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## Picture Producers To Seek Catholic Censor's Sanction

These H. Ince and Other Film Makers Promise Cooperation With Catholics

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

Washington, D. C., April 25.—Ten of the largest producers and distributors of motion picture films in the United States, including Thomas H. Ince, of Los Angeles, have expressed their concurrence in the National Catholic Welfare Council's program for improving the screen and several of them have agreed to submit to the Council's Motion Picture Department for its approval or correction all scenarios dealing with Catholic faith and practices.

Besides Mr. Ince, the manufacturers of films from whom the Welfare Council has received assurances of adhesion and cooperation are: the Baumer Films, Inc., the Educational Films Exchange, the Metro Films Corporation, the Goldwyn Pictures Corporation, the Associated First National Pictures, Inc., the Kineto Company of America, Inc., the Story Art Pictures Corporation, and George Kleine, a distributor.

The heads of these several concerns have written to Charles A. McMahon, Director of the Council's Motion Picture Department, to commend its program and pledge their collaboration.

Mr. Ince, in his letter, states that he has made a practice of obtaining guidance from ecclesiastics before attempting to produce scenarios in which religious doctrines or customs were intended to be portrayed. He adds:

"If a story is submitted to me which deals with any question in which the Catholic religion is alluded to, I should be pleased to submit it to your society for approval or criticism before starting on the work of production."

The president of the Baumer Films, Inc., writes: "Anything we can do for you or the institution under your domination, please count on our whole-hearted support."

The various other letters are in practically the same tenor.

## Archbishop Messmer Going To Rome

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

Washington, D. C., April 25.—Most Rev. Sebastian Messmer, of Milwaukee, Right Rev. Paul P. Rhode, of Green Bay, and Right Rev. Henry Althoff, of Belleville, are among the members of the hierarchy who will make their visits ad limina to Rome within the next three months.

Archbishop Messmer will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood while in Rome, and subsequently will visit the little Church in Canton St. Gall, Switzerland, where he celebrated mass for the first time. On his return to Milwaukee, in the autumn, the Catholics will join in celebrating his jubilee.

Bishop Rhode will depart for Rome in May and will remain abroad for about three months. Bishop Althoff will sail for Rome in June, taking with him the "Peter's Pence" collected on Pentecost. Rev. Charles Gilmar, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, East St. Louis, will accompany Bishop Althoff.

Reading, Pa., April 17.—The Rev. Nicholas Francis Tonner, a retired priest, died at St. Joseph's Hospital here today after an illness of six years.

## Ireland Settling Down to State of Grim Endurance

BY J. H. COX

(Special Correspondence N. C. W. C. News Service)

Dublin, April 18.—It is a striking fact that the Irish public, instead of concentrating its hopes on peace as it did some weeks ago, is now settling into a state of grim endurance. Not the slightest confidence is shown in the spasmodic statements that pacification is at hand. These are now regarded as political ruses on a par with the recent forging of copies of the Sinn Fein Gazette, the Irish Bulletin, which represented Dail Eireann as willing to accept partition.

The country, of course, has watchfully noted the general efforts of the church bodies of England—Catholic, Episcopalian, and Nonconformist—to make the British Government take some conciliatory step. But the abortive results of such efforts hitherto are remembered, and no expectations are based on them. Cardinal Bourne, in his laudable desire to put an end to "terrible happenings which it is impossible to explain or justify," suggests the immediate withdrawal of the Auxiliary troops from Ireland. This useful recommendation has, however, been repeatedly put forward without avail. Its acceptance would, of course, mean the adoption of a new line of policy—a development which nothing at present foreshadows.

## Moving Pictures of New York Charities

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

New York, April 23.—Catholic charities in New York, and inspirations to help the poor, sick and homeless, are to be portrayed in moving pictures. "The Vineyard of the Lord," which will be exhibited for the next two weeks in the 302 parishes of the archdiocese. The first two of the four reels of the film are of an inspirational character. The others give a cinematographic report of the various charitable activities under the auspices of Catholic charities.

The exhibition of the film from April 24 to April 30 was intended to be part of the campaign of Catholic Charities Week, during which Catholics will be asked to renew the pledge of support given last year when more than \$960,000 was raised.

A Catholic layman of New York defrayed the cost of producing the film, \$15,000, to testify to his enthusiasm for Most Rev. Archbishop Hayes' work for the poor, afflicted and erring within the fold.

## University Of Dallas Teaching Innovation

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

Dallas, Tex., Apr. 20.—Students taking the course in petroleum technology which is about to be added to the chemical engineering department of the University of Dallas, will supplement their work in the laboratories by trips to the oil wells and refineries of Oklahoma and Texas during the summer.

Dr. Lewis W. Fetzer, an authority on the technology of petroleum production, has been appointed acting head of the department of the University. A special bulletin describing the course will soon be issued by the University.

## Irish Elections Certain To Prove A Solemn Farce

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

Dublin, April 18.—The anomaly of proceeding with elections all over Ireland, at a time when the British Government have had to abandon the idea of taking the Irish census owing to "the state of war", is recognized by all. The elections will be carried through in May.

In view of the decision of the Sinn Feiners and Nationalists to poll their full strength, it is a foregone conclusion that if free voting is allowed the Partition scheme, which the elections are intended to inaugurate, will be repudiated by an overwhelming majority. The Catholic vote in the North, which is expected to win in about 16 constituencies, will deprive the Northern Parliament of practically one-third of its personnel, as the Catholic representatives will refuse to attend the new assembly.

The rest of the country will elect "abstentionists" to the Parliament intended for the South and so this legislative machine will begin as a dead letter and die at the moment of its birth. The strange thing is that, with all these facts so clearly foreseen, the absurdity is being gone on with.

It is known that the Ulster Unionists, mostly Protestants, whose deputation was confidentially received by Cardinal Logue, wish to have the Republican Parliament, Dail Eireann, consulted as to a basis of peace and settlement. Dail Eireann, on its own part, has appointed a "negotiating committee" which will be immediately able to deal with any proposals that reach it from an authorized source.

## To Train Priests For the Italian Emigration Service

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

Rome, April 16.—Right Rev. Michele Ceratti, who has been placed at the head of the new Chaplains' College at the Vatican, is planning a very extensive and effective welfare work for Italian emigrants. It is Pope Benedict's idea to train priests in this college especially for this service, and then to seek their appointment as chaplains on the trans-Atlantic liners, so that they may accompany emigrants from Italy to American ports of embarkation.

In connection with this care of the emigrants on board ship it is intended to establish relations with every parish in Italy and with Catholic immigration agencies in the United States. Italians migrating to that country will be kept in touch with their Church from the moment they leave their old homes until they reach their new abodes in the United States.

The service will include also a bureau of information to assist emigrants in obtaining passports, to acquaint them with the educational and sanitary requirements of the United States expects in immigrants, and to furnish them safe escort for the entire journey from Italy to their final destinations.

Ephrate, Pa., April 16.—The Rev. Ferdinand Bett, 62 years old, a Redemptorist at St. Clement's Monastery here died this morning from endocarditis.

## Reserve Officers Corps Unit For Catholic Colleges

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

St. Louis, April 25.—A unit of the Reserve Officers Training Corps will be established in the College of Medicine of St. Louis University according to an announcement made here by Dean H. W. Leeb of the College of Medicine. Notification has been received from the office of the Adjutant General of the Army that the course of training will be inaugurated October 1.

The University already has an R. O. T. C. unit in the College of Dentistry, the graduates of which will receive commissions as First Lieutenants in the Dental Corps of the Reserve Officers Medical Corps. It was the success of this class, the first of its kind organized in the United States, according to University officials, which is believed to have induced the War Department to establish a corresponding unit in the School of Medicine.

Students taking the latter course will attend a special class in Military Surgery and will be graduated as commissioned officers in the Medical Reserve Corps.

## Welfare Societies Furnish Advice To Ex-Service Men

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

Washington, April 25.—Ex-service men thronging to Washington with claims against the government growing out of participation in the war, have created a situation which has caused the various organizations interested in aiding the men to advise the latter to forward their claims through their local American Legion posts. A. J. Barrett represented the National Catholic Welfare Council at a recent meeting here at which the problem was discussed with representatives of the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish Welfare Board, the Y. M. C. A., the American Legion, the Red Cross and others.

It was found that a great amount of confusion and, in some cases, hardship for the men, had been occasioned by the practice of coming to Washington personally to press their claims. The American Legion recently established a bureau here for the purpose of aiding in such cases when the claims are forwarded from the various posts of the Legion and at the meeting it was promised that immediate action would be taken when emergency cases were presented.

Representatives of all the organizations agreed that the men should be advised to make use of the machinery thus created for their benefit and not incur the risk of prolonged delay and possible hardship by making their journey to Washington to present their claims personally.

## INSIST ON RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

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

Trieste, April 15.—The Catholic Women's Associations recently held an important conference during which they energetically defended the maintenance of religious instruction in the public schools. It was decided that any move in favor of the laicizing of schools, as well as any attack against their rights as parents, would meet with the most determined opposition.

## Golden Jubilee of Rev. A. A. Notebaert To Be Celebrated

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

Rev. Alphonse A. Notebaert, pastor of the French Church of Our Lady of Victory will observe the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Monday, June 6th.

Father Notebaert was born in Deerlyk, Belgium, in 1847. He



Rev. A. A. Notebaert.

became a professor in the College of Ostende, a Belgian institution, where he remained for six years. He was ordained to the diaconate and priesthood in the Seminary of Brugis in 1871. He had charge of a parish at Menin, for two years afterwards and came to Rochester at the call of the late Bishop McQuaid, as rector of the Church of Our Lady of Victory on June 22nd, 1879.

Father Notebaert celebrated his silver jubilee—the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, on June 6th, 1896. The event was joyously celebrated by the congregation. Mr. Louis C. Langie, a lifelong member of the church and a son of the first trustee of the church, Antoine Langie (now deceased), presented Father Notebaert with a purse of gold. The occasion was marked by special services in the church, in which Bishop Gabriel of Ogdensburg, N. Y., (now deceased) and leading priests of the diocese participated.

At a meeting of the congregation held this week to make arrangements for the golden jubilee the following officers were selected:—Honorary Chairman, Rev. C. A. Van DerMeulen; president, Mr. S. Gendreau; vice-president, Mr. V. Vanlaecker; treasurer, Mr. L. C. Langie; secretary, Mr. Edward J. Ryan; executive committee, Messrs. James S. Bryan, L. C. Langie, James J. Nugent, Charles F. Carroll, Herbert J. Bietry, Harry C. D'Annunzio, Edward J. Ryan, Mrs. Helen Nolin Cox and Mrs. George E. Noeth.

## Academy For Atchison

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

Atchison, Kans., April 23.—Work on the foundation of the building to be occupied by the Scholastics Academy for young women probably will begin next autumn, unless the cost of construction is deemed too high. Ground for the building will be broken this summer. The structure will cost about \$500,000, and will provide accommodations for study halls, class rooms, gymnasium, swimming pool, laboratories and recreation quarters.

The Academy is conducted by the Sisters of St. Benedict and is one of the most important Catholic educational institutions for young women in this section of the United States.

## Startling Divorce Statistics Given Episcopal Bishop

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

Sacramento, April 25.—Divorce is the subtle poison which is corrupting the ideal of life in the United States. In the opinion of the Rt. Rev. Hall Moreland, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento, "America's 'Dark Cloud'—a decimation of the valence, growth and productivity of the divorced evil in the nation during the past twenty years. During that period, Bishop Moreland says, statistics reveal 8,767,000 persons have been separated by divorce in the United States. "Disguising its character under the form of a pathy for mismanaged matrimony, the divorced person gradually destroys the Christian basis of marriage as a permanent union," the Bishop declared.

It is estimated that 1,000,000 homes have been wrecked by divorce in the United States during the period covered by the investigation and in these divorces the rights and happiness of 1,138,000 children were imperiled. The effects of the divorced parents upon the lives of these children are shown. It is estimated that over forty per cent of the children in the public institutions and reformatories of California are the offspring of divorced parents while the results have been obtained by investigations carried on in the States.

In Nevada, which heads the list in number of divorces granted per 100,000 of population, one of one divorce to every 1.84 marriages is revealed. South Carolina is the only State in the Union which does not permit divorce. Bishop Moreland asserts the only effective method of halting the growth of divorce is in arousing and advancing public opinion to a point where practices will meet with moral condemnation, but he says that laws making it difficult to obtain legal separations, the privilege of remarriage had some degree of success in checking the prevalence of evil.

## Christ Child Society's Annual Meeting

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

Washington, April 25.—The annual meeting of the Christ Child Society will be held at the national headquarters organization, 234 Indiana Avenue, Northwest, May 4 and 5, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon. Sessions illustrating the work of the society, reports from the board of governors and program. Mrs. Thomas B. vice-president of the society preside.

## Benedictine's Support

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

Paris, April 15.—The apparition of the Virgin to Bernadette Soubirou at Lourdes, France, is being supported by the Benedictine order. The apparition was seen by Bernadette Soubirou, a young girl, in the month of May, 1858. The apparition was seen by Bernadette Soubirou, a young girl, in the month of May, 1858. The apparition was seen by Bernadette Soubirou, a young girl, in the month of May, 1858.