needs of the poor priests and have taken the needed action in forming a committee of bishops consisting of the Archbishops of Milwaukee and Chicago and the Bishop of Rockford, urging all the bishops of the country to make a general appeal to the whole country in behalf of the poor sufferers."

"I admire the German Catholic element in this country. Although as loyal Americans we had to fight the German government, we never had any ill feeling against the German people. The German Catholics have always been a loyal and conservative element of the Church in America, especially in enthusiastically establishing everywhere Catholic schools, putting the building of their schools before the building of their churches. Primum scholae deinde ecclesiae."

"We have, of course, properly speaking, no German Catholics, no Polish Catholics, no English Catholics in this country. We are all American Catholics. But we are all indebted to the German element for their great services which they have rendered to our Catholic Church in America. Therefore, as far as I am concerned, I will do all in my power to aid the great cause for which your commission has come to this country. Not only will you have permission to appeal in my diocese—I will contribute personally to the noble work."

Cardinal Gibbons requested that the delegates first take care of the poor suffering priests who had already appealed to him and who seemed to have elicited the warmest sympathy from him. Upon their departure the Cardinal bestowed his blessing on the four delegates.

English Trappists Raise and Sell Prize Cattle

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

London, September 27.—Some of the best cattle raised in England are those bred by the monks of the Trappist Monastery of Our Lady of Compassion at Kingsbridge. Recently at a sale of South Devon cattle, the monks' exhibit attracted considerable attention. Registered sheep, pedigree cows, heifers and heifer calves were among the lot sold by the Trappists. More than \$20,000 was realized by the sale of the cows and heifers alone.

Council of Catholic Men Decides On Two Important Projects

Will Establish School For Training of Social Workers and Make Provision For Care of Catholic Immigrants

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 4.—One hundred and fifty thousand dollars to establish a school for the training of Catholic social workers and to finance preliminary work in providing care for Catholic immigrants, will be raised by the National Council of Catholic Men, which held its annual convention in Washington on September 29. The service school, which is intended to be for men, will cost \$100,000. For the initial efforts to solve the problem of Catholic immigrants \$25,000 will be apportioned. The balance is for contingent expenses.

The determination to undertake these enterprises, which were described as among the most important waiting Catholic action, was reached after the Men's Council had adopted a constitution which has already been approved by the Hierarchy, and tentatively ratified a plan of organization subsequently sanctioned by a unanimous vote of the forty delegates, who represented twenty-four dioceses and various associations of Catholic laymen.

To Train Male Social Workers

It is proposed to make the service school that the Council of Men authorized a place for the training of Catholic male social workers. In an address to the convention, Rev. Father J. J. Burke, C.S.P., general secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Council, stated that many industrial concerns are eager for the latter organization to undertake welfare work among their employes, but that there was great difficulty in finding Catholics equipped for that sort of service.

The service school, it is contemplated, shall be able to furnish Catholic workers for the welfare effort that is regarded as a necessary activity of big industrial establishments.

Catholic Immigration Bureau

A Catholic Bureau of Immigration was authorized in the resolution which committed the Men's Council to the task of making provision for the moral and material well-being of Catholic immigrants. At the head of this bureau there will be a director, with assistants under his charge. The preliminary effort will have for its object the establishment of a cooperative relation with Catholic organizations already engaged in this work in the principal ports, and it is hoped that the associations representing the various racial groups of the country—Bohemians, Poles, Italians, Hungarians, Lithuanians, etc.—will participate in the expense.

It is particularly stipulated in this, as in every instance in which the National Council of Catholic Men is to perform any service, that before inaugurating its work it will first obtain the sanction of the Ordinary of the diocese.

The plan of organization to which the Council of Men is committed by the action of the convention includes a scheme for affiliating to it all existing Catholic laymen's associations in the United States.

Catholic Monarchs Real Political Power In Protestant

(By REV. J. VANDER HAYDEN)

Written for the N. C. W. C. News Service
Brussels, Sept. 24.—In a country governed by a Protestant woman-sovereign, with the majority of her subjects staunch adherents of the Calvinistic faith, it is rather striking to see a Catholic priest and Roman prelate not only the acknowledged leader of a strong political party, but so, as it were, the power behind the Government. Now, that what Monsignor Doctor W. Nolens is in Holland.

As head of the strongest party in Parliament, he was entrusted two years ago by the Queen with the task of forming a cabinet. It might have been expected that, according to precedents in other countries with a responsible ministry, he would, once success had crowned his efforts, adjudge himself, not only a place in the Cabinet, but the premiership. No; he brought together perhaps the strongest and best coalition ministry Holland has ever known, and then disinterestedly withdrew to the seat which, as member of his native town of Veldhoven, he has occupied uninterruptedly in the Dutch Lower House, or the Dutch parliament, the Second Chambers, since 1896.

There were those, of course, who wished to see him retain in portfolio for himself, that he might have an opportunity to give the full measure of his ability. Any other man but Dr. Nolens would scarcely have withstood the temptation. But his long apprenticeship in self-command and disinterestedness made it an easy matter for him to remain true to himself and to sell clear of a power and of honors that would but have handicapped his efficiency for good. For Monsignor Nolens is before everything else a priest who seeks not his own glory, but that of the Master.

St. Francis Tertiaries Meet In Indianapolis

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Indianapolis, Oct. 2.—Resolutions calling for the more vigorous promotion of pious practices in home life, and endorsing the crusade against certain styles of dress which have now become prevalent among women, were adopted at the convention of the forty-eight fraternities of Tertiaries; the Sacred Heart Province held here. It was announced that the total membership had grown to 16,281, that the work of the Third Order of St. Francis was progressing rapidly in the province, and that tertiary fraternities in other sections of the country have already planned units into similar provinces.

Notable among those who attended the convention were the Rev. F. G. Holweck, editor of the Pastorbblatt; the Rev. John McGees, editor of St. Anthony's Messenger; the Rev. John Strub, of the Franciscan Mission; and the Rev. Chrysothimus, S. J.

Father Kelly's Successors

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cleveland, O., Sept. 25.—Rev. John W. Innes, First Baptist Church, has been elected chaplain of the United States.