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French Bishops' Views On Cultural Associations

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, March 1.—Discussions of the question whether the Church in France should organize the cultural associations prescribed by the Law of Separation as a condition prerequisite to the administration of church property and the enjoyment of other rights, have been renewed by the circular letter written by Monsignor Germain, Archbishop of Toulouse, to his clergy and diocesans.

"The associations which some people would have us form to provide for the free exercise of worship would be irreconcilable with the rights of the Catholic Hierarchy," Monsignor Germain declares. "If we should venture on such a path we should meet insurmountable practical difficulties. It is therefore in no way surprising that sincere and impartial Protestants have said that the 'great mistake made by the Government was the attempt to impose on a hierarchical Church a Protestant constitution.'"

Cardinal Maurin, Archbishop of Lyons, holds that the suggestion for attempting an experiment with the associations would bring no improvement in the difficult position of the clergy without many and important amendments of the Law of Separation.

"What the Church demands is that in the last resort authority should belong to the Bishops and Cures in temporal as it is in spiritual matters. What we need is a common law broad enough to allow the Church with her associations of every sort to evolve freely in accordance with their principles so long as they do not threaten good order."

The noteworthy article in the Revue des Deux Mondes, last October, proposing that, if the Holy See should permit the formation of the associations, they offer to the Church in France the best way out of the difficulties under which she is laboring, is now known to have been written by Monsignor Chapon, Bishop of Nice. At the time his view, though the identity of the author was not revealed, provoked much opposition.

Pope Pius X condemned the Law of Separation in respect to its provisions for the associations culturelles and forbade the ecclesiastical authorities in France to conform to it in these particulars. The question has arisen whether this was but a temporary attitude on the part of the Holy See.

Georgetown Defeats Yale and Princeton In Public Debate

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, D. C., March 12.—Georgetown University's debating team scored decisive victories over Princeton and Yale in the intercollegiate debates held last week. These debates attracted great attention in the eastern university world.

On the question of "Resolved, That the Employers of the United States Should Abandon the Principle of the Open Shop," Georgetown took the negative side against Princeton and the affirmative against Yale.

The definition of the open shop in the debate was that furnished by Harvard University—"a shop wherein labor unions are not recognized."

Divorce Prohibition More Needed Than Volstead Act

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Boston, March 10.—There is more need in this country for the prohibition of divorce than for the Volstead Act, Father Jones I. J. Corrigan told a meeting of the Young Men's Catholic Association in Boston College hall last week. Divorce conditions in the United States, Father Corrigan declared, are a public disgrace, and irrespective of the religious beliefs of those who would dissolve the ties of marriage, divorce should be made, not less easy, but impossible.

If divorces multiply at the same rate in the future as in the past, there will be in this country by the middle of the present century 275 divorces for each 100,000 of population, or one divorce for every five marriages, Father Corrigan said. There is every indication, he said, that the ratio of divorces to marriages will rapidly increase unless some legislation is adopted to cure the evil. This cure, he said, was in absolute prohibition of divorces.

American Catholic Universities Draw Men From All Lands

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
St. Louis, March 13.—Countries of both Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa are represented in this year's enrollment at Georgetown, St. Louis and Fordham universities.

Preparation of the roster of students at St. Louis University for publication in the spring catalogue, reveals that of the total of 1801 men in the university proper (excluding those in preparatory and extension departments) represent thirty-eight states of the Union, and twenty-two foreign countries.

The Philippines and Porto Rico have seven and four students respectively, in the University. Japan and British Honduras are rivals for second place, with four each. There are three each from Spain, France, Canada and Italy, while Belgium and Colombia have two each.

Other countries that have contributed to this year's attendance at St. Louis University are China, the French West Indies, Honduras, Hawaii, Guatemala, Germany, Ireland, Mexico, Salvador, Russia, and Poland.

Ten Thousand Gift To Fordham College

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
New York, March 10.—Students of Fordham University have collected \$85,000 in the drive for \$1,000,000 which the institution needs for enlarging its facilities. This total and a gift of \$10,000 from John D. Ryan were announced by Orin R. Kelly, treasurer of the fund, this week.

As subscriptions to the fund have not yet reached \$500,000, the period of the campaign has been extended. It is hoped that the \$1,000,000 will be gathered by commencement.

Cleveland, Mar. 13.—The sixty-fifth anniversary of the birth of the late Bishop John P. Farrelly of Cleveland will be observed in St. John's Cathedral with a month's mind solemn high mass of requiem. Masses were sung in many churches of the archdiocese today and on last Saturday.

Archbishop Forces Concessions From Czech Government

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Prague, Czecho-Slovakia, Feb. 26.—Monsignor Sramek, new Archbishop of Olomouc, and leader of the Catholic party, has forced the Czecho-Slovak government to vote appropriations for the needs of the Catholic Church by threatening the defeat of the budget unless this support were given.

When Catholic leaders began to oppose the budget in the National Assembly, it became apparent that it would fail if they persisted. The result was a proposal by the spokesmen of the government that the non-Catholics would give their votes to the appropriations made through the Ministry of Education and Culture if the Catholic members would withdraw their opposition to the entire budget.

Monsignor Sramek's elevation to the see of Olomouc was resisted by President Masaryk, who is bitterly and personally hostile to the new Archbishop. The President's enmity dates back to the time when they were both members of the Austrian Parliament. Masaryk, in the course of his speech aimed at the Catholics, misquoted history and was publicly corrected by the Prelate. This greatly angered and embarrassed Professor Masaryk, who has borne a grudge against Monsignor Sramek ever since.

President Masaryk also vainly opposed the appointment of Rev. Dr. Simon Barta as Bishop of Budweis. Catholic representatives in the Assembly threatened to expose the reasons for Masaryk's opposition, and he became silent. Dr. Barta once had been a witness in a civil suit against Professor Masaryk. The latter lost the suit and has not forgiven Dr. Barta.

English Jew Won to Faith by Irish

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, March 4.—An interesting ceremony took place at the Convent of Zion in Bayswater, London, when an ex-officer of the British Army was baptized and received into the Church.

The ex-officer is a Jew, who was converted to the Faith in Palestine, where he received his inspiration from the devotion and fidelity of the Irish Catholic troops with whom he was serving.

Fort Wayne Council Elects

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Fort Wayne, Ind., March 14.—Daniel Poland of Anderson, Ind., has been elected president of the Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Men of the Fort Wayne diocese. Other officers chosen are John Holland, Logansport, vice-president; Edward J. Higgins, Fort Wayne, financial secretary and Joseph Kennedy, Peru, treasurer. Parish organization is progressing rapidly throughout the diocese.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 25.—The exclusion of Freemasons from all official positions in the Australian Workers' Union has been decreed at a convention of the Union held in Melbourne.

The seamen of the State of Victoria have also passed a resolution barring Freemasons from office.

Catholic Press Month Campaign Gains Momentum

Whole Country Swept By Fresh Wave of Apostolic Action

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Wash. D. C., March 14.—Indications multiply showing that National Catholic Press Month, initiated by direction of the Hierarchy, and being conducted under the leadership of the Press Department of the Hierarchy's organization, the National Catholic Welfare Council, is gathering such momentum throughout the country that its success seems now a foregone conclusion. From all quarters of the United States orders have poured in by wire and mail during the last week for extra copies of the illustrated poster issued by the Administrative Committee of Archbishops and Bishops, and for the pamphlet, "Catholics, Do You Know?" which contains the boiled-down, rock-bottom facts concerning the Catholic press and the present movement to strengthen its forces. The pamphlet is also being reprinted by the Catholic press extensively, and being reissued in pamphlet form.

Many Archbishops and Bishops have during the last few days swung the forces of their dioceses into the fighting line of the press campaign. Scores of priests have written special letters to the Press Department suggesting valuable ideas in connection with the work, and personally taking an active part in parish campaigns.

Detroit To Observe Good Friday By Closing Stores

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Detroit, Mich., March 12.—The Detroit Council of Churches, embracing practically all Protestant churches of Detroit, through its executive secretary Rev. Dr. M. C. Pearson, has offered its cooperation to the Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies in its third annual campaign for closing of places of business on Good Friday, from 1 to 3 o'clock.

William P. Bradley, president of the Holy Name Union, has received assurance that the biggest stores in town will observe the closing hours. The Michigan Motion Picture Exhibitors' Association, at a recent meeting, resolved to close their show houses.

Acting Mayor John Lodge of Detroit has issued a proclamation calling on all citizens of Detroit to join in the movement. All city and county offices will be closed it is announced.

Window cards and posters spread broadcast over the city, advertise the movement.

Costumes and Scenery Of Oberammergau Play Destroyed During War

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Hoboken, N. J., March 14.—Scenery and costumes of the famous Passion Play at Oberammergau were destroyed during the war according to Carl Setzler, Burger Meister of Oberammergau, who has cabled the executive committee of "Veronica's Veil" thanking its members for their offer of assistance to the Bavarian peasants in order that they may be enabled to present their world-famous passion play next year.

Poles Are Hoping That Easter Will Bring Them Peace

Are Preparing for Great Celebration in Cathedral at Warsaw

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Warsaw, Poland, Feb. 21.—If peace be signed at Riga between Poland and the Bolsheviks within the next month, as most Poles now believe is probable, the Polish Easter of 1921 will be made forever memorable in the history of a Catholic country which for ages has kept the Paschal Feast as its central religious holiday. In Poland, Easter is an even greater holiday than Christmas and is celebrated not only in the churches, but at the front, where the soldiers set up their own "Resurrection Altars."

No one outside of Poland can begin to realize the longing of the Poles for peace: and as Easter approaches it is only natural that a people so devoutly Catholic as these are should more and more set their hearts on it. They have had six solid years of war, and before that 150 years of oppression in which their religious as well as their political liberties were sorely tried. There has been no let up. They have suffered beyond telling.

But the keynote of public feeling at the present time is that "the future of Poland is now assured." The prospects are really bright for a happy Easter, and an Easter celebration such as the country has never seen before.

In the Cathedral at Warsaw that celebration promises to be an event of the most solemn historical importance. It will, in fact, not only commemorate the signing of the peace of 1921, but will link the past with the present—and the future—in a striking manner, when Poland's historic paschal candle will be set up and lit in the ancient sanctuary where the rulers of the country have worshipped for centuries.

Students' Mission Crusade to Meet At Dayton, Ohio

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, D. C., March 14.—The annual convention of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade will be held this year at Dayton College, Dayton, Ohio, August 18-21, according to an announcement made here today by Floyd A. Keeler, field secretary of that organization.

Because of the central point at which the gathering is to be held, it is expected to attract more than one thousand delegates, surpassing in numbers that of last year held at the Catholic University.

Two hundred and twenty-five units, representing the senior division, are entitled to delegates. It is expected to bring this number to three hundred before the convention. In addition, the convention is expected to attract a large number of alumni and alumnae members and some representatives from the junior and parochial school units, which number close to seventy-five. These delegates have no votes, but are allowed the privileges of the floor.

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French Protestant Paper Criticizes U. S. Methodists

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, March 1.—Criticism of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States for having come to France to invade Protestantism instead of Catholicism with its campaign of proselytism is voiced by Evangile et Liberté, the organ of French evangelism.

This American body, Evangile et Liberté complains, has established itself "not in Catholic districts or in those which free thought has turned to unbeliever, but in Protestant centers—Paris, Lyons, Strasbourg, Colmar, and Grenoble.

"Already twenty parishes have been founded by this new church from across the Atlantic, though in fourteen or fifteen of these Protestant churches were in existence," continues this journal. "Of such action as this French Protestants complain that it is not co-operation which is being offered but competition. No matter of cooperation or assistance was made. These American Methodist Episcopalians just walked in, claim and started. Their action which is violently ostentatious and separatist in respect to the inspired apprehensions of ourselves alone, but for the sake of the Gospel in France."

Black and Tan Raid Jesuit Headquarters In Dublin Suburbs

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Dublin, March 3.—The headquarters of the Jesuits in Ireland, a spacious building in the suburbs of Dublin, were raided by military, who made a search of the premises extending over two hours.

At 3 o'clock in the morning, 250 fully equipped soldiers, accompanied by armored cars, entered the grounds and surrounded the buildings. They spent three hours in erecting barricades around the house. The community, including 25 priests, as well as 60 students in residence, 24 gentlemen on retreat for the week-end, and a staff of 16 persons, were ordered to go into the chapel. In addition the residents of an adjoining terrace, several of them Protestants, were rounded up and marched to the chapel and there temporarily interned.

Neither the Rector nor any other one was allowed to accompany the military on their search. Every priest, student and layman was questioned as to his identity and occupation. One of the laymen, a well-known Dublin official was arrested. No one was allowed to leave during the raid, not even the chaplains to a neighboring convent.

Miss Regan's Visit To Western States

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
San Francisco, March 12.—Catholic women of the Pacific Coast who have watched with great interest the national growth of the National Council of Catholic Women, are eagerly awaiting the visit of Miss Agnes Regan to this city, executive secretary of the N. C. W., who will arrive here at a meeting with the Grace Archdiocese on March 15. Miss Regan will visit other parts of the West.

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