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Purchase Of Arms By Ku Klux Klan Will Be Probed

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

Washington, D. C., Sept. 30.—Reports that members of the Ku Klux-Klan have been buying large numbers of discarded revolvers from the War Department here will be included among the subjects of the investigation which Federal authorities have instituted into the activities of the secret organization.

Inquiry made by correspondents of the New York World disclosed that the War Department had not sold any weapons to Klansmen as such, but it was explained that individuals could have purchased thousands of rifles and revolvers. All that is required of a prospective purchaser, it was pointed out, is that he present credentials, that is, endorsement by the mayor of his city or a voucher from some responsible person.

In the Searchlight, the official organ of the Klan published at Atlanta, Ga., there appears on the first page of its issue of September 24 a virulent attack on the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus and a passionate appeal to its readers to let their blood "run now with warmth that knows no quenching." "Yea, let your blood spurt fire!" the article conjures the Klansmen.

On page 6, column 5 of the same issue of the Searchlight is carried an advertisement for revolvers, under the caption, "Get this gun by mail, $8.75." The three types of weapons pictured in the advertisement are described in detail. It is explained that the revolvers are offered at reduced prices.

Representative T. J. Ryan of New York has introduced a resolution authorizing and directing a Congressional inquisition into the doings of the Klan. The inquiry would scrutinize its books and financial transactions to ascertain whether the income tax on its membership dues and on its profits from the sale of regalia has been paid. It has been asserted by former members of the Klan that the initiation fee was called a "donation" with the object of exempting such income of the Klan from taxation.

The resolution presented to the House by Mr. Ryan calls for "disciplinary action" against those of the Klan found guilty of having made erroneous returns for taxation. In the preamble of the resolution the Klan is described as "un-American in its spirit" and it is charged that as a necessary incident of its existence it "issues propaganda of religious bigotry and racial hatred."

Although the Klan claims several Representatives as members, the poll of Senators and Representatives indicates that it is without friends. Meantime denunciations of the Klan are coming from all quarters of the country and from public officials, religious and political leaders, educators, members of patriotic, labor and civic organizations and thousands of individual citizens.

In the volume of mail being received by Senators and Representatives are many letters from persons who volunteer to testify to acts of violence alleged against the Klan and its agents. Some of these writers claim to have been members of the Klan and offer to expose its inner workings.

Bigotry Infused Into Campaign In Buffalo

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

Buffalo, Oct. 3.—The spirit of bigotry has been infused into Buffalo's municipal election campaign by the Rev. John Sayles, a minister and candidate for mayor who has pronounced against Catholics and against Irishmen holding public office.

The Buffalo Commercial, owned by a non-Catholic, recently scored Mr. Sayles editorially, declaring: "The Commercial cannot believe that in an enlightened community such as ours a demagogic plea like that made by this minister can be taken seriously by the voters.

"Mr. Sayles is a minister of the Gospel," says the Commercial, "but he can search his Bible from Genesis to Revelation to find excuse for such uncharitable conduct. He certainly will not find it in the teachings of Him whose life was an embodiment of the precept to 'Love thy neighbor as thyself.' Nor is his stand an American one. It is narrow, bigoted, and decidedly opposed to the spirit of our free institutions.

"We have demagogues in the council. We have men, who, for political purposes play upon the prejudices of other men, upon their natural hostility to certain public service companies. But not until Mr. Sayles announced his platform the other day have we had men ambitious to serve their fellow men as Mayor or Commissioner, so degraded as to excite religious passions and revive religious antipathies in order to get votes."

The mayoralty primary is on October 18.

Cardinal Gibbons' Hat is Hung in Baltimore Cathedral

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

Baltimore, Oct. 3.—The red hat of the late Cardinal Gibbons has been hung in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Baltimore, where it will remain as long as the cathedral stands.

The hat is suspended from the arch to the left of the archiepiscopal throne and immediately in front of the altar of the Blessed Virgin, a location suggested by the Right Rev. Owen B. Corrigan, co-adjutor of the arch-diocese. It is adjacent to the throne occupied by the cardinal on Sundays and festive occasions and close to the altar where he said daily mass.

The hat is hung with the crown toward the floor. It is of bright crimson with single red cords on either side, from which are suspended a single tassel. From the back of the hat hangs a double set of crimson cords, each caught together with ten tassels. The hat, in accordance with the custom, was worn by Cardinal Gibbons only once, when it was first placed on his head by the Pope at the Vatican. It is customary always to hang the cardinal's hat in his cathedral after his death.

Bequests to C. U. and Pope Benedict

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

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 3.—The Catholic University in Washington is given $5,000 and Pope Benedict is given $50,000 through provisions of the will of Miss Mary Agnes Lincon, filed for probate here. The major portion of the estate of $85,000 is left to Catholic institutions.

Protestants Use Formularies Of Catholic Origin

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

London, Sept. 26.—One of the most remarkable developments among the non-episcopal Protestants of Great Britain during recent years has been a decided movement on their part to adopt certain external formularies or conventions which are distinctly Catholic in origin.

The N. C. W. C. correspondent was travelling in Scotland, and, stopping off at a remote and lonely station in the Highlands, was surprised to find on the edge of the little village a beautiful stone church in excellent Gothic style that had every appearance of being a Catholic church, even to the cross on the gables. Inside there was an organ, and at the east end of the Church, under a very fine east window, there was an oak altar standing in the sanctuary. Canopied choir stalls lined either side of the sanctuary.

The altar was unfurnished with either cross or candlesticks, and on first appearance it seemed that the church might be one of the moderate Scottish Episcopalians. But it turned out to be a Presbyterian place of worship.

In Edinburgh itself there is one Presbyterian clergyman who has an altar in his church, furnished with a cross, candlesticks and vases of flowers. He celebrates the holy communion according to the rites of the Anglican Church.

As even the use of an organ was looked upon as sheer idolatry by the more stern of the older Presbyterians, these changes signify a great deal in the development towards a regular church order.

A remarkable step was taken by the Free Churches only last year, when the executive body of these Churches decided to publish a liturgical manual for use in the churches, which contained offices of liturgical worship and forms for the administration of the sacraments—all this by a people who hitherto would have nothing but the spontaneous word.

Then things got a little more advanced, and only a few weeks ago the whole Wesleyan body published a spiritual document to which they gave the name of an Encyclical. Last of all, there was assembled recently at Westminster, right across from the Abbey and within sound of the Angelus bell that rings daily at Westminster Cathedral, a remarkable body of non episcopal Protestants that took upon itself the style and gave itself the title of the "Ecumenical Methodist Conference."

The deliberations of this assembly interested nobody but the Methodists themselves; but it is certainly the first time in history that a conclave of Protestant Dissenters has taken upon itself the title of Ecumenical.

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

New York, Oct. 3.—Fordham University has enrolled among its students of law this session a negro girl, the first to be admitted to courses in that institution. She is Miss Ruth Whitehead Whaley, the daughter of Professor and Mrs. C. A. Whitehead of Goldsboro, N. C., both teachers. She graduated from Livingston College with an A. B. degree and for a time taught deaf pupils at Raleigh, N. C.

Bigots Attack Spurs Catholics of Small Town to Build Church

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

Aberdeen, Md., Oct. 3.—Bigotry that overshot its mark has spurred the Catholics of this little town to erect a new church to the honor of St. Joan of Arc and one of the first official acts of Archbishop Curley is expected to be the dedication of the little structure that is now being prepared for by the labor of a devoted priest and handful of Catholic laymen who wield pick and shovel after business hours.

Aberdeen's new church will be the response of the Catholics of this vicinity, to the attacks launched against them by an apostate, Eli Erikson, who has been endeavoring to stir up religious prejudice here and in Havre de Grace. Recently his declaration that no Catholic could be a good citizen was met with a volley of eggs hurled by soldier lads from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds and the Edgewood Arsenal.

The net result of Erikson's activities has been not only to arouse the ire of the soldiers, who resented the aspersions cast upon those who served with them under arms, but a strengthening of the spirit of faith among the Catholics. Heretofore services have been held in American Legion Hall. Erikson's activities were directed toward having the use of the hall denied. He was unsuccessful, but nevertheless the Rev. Francis X. Siggins, S. J., was appealed to by his flock that they might have a church of their own. Money is scarce, but a hut used by the Knights of Columbus during the war has been secured and concrete foundations are now being prepared for it. Father Siggins is mixing the concrete and eight members of the congregation are plying picks and shovels preparing the ground. Later on they will take on the necessary carpentering.

Knights Praised For Their Fight On Tuberculosis

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

Columbus, Oct. 3.—Resolutions commending the Knights of Columbus for action taken at their recent national convention whereby the order was committed to a constructive program in the fight against tuberculosis were adopted at the recent meeting of the Mississippi Valley Conference on Tuberculosis held here.

The resolution was as follows:

"Whereas, the Knights of Columbus, at their international convention held in San Francisco, August 1921, adopted a strong resolution committing their order to a constructive program in the fight against tuberculosis, and as their program is in line with the program of the National Tuberculosis Association, and the various association's affiliated with the National, be it,

"Resolved, that the Mississippi Valley Conference on Tuberculosis, congratulates the Knights of Columbus on the action taken in their international convention and that we invite their hearty cooperation in all activities that have for their object the stamping out of tuberculosis."

London, Sept. 28.—Rev. Dr. Campbell of the Scots College in Rome has been appointed to the care of souls on the staff of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Glasgow.

Mission Crusade

CONDUCTED BY

St. Bernard's Seminary Unit

Of The

Catholic Student's Mission Crusade

What Is It?

In 1918 student representatives from fifteen Catholic educational institutions of the United States organized a federation of student mission societies. They aimed to spread to the Catholic students of America their ideal: Forwarding of interest in the salvation of all outside the Church. They adopted as the embodiment of this ideal the words: "The Sacred Heart for the World, the World for the Sacred Heart."

Approval Of The Hierarchy

The Crusade was approved by the Hierarchy and on the occasion of the Second General Convention letters of encouragement and approval were received from a large number of Archbishops and Bishops of the United States. A cablegram from the Vatican brought the wish of "great success" and the apostolic benediction of the reigning Vicar of Christ, Benedict XV.

Activities

The organizers proposed that the Unit activities for the missions fall under any or all of three heads; the giving of spiritual assistance, of material aid, and the educating of the student members to mission needs. Spiritual assistance ranks first in importance. Material aid is distributed through already existing aid organizations. The education of student members, however, with a view to stimulating interest and active concern in the salvation of all non-Catholics is considered the particular object of the Crusade.

Organization And Officers

Each Unit in this federation is autonomous, established as the local organizers see fit. Each Unit prays for the missions and if possible assists them with alms. Money for home or foreign mission enterprises is sent by the Units to the already established channels. The officers of St. Bernard's Unit consist of a President, who directs all the activities of the Unit; a Vice-President, who cares for the Mission Library; a Secretary, who has charge of all the correspondence of the Unit; a Treasurer, who administers the material resources and a Reverend Member of the Faculty, who acts as Moderator and Adviser.

Junior And Associate Members

Elementary parochial grade schools may join the Crusade as Junior Units, through the already established channels. Junior Members may likewise aid any form of mission work, spiritually or materially. St. Bernard's Unit last year formed two Junior Units and aims to eventually form one in each school in the diocese. Without any doubt, the activities of these little missionaries in behalf of His cause must be very pleasing to the Sacred Heart.

To any of the laity, who may be willing to help advance the Cause of the salvation of souls, we extend a hearty invitation to join our Unit as Associate Members. The conditions for membership are simple and within the powers of everyone. The Associate Members will pay to the Unit a yearly dues of one dollar. This will include membership in the Propagation Of The Faith and participation in all the privileges of that Society. Of the dollar ninety cents will go to the support of the Missions and ten cents will be devoted to further-[illegible] the activities of the [illegible] In 1918 student representatives [illegible] understood that [illegible] will frequently [illegible] offerings to the Queen [illegible] prayers, masses, communions [illegible] Since there can be no real [illegible] in the Missions without [illegible] knowledge, the Members [illegible] expected to subscribe to a [illegible] zine devoted to the Missions [illegible] Unit will gladly take care of [illegible] subscriptions for any [illegible] Readers of this Department are urgently asked to write to [illegible] Secretary for any further information they may desire.

And the computation [illegible] member that "God will [illegible] outdone in generosity," [illegible] if you help to save [illegible] which He died on Calvary.

Catholic Hospitals To Be [illegible]

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

Colorado Springs, [illegible] 20.—Steps toward the [illegible] ation of institutes [illegible] ment in the [illegible] hospitals of Colorado [illegible] and New Mexico [illegible] by the heads of the [illegible] following the [illegible] of the continental [illegible] Catholic Superintendents [illegible] week.

Sister Mary [illegible] Glockner Hospital [illegible] alums of the [illegible] was elected president [illegible] ganization. The [illegible] will be held in [illegible] week of April [illegible]

Bible Knowledge [illegible]

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

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"The sacred [illegible] the Bible, which [illegible] pointedly brings out [illegible] of the law," Mr. [illegible] clared. "[illegible] I suggest [illegible] ing and study [illegible] literary master[illegible]

"SOUVENIR [illegible] HOLY LAND"

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

London, Sept. [illegible] of "souvenir [illegible] placed on sale in [illegible] funds for the preservation [illegible] historic monuments [illegible] Land, the authenticity [illegible] souvenirs being guaranteed [illegible] the government. [illegible] taine Jordan water [illegible] made by native workmen [illegible] ron, earth from [illegible] Jerusalem [illegible] made on [illegible] cus; a fragment [illegible] from Ascalon, [illegible] from the Jaffa [illegible] from the Lake [illegible] "souvenir" [illegible] Sir Herbert [illegible]