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schools, if you are not  
able to wield the offensive  
and defensive weapons of  
a loyal Catholic Press.  
— Pope Pius X

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## ARCHBISHOP'S DEATH SENTENCE WAS SHOCK TO CHRISTIAN WORLD

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

Washington, March 29.—Imposition of the death sentence passed upon Archbishop Zepiask, head of the Catholic Church in Russia, and Msgr. Butchkavitch, aroused the resentment of the whole Christian world and undoubtedly was the cause of indefinite postponement of the executions. The two prelates were convicted by a Bolshevik tribunal in Moscow on charges of having resisted the decrees of the Soviet government providing for the confiscation of church property.

The American government through Secretary Hughes officially expressed disapproval of the Soviet action; the Vatican addressed a note to Moscow calling for the release of the prisoners; the British and Polish governments continued their efforts to save the condemned men; and the National Catholic Welfare Council and other organizations both Catholic and non-Catholic protested emphatically in messages to the President of the United States and to the Bolshevik Commissar of Foreign Affairs.

Secretary Hughes in an official statement concerning the note conveyed to the Soviet government through the American Ambassador at Berlin, said:

"With reference to the report of the death sentence passed on Archbishop Zepiask and other Roman Catholic ecclesiastics in Russia, the Department of State has taken steps, through the American Ambassador at Berlin, to give expression to the humanitarian interest of the American people, and their earnest hope that the lives of these ecclesiastics may be spared."

Prior to the dispatch of the State Department message to Berlin, the National Catholic Welfare Council had cabled a protest against the executions to M. Tchitcherin, Peoples' Commissar for Foreign Affairs, at Moscow. This message was signed by Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, of San Francisco, chairman of the Administrative Committee of the N. C. W. C. At the same time another message, also signed by Archbishop Hanna, was sent to President Harding asking for a protest on the part of the United States.

## Msgr. Curley To Be Consecrated Bishop Of Syracuse May 1.

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

New York, Mar. 31.—Tuesday, May 1, the feast of St. Philip and James, Apostles, has been selected as the date for the consecration of the Right Rev. Daniel J. Curley, as Bishop of Syracuse. The ceremony will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, this city, with his Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop Hayes as the consecrating prelate.

The date of Bishop-elect Curley's consecration will also mark the thirty-sixth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Ludden, first Bishop of Syracuse. The new Bishop's installation will be held in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Syracuse, on May 10.

## Card. Logue Against A Fixed Easter

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

Dublin, March 26.—Cardinal Logue is emphatically opposed to a fixed Easter. A fixed Easter would, he says, "completely upset the Calendar and Feast days. He admits that the Gregorian Calendar needs revision in some slight matters. In the course of further observations on the subject, he said:

"The laws for Easter have existed since the beginning of the Church and I would have nothing whatever to do with any movement to change the laws."

## NEW MISSION MAGAZINE

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

Montreal, March 3.—Franciscans in Canada have started at Sorel, P. Q., a new mission magazine entitled "Les Missions et l'Ordre Seraphique". The first number gives promise of an attractive and most useful publication. The mission spirit in Canada is evidently rising strongly.

## N. C. W. C. Protest To Russia Sent By Archbishop Hanna

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

Washington, March 28, 1928. To M. Tchitcherin, Peoples' Commissar for Foreign Affairs, Moscow, Russia.

Sentence of death passed on Archbishop Zepiask and Msgr. Butchkavitch has shocked Christian world. It is being interpreted as a denial of all religious liberty. The National Catholic Welfare Council of the United States has been sympathetic with the woes and sufferings of the Russian people. Its representatives are now in Russia and have been there for nearly a year distributing to the starving peasants the aid so generously contributed by American Catholics. What will these charitable people of America think if in return for their charity the Soviet Government executes a high Ecclesiastic of their faith on the sole reported ground that he objected to government denial of free religious expression and to the spoliation of churches under his jurisdiction?

We respectfully, but vigorously, urge the Soviet authorities to prevent the carrying out of a sentence which will outrage not only the charitable and generous Catholics of America, but the entire Christian world.

Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, Chairman Administrative Com., National Catholic Welfare Council.

## Death Of Bishop Loss To Missionary World

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

Calcutta, Mar. 3.—The Oblates of Mary Immaculate and the missionary world in general has sustained a severe loss by the death of the Right Rev. J. A. Brault, Bishop of Jaffna in Ceylon. Bishop Brault was particularly noted for his work in behalf of the good press.

## 71 Years a Nun, Mother Mary Leslie Dies In Edinburgh

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

London, March 26.—Few religious in any part of the world possessed such a proud record as the venerable Scottish nun, Mother Mary Sales Leslie of the Ursuline order, who has just died at her convent in Edinburgh after having completed the seventy-first year of her religious profession. Few religious ladies have reached such an advanced age as the deceased nun, although an English nun in London has just passed her hundredth birthday. A member of the ancient Scottish family of the Leslies of Morayshire, the late Mother Leslie was born in 1831 and brought up as a Protestant.

At the age of sixteen she was received into the Catholic Church by the late Bishop Gillis, who was then Vicar Apostolic of the Eastern District of Scotland—it was in the days before the Scottish hierarchy was restored. Five years after becoming a Catholic, the young convert entered the Ursuline Convent in Edinburgh, where she took the final vows in 1850.

Of her two sisters, one also became a nun, while her brother was well known as Father E. W. Leslie of the Jesuit order.

## \$500,000 Foundation Is Established By Chicago Catholic

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

Chicago, April 2.—A half-million dollar foundation in memory of his wife and daughter is the noteworthy gift of Mr. Frank J. Lewis, a Catholic of this city. The foundation will be in the form of a fund, designed to continue the educational and philanthropic works carried on by Mrs. Lewis, who succumbed to influenza a few days ago.

Mr. Lewis' generous act is prompted by desire to perpetuate and to associate himself with the good works on which his wife had set her heart. It had been in contemplation by Mr. Lewis and his wife for several years.

## FATHERS, S. V. D. MEET IN RUSSIAN RELIEF

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

Techny, Ill., March 30.—News has been received from Rome to the effect that the Holy Father is regularly caring for 60,000 children in the Southern districts of the present Soviet Government of Russia. Of these 60,000 children, some 35,000 are being ministered to by two Fathers of the Society of the Divine Word who make up a portion of the relief group sent by His Holiness for this purpose. The Fathers S. V. D., in their operations are active in and about the region of Eupatoria.

## Anti-Parochial School Bill Dead

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

Columbus, Mar. 30.—The anti-parochial school bill introduced by Representative Brenner in the Lower House of the Ohio Legislature has been killed. If the bill had become a law all children of school age would have been forced to attend the public schools. The Schools Committee of the House refused to report the bill out and this action insures its failure to pass.

## Berlin Now Has Catholic Bishop

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

Cologne, March 19.—The Rt. Rev. Joseph Dettmer has been appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Breslau with residence in Berlin, thus realizing the often expressed desire of German Catholics that the capital of the former Empire should be honored by the residence of a Catholic ecclesiastic of episcopal rank. The appointment was made at the request of Cardinal Bertram, Prince-Bishop of Breslau, who on Christmas 1927 positioned the Holy See for the appointment of an additional auxiliary bishop of Breslau to assist in the administration of the affairs of the diocese in the Berlin district.

Ecclesiastically, Berlin is a part of the Delegation of the Mark of Brandenburg which is governed by a Delegate of the Prince-Bishop of Breslau. The Delegate is also Provost of St. Hedwig's Church in Berlin. Regarding the appointment of Bishop Dettmer, "Germania," the leading Catholic paper in Berlin, says that it was made "in view of the expansion and increase of population in the diocese of Breslau."

In view of the importance and development which the Delegation in Berlin has attained during the past century.

The new Auxiliary Bishop, who is titular Bishop of Bera, was born in Munster in 1866. In June, 1910, Cardinal Bertram appointed him Delegate and Provost of St. Hedwig's in Berlin. Prior to that he had been Archbishop of the "Romania" in Berlin-Spree.

## When Bernhardt Was Anxious To Be Nun Instead Of Actress

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

Paris, Mar. 26.—Death, agonized when Sarah Bernhardt is supposed to have waged a losing fight, was hovering near and about 2 o'clock this famous actress appeared to faint. She said that she could not longer be postponed. She signified by motions her desire to see a priest and Father Rleser was summoned. The patient could not speak; but slight pressure of her fingers on those of the priest and barely perceptible inclinations of the head, showed her intention and endeavor to make response.

She received Extreme Unction and shortly afterwards lapsed into a state of coma. Shortly after 8 o'clock she expired.

She had her last conscious hour. Sarah Bernhardt turned her attention to the Church, which, as a schoolgirl she had desired to serve as a nun. She has told, in her "Memories Of My Life" of the family conference at which she pleaded to be permitted to remain at the convent and ultimately became a member of the Community whose members had been more to her than her own family.

Her wishes were overruled and she was sent to the Conservatoire. France gained a great actress and the child gained fame as a woman. But the memory of those early days among the nuns never left her, and to the end of her life she bore testimony to the goodness and self-denial of those whose patience never failed and whose love alone could conquer the fits of willfulness and the outbreaks of anger of her childhood.

## Zepiask Sentence Commuted To Ten Years

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

Moscow, March 29.—The sentence of death pronounced upon Archbishop Zepiask for alleged crimes relating to the confiscation of church property has been commuted to ten years' imprisonment. The Central Executive Committee of the Soviet government has announced that the committee refused to carry out the execution of Archbishop Zepiask, who is to die with the Archbishop.

It is announced in Moscow, however, that the sentence was commuted in the guilt of two prelates and that the Archbishop's sentence was commuted to ten years' imprisonment. The Central Executive Committee of the Soviet government has announced that the committee refused to carry out the execution of Archbishop Zepiask, who is to die with the Archbishop.

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## Abolish Divorce Says Judge

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

New York, March 26.—Judge Charles S. Brannan, presiding in the divorce case of Mrs. M. J. Brannan, said today that he would like to see the law of divorce abolished. He said that the law of divorce is a "barbarous relic" and that it is "a disgrace to the American people."

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