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Irish Bishops Issue Statement On Peace Terms

Their Declaration Called Forth By Letter of the Pope

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, June 27.—For the third time since the campaign of repression was started by the British Government the Irish Bishops have, as a body, expressed their views on the situation in Ireland. In this first pronouncement they reminded British ministers that "the rule of the sword was not suited to a high spirited and sensitive people like the Irish race." The second statement of the Bishops, sent to the Catholic Hierarchy in all parts of the world, was an exposure of the reprisals and other forms of cruelty practiced by the agents of the British Government in Ireland. Since then His Holiness, the Pope, has expressed his horror of these methods and as a token of his sympathy with the Irish people in their sufferings has sent a contribution of \$15,000 to the Irish White Cross Fund.

The Bishop's Statement

At a full meeting of the Irish Hierarchy just held at Maynooth under the presidency of Cardinal Logue, a statement was issued saying:

"Amid the sorrows and troubles of these dreadful days it is a great consolation to our people to know that they can count now, as always, on the earnest and practical sympathy of our Holy Father the Pope. . . . We are all the more grateful that from the limited means at his command he has sent the munificent gift of 200,000 lire to assuage the sufferings of an afflicted people. But it is not the material help, important though that is, which we prize most highly. More welcome and valuable to the heart of Ireland, to console and comfort her, is the fraternal affection which has inspired and is visible in every line of the Papal letter, as well as the ardent desire expressed that the question of our international quarrel should be settled in a sincere spirit of peace and reconciliation."

The Bishops convey to the Pope the respectful gratitude of themselves and the Irish people for the Apostolic Letter.

They proceed to point out that the condition of Ireland "has now challenged the attention and aroused the indignation of all true lovers of liberty." They go on to show that the picture of Ireland transmitted by them last October to the world-wide Hierarchy was, although horrifying in itself, but an inadequate representation of the indignities and outrages to which the country had been subjected. Since then every horror has been intensified and "we are now threatened with even darker doings because our countrymen spurn, as they rightly do, the sham settlement devised by the British Government. In defiance of Ireland a special government has been given to one section of her people, remarkable at all times for intolerance, without the slightest provision to safeguard the victims of ever-recurring cruelty."

This Parliament is, they add, set up at a time when the campaign of extermination is in full blast and a public threat is uttered to leave the Catholic minority at the mercy of Ulster's special constables.

Conditions Necessary to Peace

Regarding conditions of peace they lay down that: "Until repression ceases and the right of Ireland to choose her own form of government is recognized there is no prospect that peace will reign amongst us, or that the reconciliation which His Holiness so ardently desires will be accomplished."

They appeal for contributions for the White Cross Fund, and finally they thank the American people especially for their inexhaustible benevolence.

Priests' Eucharistic League Program

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) San Francisco, July 7.—The annual convention of the Priests' Eucharistic League in this city on August 10 and 11 will open with a solemn Pontifical Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament celebrated in the Cathedral by the Right Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop-Administrator of Toledo and Bishop-elect of Cleveland, Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, will preach the sermon.

Following the mass there will be a preliminary meeting of various committees of the league. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the first formal session will be held. Rev. Father Anthony, O.F.M., will present the first paper. His subject is "The Priests' Eucharistic League." The second paper will be "The People's Eucharistic League."

Bishop Schrembs will preside at the solemn holy hour, beginning at 7:30 Wednesday evening. Two papers will be read at this second day's session which is to be held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, immediately after the celebration of a solemn requiem mass for deceased members of the league. Bishop Schrembs will be the celebrant of the mass. The first paper at the morning session will be "Annual Diocesan Eucharistic Conferences," by Right Rev. Monsignor Lane, P.A., and the second paper, "Concept and Obligation of Public Worship," by Right Rev. Monsignor Joseph H. McMahon.

But one paper will be read at the afternoon session on Thursday. The subject of this paper is "The Sacrament of Penance," and the author, Rev. Daniel J. Kelly. Resolutions will be considered at the remainder of this session.

Catholic Society Invited To League Of Nations' Conference

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Geneva, June 30.—One Catholic organization is among the various international associations for the suppression of the traffic in women invited to the conference now in session here under the auspices of the League of Nations. This is the Catholic International Association for the Protection of Young Girls.

In Article 23 of the League covenant it is provided that the members entrust the League with the general supervision of agreements concerning the traffic in women and children and the League is to supervise the formulation of plans and conventions on the subject.

The conference will close with the procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the Mission Dolores, Overbrook.

A. O. H. Convention To Seek Recognition For Irish Republic

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Detroit, July 9.—Ireland's fight for freedom, the adoption of a national insurance plan and new ritual and degree work will be the principal subjects discussed at the fifty-second national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies' Auxiliary, which opens in Detroit on July 19.

In a letter to the membership over the United States, announcing the convention, the national president, James E. Deery, of Indianapolis, has this to say of the Irish question:

"The foremost question to be considered will be how can the A. O. H. best help the Irish cause. We must try to devise a plan that will influence the Government at Washington to recognize immediately the Irish Republic."

Arrangements for the convention are in the hands of a local committee, of which John Moran is chairman, James J. Dunn, secretary, and James Dunn treasurer.

Some 3,500 delegates, with 7,500 other visitors are expected to arrive on Sunday and Monday, July 17 and 18. On Tuesday, July 19, at 10 a. m., Solemn Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated in the Church by the national chaplain of the A. O. H., the Right Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, D. D., Bishop of Detroit.

The principal address at the convention will be given at this Mass. The speaker will be the Very Rev. John Cavanaugh, of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., formerly president of Notre Dame University.

Promptly at noon, the first business session of the Convention will open in the Hotel Statler, with John Moran, chairman of the convention committee presiding. Mayor James Couzens will deliver the address of welcome, and the national officers of the A. O. H., and the Auxiliary will respond.

A reception will be held at 8 p. m. on Tuesday, July 19, in the Statler under auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Business sessions of both organizations will be held during the morning and afternoon on Wednesday, July 20, and in the evening there will be a moonlight ride for the delegates and other guests, on Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River.

Both organizations will hold business sessions Thursday morning and afternoon. The tentative program calls for a dinner in the Hotel Statler on Thursday evening. Friday will bring further business session, followed by trips to various manufacturing plants and other places of interest, by automobile.

On Saturday, July 23, the closing day of the convention, officers will be elected.

Philadelphia, July 6.—The Rev. John J. Rooney, pastor of St. Gabriel's Church died yesterday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital following an operation. Father Rooney was born in New Philadelphia, Schuylkill County and received his early education there. Later he attended St. Charles College, Ellicott City, Md., and took his theological course at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook.

20,000 Expected To Attend Coming K. of C. Convention

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) San Francisco, July 7.—Twenty thousand delegates and visitors, including thousands of ladies, are expected to be here for the thirty-ninth international supreme council of the Knights of Columbus on August 2, 3 and 4. At this convention the order will receive and officially sanction plans for its work of hospitalization among the wounded and disabled American veterans of the war, for the continuation of its educational program for former service men, including a system of instruction by correspondence, and for extending its activities to Italy and other foreign countries.

At this convention it is also expected that final arrangements will be made for the writing of an accurate and complete history of America by the best authorities obtainable. This work, it is estimated, will cost \$1,500,000.

High dignitaries of the Church and important officials of the Federal and State governments have been invited to address the convention. Mayor James Rolph, Jr., of San Francisco, has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the committee of three hundred business and professional men of different races, creeds and colors, recently appointed to welcome and entertain the delegates and visitors. Public receptions, civic demonstrations, patriotic celebrations, social functions and other amusements and attractions will be sponsored by this committee.

Various fraternal and civic organizations of California also have voted to play host to the delegates.

Child a Catholic Sunday, Protestant Rest of Week

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, July 11.—Justice Morschauer, sitting at White Plains, has decreed that 4-year-old Ruth Sullivan, for the time being, shall be instructed as a Protestant six days of the week if she attend Mass on Sundays.

This extraordinary decision was rendered as the result of habeas corpus proceedings brought by Edward Sullivan, the father of the child to obtain the custody of Ruth. Mrs. Sullivan, the mother of four sons as well as of the little girl, asserted that when she was married to Sullivan she entered into an agreement with him under the terms of which any possible sons of the union were to be brought up as Catholics and any daughters as Protestants. She told Justice Morschauer that Sullivan had failed to live up to his agreement with regard to his little daughter. The court promised to give a decision on Sullivan's application in September. In the meanwhile it authorized Mrs. Sullivan to teach Protestant doctrine to the child during the week, but gave permission to the father to take her to the Catholic church on Sunday.

To Stop Sunday Papers

Paris, June 28.—The Parisian Press Syndicate, composed of the directors of the daily papers of the Capital, have voted by 15 to 14 in favor of a bill presented by several Catholic deputies, and proposing to forbid the publication of newspapers on Sunday.

Germans Turning To Religion, Says Monsignor Rempe

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Chicago, Ill., July 8.—The reports cabled recently from Central Europe that the churches, including the Catholic churches, were being emptied by a wave of unbelief brought on by temporal conditions following the war, received its answer in Chicago from the Rt. Rev. Monsignor F. A. Rempe, V. G., who has returned from months of work in Germany and Austria, distributing millions of dollars in money and supplies collected and sent over by the Committee of Bishops of the American hierarchy.

"Faith and Hope and Charity are more than empty virtues in Germany and Austria," said the Monsignor, who is preparing a report on his work for the Committee of Bishops, including Archbishop George W. Mundelein of Chicago, Archbishop Sebastian Messmer of Milwaukee and Bishop P. J. Muldoon of Rockford. Then the Monsignor continued:

In answer to a question by the N. C. W. C. News Service concerning the reports of the reports of growing unbelief in Germany: "From a religious standpoint the situation in Germany is improving by leaps and bounds. After Germany's collapse there was evident a great loss of faith. Many raised the cry that if there was a Divine Providence it had forsaken them, and others that there was no Divine Providence at all, for with Divine Providence defeat would be impossible. But that was only for a short time and with only a part of the people. There is a decided religious revival among all people everywhere."

"Everywhere the people display a wonderful energy. They look upon the problems facing them sanely and soberly. Radicalism finds no field among them and they will not be caught in its flood unless it should be in the last desperation. They all proclaim that through work they will adjust their problems and their difficulties. The fact is that the burdens placed upon Germany and Austria are not too great, if they are not crushing and beyond their strength, the people will support them through industry, spirit and faith."

Passion Play Is To Be Filmed

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Freiburg-in-Breisgau, June 27.—The community of Oberammergau has given permission to have the Passion Play filmed and special performances will be given this summer on a "natural stage" measuring 200 by 100 meters in Freiburg. The film will be produced under the direction of Dimitri Buchowetski.

Major Duane Made K. of C. District Deputy

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Boston, July 11.—Major James T. Duane, state commander of the American Legion, has just been appointed a District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus. "Fighting Jim" is known to thousands of veterans in the United States.

Irish International Catholic

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, June 27.—Few realize fully the importance of the Irish race in the Catholic Church and itself is, of course, one of the most Catholic countries in the whole world. In this small island there are 3-4 million Catholics or 74 per cent of the whole population. What is more they are practicing Catholics. There are no nominal Catholics in Ireland. Almost every other civilized nation includes in its population a large proportion of Irish Catholics living aside the United States, which Catholics from Ireland have emigrated, in millions, what the situation? The British Empire comprises possessions in all parts of the globe. It is computed that 48 per cent of the Catholic Bishops of the British Empire are Irish. In Great Britain and its possessions abroad there are 18-2 million Catholics. Of these 6,000,000 at least are Irish. It is to say very nearly half of Great Britain itself, as well as Australia and Canada Irish Catholics are the backbone of the Church.

In truth persecution has rewards and compensation. Through penal laws devised to kill Catholicity, and through political measures, millions of the Irish race were driven from their native land. This banishment was not a loss but a gain to the Church. In many lands immigrants have become pillars of the Faith. Now that Ireland stands in such sore need of the assistance of the Catholics of other lands, the foregoing facts are emphasized by the Irish press.

Custom of Saying Grace at Meals Is Falling Into Disuse

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, July 11.—The decline of the custom of saying grace before and after meals, which, he says, has been traced out of American homes by the pursuit of pleasure, was declared by the Rev. Eugene J. Conroy, pastor of St. Martin's Church, in a recent public statement. He said that he has often heard of certain embarrassment which has started to say grace before visiting, and that in many homes even of the best Christian families, the members sit down to their meals without saying grace.

"In this age of sensualism devotion to pleasure people think much of God," Father Conroy declared. "That is the reason they do not say grace before meals because they do not think of God. If they did, they would not fail to stop a few moments before each meal and thank Him for the bounty placed upon them."

French Bishop at White House

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, July 6.—Monsignor Fayolle, of France, and Monsignor Landrieux, of Belgium, were received at the White House yesterday. They were accompanied by Ambassador Gerard.

Marshal Fayolle and Landrieux are the first French military officials to visit the White House since the war.