

Holy See Accepts "American Plan" To Aid Missions

Work to Start Soon Along Lines
Proposed by Hierarchy

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

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—In a letter, under date of December 16, 1921, received by the American Board of Catholic Missions, the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda has promised to issue the official Rescript, authorizing the Board to put into effect its method of promoting home and foreign missions, which has come to be known as the "American Plan." The final authorization will be forthcoming as soon as information regarding some minor details has been received from the Board by Rome.

The Hierarchy of the United States assembled at Washington, D. C., September 25, 1919, and organized the National Catholic Welfare Council, appointing a committee of five prelates under the chairmanship of Most Reverend Archbishop Moeller, to organize, direct and control the Department of Missions, Home and Foreign. A sixth member was added to the committee in September, 1920.

The committee met at the Catholic University, Washington, in the afternoon of September 25, 1919, and considered the skeleton of a constitution, which had been submitted to and approved by the Hierarchy at the morning session.

The amended outline of the constitution was subsequently submitted to the various missionary bodies, and representatives of nearly all of these offered suggestions in regard to it at the meeting of the mission committee in Chicago, November 11, 1919.

The National Catholic Welfare Council, at its annual meeting, in September, 1920, gave its approval to the constitution and the plan, as so far elaborated by the committee and the representatives of the missionary bodies.

The six prelates of the committee met at Cincinnati, December 5, 1920, and for two days deliberated over the articles of the constitution, and submitted alterations to the representatives of the missionary bodies to learn whether they had any additional suggestions to offer.

FOCH PRESIDES AT JESUIT MEMORIAL

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

Paris, Feb. 2.—Marshal Foch presided at the unveiling of the monument placed in the courtyard of the College of St. Louis Gonzaga, directed by the Jesuits, in memory of the students of the college who died in the war. Among the 200 names of students inscribed on the memorial is the name of the only son of Marshal Foch, who was killed near Longwy in August, 1914. After the presentation of the monument had been made by the architect, who is a priest of the Society of Jesus, by the way, one of the students read the names of the dead, and after each name, one of the older students, who had been disabled in the war, answered: "Tombe pour la Patrie" (Fallen for his country.)

Marshal Foch then said a few moving words on the great lessons of devotion, sacrifice and death.

Chicago Priest Tells How N.C.W.C. Service Is Making Better Papers

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

Chicago, Feb. 10.—"There are many things printed in the daily papers that are not fit for a Catholic child, or for that matter, for any other person to read," the Rev. C. F. Donovan, Editor of The New World, and a former newspaper reporter told large congregations at four separate masses at St. Catherine of Siena Church Sunday, at the opening of the February Catholic Press drive.

"But the fault does not lie with the publishers and editors of these papers. The fault lies with you Catholics who buy the papers," he continued. "The editors print crime on the first page in big type, and the real wholesome news on the inside pages, because that method sells the papers. It is what the people, Catholics, among them, seem to want. If the public demand clean news they would get it."

Father Donovan told of the great new gathering facilities of the Catholic press of today through the N. C. W. C. News Service. He pointed out that it was generally conceded that the cable news sent through secular news channels was often controlled and colored. Then he told of the Catholic correspondents of Europe and the principal cities of America, who could be depended upon for complete and accurate reports on the world's news, and Catholic interest was not warped as in the controlled services.

"The Catholic newspaper of today is a real newspaper, so far as a weekly press can be made so," he said. "It gives the summary of the week's best news, and should be read by Catholics, who wish to keep abreast of the real happenings of the world. And besides the whole family can read it."

"Give the young people the wholesome, interesting, clean reading of the Catholic press."

"American Shrine" On Mount Thabor Is Progressing

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

Jerusalem, Jan. 21.—One hundred and fifty workmen are now engaged in the reconstruction of the ancient Basilica of the Transfiguration to be known as the "American Shrine" on the summit of Mount Thabor. The main walls have already been reared to a height of eight to ten feet above the ground. It would be a curious sight for the American benefactors of the Holy Land were they to see the native Arab mechanics and laborers hurrying to and fro about their work in their long flowing garb, so wholly different from anything in the United States.

IRISH HISTORIAN MADE A DOMESTIC PRELATE

Dublin, Feb. 3.—Canon Dalton of Ballinrobe, County of Mayo, who has been appointed Domestic Prelate by the Pope, is one of the best known pastors in Ireland. He is the author of a remarkably fine history of Ireland, a work on which he spent many years of ceaseless labor. His countrymen are delighted with the distinction conferred upon him by the Pope.

Bishops Commend Arms. Conference Work For Peace

Says Hopes of Those Who Urged Its
Assembling Substantially Vindicated

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

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—The Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Council, composed of Most Rev. Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, chairman, San Francisco; Right Rev. P. J. Muldoon, Bishop of Rockford, vice-chairman; Most Rev. Archbishop Austin Dowling of St. Paul, Right Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland; Right Rev. W. T. Russell, Bishop of Charleston; Right Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, Bishop of Albany; and Right Rev. Louis S. Walsh, Bishop of Portland, today issued the following statement on the subject of the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armaments:

The National Catholic Welfare Council, in a public pronouncement last April, urged the calling of a Limitation of Armaments Conference at Washington. That Conference has met and adjourned; and we feel that the hopes which led us to join in urging its assembling have been substantially vindicated.

Complete disarmament was neither looked for nor advocated. Practical steps toward the decrease of armament with due safeguarding of the national defense were asked. Promotion of the ideal of peace among nations by mutual conference, and understanding were demanded. These have been accomplished. The road to continued world peace has been made wider and clearer. The rule of justice among the peoples of the world has been strengthened.

Differences may exist as to particular conclusions of the Washington Conference. Some may feel that topics have not been considered which demand action. The Conference as a whole and its general results, however, have worked for the peace of the world. For this we may be both grateful and hopeful. The spirit and many of the results of the Conference are singularly in line with that original inspiration to world peace issued by the greatest champion of this humane cause—the late Pope Benedict XV—in his note of August, 1917.

As Catholics—brothers of the Prince of Peace—and as Americans, we have the spiritual responsibility of promoting peace not only in our own country but throughout the world. America has set a generous example to the nations. She has not labored in vain. We trust that the practical results will not fall short of the expectations of our peace-loving people.

In its statement urging the calling of the Limitation of Armaments Conference the Administrative Committee said:

"A congress of nations, called at Washington by the American Government, backed by popular interest and appeal, will secure undoubtedly practical, effective measures for the promotion of enduring world peace. Thus shall America once again show her leadership on the path of civilization."

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Next Sunday Will Be Catholic Press Sunday

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

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—The cause of the Catholic Press will be preached from hundreds of pulpits throughout the United States next Sunday, when Catholic Press Sunday, designated by the Hierarchy of the United States as a result of their meeting here last September, will be observed.

In many parishes campaign committees which will enroll new subscribers for Catholic papers have been formed and it is expected that thousands of new subscribers will be enlisted.

Catholic Press Sunday has long been observed in many European countries, notably in Spain, where the preparation usually covers a period of several months. Prayers are offered up for the success of the Catholic press. The success of these efforts has commended the movement strongly to the advocates of a powerful Catholic press in the United States. It is expected that next Sunday's will be the most widespread and fruitful observance of a Catholic Press Sunday in any part of the world.

Bishops Express Filial Devotion To New Pope

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

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—The Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Council has dispatched to Pius XI, the newly-elected Supreme Pontiff, the following cablegram: The National Catholic Welfare Council of the United States of America, through its Administrative Committee, most respectfully sends to Your Holiness this expression of our filial devotion and obedience, and our fervent prayers for a long and blessed pontificate.

Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco; chairman; Right Rev. Peter J. Muldoon, Bishop of Rockford; vice-chairman; Most Rev. Austin Dowling, Archbishop of St. Paul; Right Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland; Right Rev. William T. Russell, Bishop of Charleston; Right Rev. Edmund Gibbons, Bishop of Albany; Right Rev. Louis S. Walsh, Bishop of Portland.

The new Pontiff, on the day of his election, gave a special blessing to the National Catholic Welfare Council and to the Catholic papers of America, on the request of Monsignor Enrico Pucci, Rome correspondent of the N. C. W. C. News Service.

Pope Pius XI Sends Message To Cologne

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

Berlin, Feb. 8.—Pope Pius XI has sent a special message to the Catholics of Cologne, through Archbishop Schuler, recalling with pleasure his several visits to Cologne and expressing his "very special sympathies for the Cologne Church, whose traditions run back to Apostolic times. The message has caused great gratification."

Monsignor Ratti was pope of Poland. The fact that he was selected as ecclesiastical commissioner for the plebiscite in Upper Silesia is an indication of the high regard that both Germany and Poland had for him as a statesman.

Lack of Religion Cause of Crime, Judge Asserts

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

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 10.—A lack of religion, not a lack of reason, is responsible for crime. Warped morality, not warped mentality, makes the criminal in the greater numbers. Wrong intent, not wrong intellect brings about the violation of our laws, and results in offenses against public morality. These are the conclusions of Superior Judge Marcus Kavanagh, Catholic jurist, and they are based on his experience of more than a quarter of a century in the courts of Chicago.

The Catholic jurist takes issue with the criminologists. Kavanagh, who would take from the criminal moral responsibility for his sins by attributing his offense to a defective intellect. Judge Kavanagh's views created a sensation among local jurists, most of whom had been led to adopt the theory of moral irresponsibility as a defense for criminals.

Judge made his declaration before the Criminal Club, and his words carried weight because of his known judgment and experience, and the proof he offered. "It is the disposition, rather than the intellect, the heart rather than the mind, that makes the criminal," he said. "No man in this country questions the intelligence of the American criminal. Yet Dr. Hermann Adler, state criminologist, has found that the intelligence of the average criminal is equal to that of the white American soldier."

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

Chicago, Feb. 10.—A movement to make it easier for Catholics coming to Chicago from outside towns to become acquainted with other Catholics and to identify themselves with Catholic activities is gaining city wide momentum in Chicago.

A series of meetings are being held simultaneously by groups in different parts of the city to work out plans especially adapted to that community, with the purpose of eventually coming together in organization that will embrace the entire municipality.

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New York, Feb. 13.—Daniel O'Leary, world champion wrestler, has entered as an advocate of the Catholic press and is now acting as traveling representative of the Irish World in New York, Germany and Poland for the purpose of raising funds for the Catholic press.

Sister's Care at Lourdes Antonishes Physician Who Had Given Her Up

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

Paris, Feb. 3.—The Sacred Religieuses of the Laval diocese has just published a detailed and thoroughly authenticated report of the miraculous cure at Lourdes of Sister Marie Gertrude, 38 years of age, of the Province of Mayenne.

Sister Marie Gertrude had been troubled in 1917 since 1911, and was afflicted with permanent vomiting, had lost all appetite and felt as if she had been passing a quarter of a century in the courts of Chicago. The Catholic jurist takes issue with the criminologists. Kavanagh, who would take from the criminal moral responsibility for his sins by attributing his offense to a defective intellect. Judge Kavanagh's views created a sensation among local jurists, most of whom had been led to adopt the theory of moral irresponsibility as a defense for criminals.

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