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—Pope Pius X

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## Atlanta Church Council Brands Klan Big Bully

### Protestant Body Calls On Georgians To Repudiate Society As Menace To Democracy

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Atlanta, Ga., June 23.—Protestant leaders who have begun to realize the menace of the Ku Klux Klan in politics and the excuse which it furnishes for lawlessness are making a sincere and vigorous effort to dam the wave of bigotry and fanaticism which for several years has surged back and forth across this and adjacent states.

The Christian Council, representing all the Protestant churches in Atlanta, has thrown its powerful influence against the Klan and is now branding its members and its practices in stronger terms than any Catholic has used. The Christian Council has issued a statement in which the people of Georgia are besought to repudiate the Klan and oppose its secrecy and violence. This is only one of the signs that point to a revolution against the Klan in the section in which it had its beginning and shows its greatest strength.

The statement of the Christian Council had for its occasion the recent meeting of the Atlanta Board of Education and the report that Commissioner McCauley's allegation that he had been threatened with death in the event he should vote for the retention of Catholic teachers, against whom the Ku Klux and their allies were making a virulent attack. This fight on the Catholic teachers was made by Commissioner Hutcheson, who declared after the meeting in question that all the members of the Board of Education had taken a solemn pledge to discharge all Catholic teachers from their positions.

"Can you doubt," says the statement of the Christian Council, putting the question to the people of Georgia, "that democracy and our fellowship are doomed if we permit the night-riding mob, the masked bully and the secret assassin to drive the 'light' from Georgia, enthroning this state the most evil of all tyrants, religious intolerants and hate?"

"In this State, politically, the Catholics are powerless. Yet these methods, the mask of secrecy, are being used to attack them and all who dare to defend them in their constitutional rights. How do you account for it? Easily. History and experience prove that religious prejudice is the easiest of all passions to arouse, and that once aroused, is the blindest, therefore, to the demagogue. The Catholic Church being weak in Georgia and having few friends in this State, is a shining mark for attack."

"Like the school bully who picks the weakest boy to beat to impress the gang with his great courage, the demagogue in our midst picks women school teachers, members of this Church, to jump on for their religion, counting on the ignorance of the many to permit him to impress them with his wonderful daring in attacking this supposedly mighty giant, the Catholic Church. He thinks there can be no come-back."

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## Students' Crusade Movement Now Boasts More Than 1000 Units

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Washington, D. C., June 26.—More than one thousand units are now enrolled in the Catholic Students' Crusade, with a total individual membership of close to 200,000 pupils, according to reports received here.

The total enrollment for the last quarter, extending from February to May, included seventy senior units and 164 junior units. There are now enrolled 463 senior units, with 33,048 members and 567 junior units, with 160,389 members, a total of 1030 units and 193,437 members.

Missouri, probably as a result of the interest aroused at the presentation of Daniel J. Lord's crusade pageant "God Wills It" in February leads the enrollment for the quarter in the junior division, thirty-three new units having been enlisted from that state. Ohio, with ten new units, leads in the senior division for the quarter.

The most notable features of the Crusade's work during the quarter were the presentations of the Crusade pageant in St. Louis where eighteen thousand people witnessed the spectacle being given then for the first time, and in Cincinnati, where there were thirteen thousand spectators. On each occasion the pageant was accompanied by a local rally. Another important local rally was that held at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

There will be no national convention of the Crusade this year, but local rallies in different parts of the country will be held for the purpose of securing that cooperation among units which is vital to the success of the movement.

## To Investigate Work Condition Of Miners

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Washington, D. C., June 25.—Rev. R. A. McGowan, of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Council, Dr. Sidney E. Goldstein, associate of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York, and a New York newspaper man have gone to the New River district of West Virginia to investigate living and working conditions among the coal miners there.

The investigation comes as the result of a controversy arising from a statement by an official of the miners' organization that men, women and children are starving to death in the coal fields. No report of the committee's work or finding will be made until the inquiry shall have been completed, according to Father McGowan, who is chairman.

## BISHOP OF JAPAN ON VISIT TO U. S.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
San Francisco, June 21.—Right Rev. Alexander Berlioz, member of the Paris Foreign Missionary Society, and for forty years at work in the missions in Japan, is in San Francisco to remain for a few days before visiting several other cities in the United States on his way to France. While in California Bishop Berlioz is making his headquarters at the Maryknoll Precures in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Bishop Berlioz has one of the most destitute dioceses in Japan, that of Hakod. His cathedral in that city burnt last year.

## Blame For Belfast Outrages Traced Clearly To Craig

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Dublin, June 15.—Approval by the Belfast Government of the outrages being committed against the Catholics of that city and the adjacent districts has been definitely established by two facts. In fixing the responsibility on the present heads of the Ulster Government these facts also indicate that there is little hope of a cessation of the persecution of Catholics while these leaders remain in power.

The Orange campaign against Catholics began in July, 1920. By the middle of October of that year 7,000 Catholics had been expelled from the shipyards and other works in and around Belfast. On October 14, 1920, Sir James Craig, then Parliamentary Secretary to the British Admiralty, addressed an assemblage of the Orange shipyard workers. In his speech on that occasion he said:

"Do I approve of the action you boys have taken in the past? I say yes."

The action taken by the "boys" in the past included the forcible expulsion by them of 7,000 Catholic workers from their employment. A few months afterwards Sir James Craig became Premier of the Belfast Government which assumed control of the police forces. During the regime of that Government 1,500 Catholics (making all together 8,500) have been driven from their employment. No fewer than 20,500 have been compelled to leave their homes and hundreds have been killed.

These facts prove that what Sir James Craig approved of as Secretary of the British Admiralty he also approves of as head of the Belfast Government.

The primary duty of a government is to preserve peace and order and to protect life and property, above all to see that the rights of minorities are respected. Catholics have been attacked and shot dead by day and by night in Belfast. During curfew hours when only troops or police are allowed to be abroad they have been dragged from their beds and assassinated.

Not a solitary person has been arrested or prosecuted for these crimes. Month by month there has been an increase in the rate at which Catholics are killed. In the month of May alone forty-six Catholics were murdered while attempts were made to murder 168. Houses of Catholics were burned, wrecked or looted, the damage done in this way being estimated at \$2,500,000 for the one month.

## Three \$5,000 Burses For The Seminary of Little Rock Diocese

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Little Rock, Ark., June 23.—Three burses of \$5,000 each have been received by Right Rev. John B. Morris, Bishop of Little Rock, for St. John's Seminary here. In addition to these burses Bishop Morris has received six scholarship burses for the perpetuation of the ecclesiastical training of young men for the Arkansas mission.

The donors of the burses to the Seminary were Right Rev. Monsignor Thomas V. Tobin, of Little Rock, and Mrs. Annie Jones and Mrs. Mary Holland Craig, of Pine Bluff.

## N. C. W. C. Representative Hopes Good Will Result From Screen Conference

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
New York, June 26.—Definite steps towards the improvement of the moral tone of the screen were taken by Representatives of more than sixty civic, welfare, religious and educational organizations, together with officials from the theatre, owners, association, actors and authors guilds, who met at the Waldorf Hotel at the request of Will H. Hays, President of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, to discuss ways and means of correcting some of the present evil tendencies of motion picture productions.

The National Catholic Welfare Council was represented by Mr. Charles A. McMahon, Director of the N. C. W. C. Motion Picture Bureau. Dr. Anna M. Nicholson of the National Council of Catholic Women and Miss Elizabeth Y. Dobbins of the N. C. W. C. Social Action Department also attended the conference.

The meeting is the first step on the part of Mr. Hays toward making motion pictures more responsive to the civic, social and religious organizations whose criticism of the screen output in the past has resulted in drastic legislation in several states and has aroused considerable sentiment for censorship in many others.

## Marist Priests Observe Jubilee Of Ordination

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Washington, D. C., June 28.—Two members of the Marist Order, Rev. Romain Butin, S. M., Ph. D., and Rev. Joseph Thoral, S. M., both widely known as scholars and educators, celebrated the silver jubilee of their ordination to the priesthood at the Marist Seminary here this week. Father Butin is associate professor of oriental languages at the Catholic University and Father Thoral is rector of the Marist College of America and has been a teacher of the classics and French at the Marist Seminary.

Masses were celebrated by both jubilarians on Tuesday morning before a large gathering of priests and seminarians. Very Rev. Henry de la Chapelle, S. M., Provincial of the Marists in America, recounted briefly and feelingly the work done by Father Butin and Father Thoral during the last quarter of a century and felicitated them on behalf of the American Province. Both priests are natives of France.

## Catholic Summer School Will Open

Cliff Haven, N. Y., June 26.—The Catholic Summer School of America will open formally on Sunday, July 2nd. The following program of lectures have been arranged for the first week:

Sunday, July 2, Formal opening of the thirty-first session, by Rev. John E. Flood, LL. D., of Philadelphia, President of the Catholic Summer School.

July 3-7, Five morning lectures by Rev. Charles Bruehl, Ph. D., D. Overbrook Seminary, of Science and Faith.

Four evening lectures by Rev. H. B. Spalding, S. J., The Queen's Work, St. Louis, Mo., on Some Labor Problems of the Day.

July 4, Patriotic celebration.

## What Ulster Is, South May Become, Warns Washington Paper

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Washington, D. C., June 26.—The seeds of religious hatred as bitter as those that are bearing fruit in the city of Belfast are at present being sown in some American cities, according to the Washington Herald in an editorial utterance on the Ulster situation published here last Tuesday.

The Herald editorial, in part, was as follows:

"Religious and racial intolerance can be started with ease anywhere in the world. To suit the convenience of any master mind people and churches can be set at each other's throats and their attention diverted from issues more essential to their own welfare. But when these passions once are stirred they soon pass beyond control. They are like fast-firing guns, a single drop of wind into a magazine and the flames leap out and burn in their path."

There is no more urgent occasion for religious hatred in Belfast than in Washington of America. The majority, 80% of the Catholic and Protestant population, are poor people employed at starvation wages, housed in filthy hovels and knowing no respite except those afforded at the corner whisky dispensary. They have a common interest in obtaining better living conditions by cooperative action. But this is the right way to worship God has been thrown between them to prevent any united movement to improve their own status in life.

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## 400 Participate in Mass On Cunard Liner "Carmania"

A cablegram sent from Cobh by the Cunard Line's representative with the Irish excursion on the "Carmania" says that on Sunday four hundred of the passengers participated in the celebration of Mass on the liner. Fine weather was enjoyed all the way across. There were numerous dances and concerts for the youngsters.

The "Carmania" sailing from New York on July 6, for Cobh (Queenstown) and Liverpool will carry a large number of tourists to Ireland. There is also a port-able altar on this steamer. Rarely does a ship sail for Cobh without a Catholic priest aboard. Mass is celebrated almost every Sunday now.

## Mayor Of Buffalo Elected President Of Knights Of St. John

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Cleveland, O., June 26.—More than seven thousand delegates, including those of the Auxiliary, attended the fourth international and biennial convention of the Knights of St. John, held at the Hotel Hamilton, which was the most successful ever held in the order. While the formal banquet took place Monday, a Solemn Pontifical Mass was held at the Hotel Hamilton on Tuesday evening, opened the festival of the United States Delegation, Randall of Jackson, Ohio, presiding.

John E. Jones, of St. John's Cathedral, Cleveland, was the speaker at the evening session. He said that the Knights of St. John have a common interest in obtaining better living conditions by cooperative action. But this is the right way to worship God has been thrown between them to prevent any united movement to improve their own status in life.

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