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Pope And President Shown In Accord On Disarmament

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
President Wilson's answer to Pope Benedict's peace note, of August 1, 1917, admitting as it did of no discussion of the Pope's proposals, alone forestalled an important interview prepared by the Cardinal Secretary of State and which would have been given to an American newspaper. This is the revelation of Monsignor Pucci, Rome correspondent of the N. C. W. C. News Service, made in the following important article touching on the forthcoming disarmament conference to be held in Washington. Monsignor Pucci states authoritatively that the rumors that His Holiness will publish a document on the disarmament conference have no basis and that no document will be published by the Holy See unless new developments occur. The Holy See, he states, will take no active part in the coming conference.

BY MONSIGNOR ENRICO PUCCI
Rome, August 11.—President Harding's proposals for the limitation of armaments and the settlement of the problems of the Pacific correspond to the policy of the Holy See regarding international relations and also to the Holy Father's personal feelings. During the various vicissitudes of the war, Benedict XV preached and advised peace. He had in mind not only the end of the hostilities then raging, but a peace which would mean for the belligerent nations a return to the normal conditions of civilized life without any fear that these normal conditions would ever be disturbed by fresh conflagrations. This is so true that in the famous proposals of August 1, 1917, His Holiness, in indicating the preliminary basis for the future peace, mentioned disarmament as the first condition.

"In the first instance," said the Pontifical note of that date, "the fundamental point must be that the material force of arms be supplanted by the moral force of right. Consequently, the nations should put into effect a fair agreement for the simultaneous and reciprocal reduction of armaments, according to rules and guarantees to be established, with provision for whatever is necessary and sufficient for the maintenance of public order in each state.

"Instead of armies, they should invoke the principle of arbitration, with its exalted function of pacification, according to rules laid down, imposing penalties upon a state which would refuse either to submit international questions to arbitration or to accept the decisions promulgated."

This statement makes it obvious that the Holy See was always convinced that the fundamental basis of a peace that would close once and for all the deadly world conflict, then raging three years, was making impossible, or at least extremely improbable, any attempts to start new wars.

The note of August 1, 1917, was followed by a second note to the warring powers, which, however, not having been published, remained unknown to the general public. In this second note, the Cardinal Secretary of State, in order to complete the proposals of peace, added that according to the views of the Holy See, the

simplest and most feasible means of disarmament was the suppression of the practice of conscription. After four years the Holy See's opinion is unchanged. A hope, therefore, is fostered that the papal considerations may pervade the conference proposed by President Harding.

K. of C. To Promote Catholic Press Patronage

Praise of the part played by the Catholic press in aiding the vast reconstruction and general activities of the Knights of Columbus was one of the features of the report of the Committee on Good of the Order at the Knights of Columbus international convention in San Francisco the first week in August.

"It is only by reading and absorbing Catholic truth, Catholic doctrine and Catholic sentiment—and these things are the continual fibre of the Catholic press—that the individual Knight of Columbus can aid in maintaining the prestige and leadership in works for God and Country that is the possession of the Order," the report says. There are published today in the United States and Canada many Catholic papers and magazines. The local or diocesan Catholic paper should be found in every Catholic home especially in the home of every Knight, otherwise there is something wrong, an essential of the Catholic spirit is lacking. We cannot be satisfied with information from books. It is only through the Catholic weeklies and monthlies that we can know what is going on in our world and how the Catholic mind stands on the great questions of faith and morals. No two of these publications are alike, no two cover the same field. All are eminently worthy of support. Let state and district deputies, grand knights and councils cooperate in promoting patronage of the Catholic press."

800 Students Discuss Mission Work Plans

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Dayton, O., Aug. 22.—Eight hundred Catholic students, representing nearly every Catholic College and University in the United States, mapped out ways and means of carrying forward to greater fruition the work of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade at the annual convention of that organization which closed here yesterday. The convention was opened with solemn pontifical High Mass Friday morning, with the Most Rev. Henry Moeller, Archbishop of Cincinnati as celebrant. Practically every noted missionary priest in the United States spoke at the meeting, pointing out methods whereby they thought the work of the Mission Crusade could be extended.

Baltimore, Md., August 22.—Brother William Abbott, twenty-two, a lay brother connected with St. Michael's Parochial School in Baltimore, was drowned in Middle River near Middleborough, Md. last Thursday. He had been swimming in company with Brother Martin, also a member of the Brothers of Mary assigned to St. Michael's School, and started out alone to "take just one more swim," as he declared.

Sacramental Wine Rules Changed By Treasury

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Washington, Aug. 22.—Under a ruling of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, wines for sacramental purposes may be obtained after September 15 next only from manufacturers or importers or their designated agents. Dealers in sacramental wines who have been supplying the Catholic clergy with altar wine will not be permitted to do so after September 15, unless in the meantime these dealers arrange to have themselves designated as agents for the sale or distribution of sacramental wines by the manufacturers or importers.

The ruling of the Treasury Department, it was announced in a formal decision, is in conformity with an opinion of the Attorney General of the United States that the Prohibition Enforcement Act restricted the sale and distribution of sacramental wines to manufacturers and importers.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue interpreted the opinion of the Attorney General, which was rendered by A. Mitchell Palmer near the close of the last administration, to mean that while dealers, heretofore licensed to sell and distribute wines for sacramental purposes, could not continue in business as dealers, manufacturers and importers might appoint agents for the purpose of conveniently supplying those entitled to use wine for sacramental purposes.

The Treasury decision which was promulgated on August 3, originally was made effective on August 15. An extension of the latter date to September 15 was authorized this week, however, when the Commissioner of Internal Revenue was advised by the National Catholic Welfare Council that sufficient time had not been allowed to acquaint all parties interested, particularly the clergy, with the change in the existing rules.

Regulations indicating in detail the manner in which wines for sacramental purposes may be obtained by the clergy are now in course of preparation by the Treasury Department and soon will be made public. They, however, are expected merely to elaborate the order effective September 15.

Protests against the change in the rules have been filed with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue by some of the dealers, and an effort is to be made to have the present Attorney General reconsider the opinion of his predecessor. This will only be done, however, if the Secretary of the Treasury asks for a reconsideration. Present indications are that this will not be done, although no definite statement has come from Treasury officials.

NEW SWISS SEMINARY FOR MISSION WORKERS

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Berne, Aug. 10.—By a decree of the Congregation of the Propaganda, the Bethlehem Institute of Immensee (Canton of Schwyz) has just been converted into a Swiss Seminary for Foreign Missions. The members of this new seminary will have the right to be ordained titular missionaries, and a special missionary territory will shortly be assigned to them.

Church Relics Stolen From Italy Sought By Police

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Baltimore, Md., August 22.—Relics valued at thousands of dollars and stolen from the Catholic Cathedral in Sulmona, Italy, are being sought by the police in this city. They include a fourteenth century chalice, the work of Ciccanello Di Francesco; a reliquary of St. Barbara; and two ancient vases. A request that police here interest themselves in the case was made by L. Silbiff, Italian Consul at Philadelphia, on the theory that the relics may have reached here through a smuggling channel. Consul General Silbiff communicated his request through Governor Ritchie.

Caruso Candle Will Burn For Centuries

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
New York, Aug. 22.—On every All Souls' Day, for centuries to come, a candle will burn in the Church of the Madonna, of Pompeii, Naples, to the memory of the late Enrico Caruso.

The candle, which will weigh one thousand pounds and will burn continuously for thirteen years and seven months, will be a gift of the inmates of a New York orphanage, to whom the celebrated tenor contributed \$10,000 a year for many years.

Antonio Ajello, the maker, has constructed a special derrick in his shop to construct the candle, which will be ten weeks in the making. It is expected that it will take five thousand years to consume.

Aged Mexican Bishop Dies In New York On His Return From Spain

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
New York, Aug. 22.—The death of the Most Rev. Jose M. Ignacio de Oca y Obregon, Bishop of San Luis Potosi, Mexico and titular archbishop of Cesarea del Ponto, has removed one of the oldest members of the hierarchy and a picturesque figure on two hemispheres.

Archbishop Montes de Oca, who celebrated the golden jubilee of his consecration on March 12 of this year, and was 81 years old. He was Bishop of San Luis Potosi for thirty-seven years, having previously occupied the sees of Tamaulipas and of Linarum.

The prelate was returning from a long sojourn in Spain when he succumbed to illness in the home of Monsignor Michael J. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral. He had been in ill health for seven years.

WASHINGTON READY FOR WOMEN'S COUNCIL

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—Delegates from every state in the union are expected to attend the forthcoming national convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, which will be held here October 12, 13, and 14.

Headquarters for the Convention, according to Miss Agnes Regan, executive secretary, will be established in the Willard Hotel and the sessions will be held in the assembly room of that historic hostelry. A splendid programme has been arranged for the entertainment of guests, with the local societies cooperating in the plans.

England Withholds Money Due to Ireland For School Budgets

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Dublin, Aug. 10.—"If something is not done immediately to place Irish secondary education in the position of financial equality with that of Great Britain, it is impossible to see how the complete disruption of the system can be avoided."

This extract from the report for 1920 of the Irish Intermediate Board gives an authoritative and accurate glimpse of the precarious financial footing of Catholic intermediate schools in Ireland.

The income of the Board is \$425,000 a year out of which have to be paid expenses of administration, inspection, examination, before a grant can be given to a school or an award to a student. The war increased expenses, and there was a deficit of \$25,000 in December 1919.

Towards teachers salaries grants of \$200,000 and \$250,000 were made. On a promise made by the British Government in 1918, and never repudiated, that Ireland would participate in the increased financial provision for education in Great Britain there would be \$700,000 due and payable to secondary education in Ireland up to the financial end of the year 1920-21. Of that sum only \$250,000 has been paid. The amount due to the end of the financial year 1921-22 would be \$1,150,000, less the two sums of \$250,000 each already paid, leaving \$650,000 due after the interim grant in the present year has been distributed. This is an illustration of how Ireland is robbed of her just "equivalent" contribution from Imperial funds into which her taxes, in more than "equivalent" proportion, absorbed against her will.

N. C. W. C. Service To Have Reports From Spain
(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, August 22.—Rev. Manuel Grana, Editor of El Debate, Madrid, Spain, has been added to the list of the N. C. W. C. News Service's European correspondents. Father Grana is a writer widely known throughout Europe.

Recently he visited the United States and made a tour of the larger cities. The object of his visit was to study Catholic conditions in the United States and write a series of articles about them for his own paper. Father Grana, therefore, is thoroughly informed about Catholic journalism in the United States and knows the needs of the N. C. W. C. News Service.

Once Noted Actress Becomes Devotee

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, August 14.—Prevented from entering a Carmelite monastery because of ill health, Eve Lavalliere, once the gayest and most-talked-of actress in Paris, is leading the life of a recluse in a little village in the Vosges.

Madame Lavalliere is seldom seen except when she goes daily to mass. Her beautiful voice is heard in song only at the holy sacrifices.

Fort Wayne Parish Starts Catholic Scholarship Fund

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 10.—Every Catholic boy who is graduated from the Central Catholic High School, in this city, will be guaranteed a chance to obtain college or university education. It is his right, according to the choice, according to a plan recently adopted in the Catholic Parish here.

As explained by the Rev. T. M. Conroy, Rector of the Cathedral, who is the originator of the plan, a scholarship fund will be established and placed under the control of prominent local Catholics as trustees, to be expended for those graduates of the Central Catholic High School who desire to obtain a higher education and are financially unable to do so. Preference will be shown to Catholics and to universities "where possible," but in the event that the student desires to pursue studies elsewhere by Catholic institutions, it will be possible for him to receive aid to enable him to attend other non-sectarian institutions.

A considerable portion of the necessary fund has already been raised and four boys will be selected to receive the scholarship in the country in September. The result of the movement is expected that \$25,000 will be raised for the fund before the end of the year. So far the project has been restricted to the Catholic parish, but it is hoped that it will be possible to extend its scope later.

Hoover Invites Catholics to Aid in Russian Relief

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—Responding to an invitation of Herbert Hoover, chairman of the European Relief Council, John J. Burke, C. S. C., secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Council, has invited Mr. Charles A. McElroy, representative of the Council, to be held next week in Washington to consider joint arrangements to be undertaken for the alleviation of relief work in Russia. A definite policy for the relief will be outlined at the meeting which will be held at the Department of Commerce.

Bible In Gaelic Project Financed By Ard-Fa

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Dublin, August 18.—Ard-Teach, or Parliament of the Gaelic League, opened today at the headquarters of the society in Farnell Square. It was decided to go on with a scheme for the publication of a Bible in Irish.

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