

Protestants Join Catholics In New Tolerance Move

ELIHU ROOT SPONSORS AND NAMES ORGANIZATION IN UTICA TO COMBAT BIGOTRY

Hamilton — Jefferson Association John W. Davis Praises Its Purposes Formed Upon Original Lines — Utica, N. Y., Oct. 10.—Sponsored by one hundred business men, half of whom are Protestants and half Catholics, endorsed by Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, and subsequently wished success by John W. Davis, Democratic candidate for President, a movement which, its promoters hope, will spread throughout the United States, was launched here to combat bigotry and intolerance. The new organization is known as the Hamilton-Jefferson Association, a name adopted at the suggestion of Mr. Root.

Purposes of Organization

The association is organized under the corporate membership laws of the state for the following stated purposes:

"To promote devotion to and an understanding of the purposes of the founders of our Republic as expressed in the Constitution of the United States of America and to foster a spirit of toleration in economics, politics and religion."

The incorporators are: Elihu Root, former Secretary of State; Warnick J. Kernan, attorney; Charles A. Miller, president Savings Bank of Utica; Arthur J. Foley, attorney and "father" of the movement; William Ross Lee, former district attorney and president of the Republican Club of Utica; Andrew F. Kelley, Catholic social worker; William J. Wiley, superintendent Masonic Home; Michael J. Larkin, past state deputy, Knights of Columbus; Robert D. Fraser, merchant; and James E. Mitchell, president Board of Education.

Formal organization of the association was perfected at the first banquet held at the Hotel Utica. Elihu Root was the principal speaker of the evening. He praised the objects of the organization and paid his respects to the fomentors of prejudice as follows:

"When I see a man endeavoring to stir up hatred of his fellows, the hatred of one class against another, one religion against another, one section against another, then I feel he is an enemy of our country. . . . Instead of having hateful thoughts against another American because he has been more successful than we are, instead of having hateful thoughts towards other Americans because they come of other races than ourselves, because they have other opinions than ours, true Americanism means kindly consideration for all our fellow-citizens; it means the real accord of the right to differ from us in opinion, the same right to differ from us that we have to differ from them."

Warnick J. Kernan, Catholic attorney, was another speaker. He dealt briefly with the causes for the present wave of intolerance and bigotry and declared:

"The practical question with which we are concerned is what we are to do to meet the situation. It is not a time for intemperate speech—nothing can be effected by scolding. It is not a time for reprisals—no fire has ever been put out by adding fuel to the flames. It is a time, rather, for cool heads and wise counsel. It is a time for capitalizing the fair-mindedness of men in the community, drawn from every race and sect, who see and dread and despise this abhorrent thing which threatens us."

Charles A. Miller, toastmaster, introducing the speakers of the evening, emphasized the necessity for a toleration of honest differences of beliefs and opinions.

"Not that I mean for a minute that toleration should be of the wishy-washy indifference," Mr. Miller said. "The false doctrine that makes no difference what a man believes will get no sort of countenance in this assemblage. Thank for time we have strong beliefs and we are willing to battle valiantly for them, but let us concede that the other fellow may have strong beliefs and when he gives his lungs to do battle in their faith, let us give him the benefit of the doubt that he means in his heart to fight square."

Condensed Davis' Comment

John W. Davis, in a speech delivered at the banquet after the organization was formed, expressed his appreciation of the aims of the Hamilton-Jefferson Association as follows:

"I feel the morning paper this morning has been a disappointment to me in a disconcerting way. I trust that you will find it a very interesting and profitable read."

Nation; that here yesterday men of different religious creeds met side by side and formed an organization, sponsored by the great name of Senator Root, having for its purpose the teaching of the doctrine of good-will among men, which the angels sang at Bethlehem.

"Ah, my friends, we want in this country no discrimination of any sort and least of all do we want discrimination based on religion and creed."

Conditions of Membership

Membership in the new organization for the present is limited to one hundred; fifty Protestants and fifty Catholics. As the membership is expanded in the future, new members will be admitted in pairs; one Protestant and one Catholic, in order to maintain this equilibrium. Similar principles will be followed out in the election of officers. When the president is a Protestant, the vice-president must be a Catholic. And after the president has held office for a year, the vice-president succeeds to the higher office and a man of different faith is chosen vice-president. A similar scheme will be followed out in the selection of secretary and treasurer.

Monthly meetings are to be held for the purpose of discussing subjects concerning the public welfare. Action taken by the organization will always be of an affirmative nature. That is, it will not be "Anti" anything, but will support movements and principles affirmatively. The organization will be composed entirely of laymen.

Matthew S. Rice Dies, Mourned By Citizens Of All Denominations

Augusta, Ga., Oct. 8.—Matthew S. Rice, one of the most widely known Catholic young men in the Southeast, died here on Monday after an illness of several weeks. He was twenty-five years old. A graduate of Spring Hill College and the Catholic University of America, where he received his Master of Arts degree in 1921, Mr. Rice devoted all of his energies since his college days to Catholic causes. He was influential in starting the laymen's retreat movement in Georgia. He was in his school days a star football man at Spring Hill and assistant coach at Catholic University; on his return to Augusta he organized athletic teams among the young people, girls and boys, for the double purpose of developing them physically and in character.

He was an active Vincentian, Knight of Columbus and of the Laymen's Association, a member of the school board of Sacred Heart parish, and a daily communicant. His popularity was not limited to those of his faith; Rev. M. M. McFerrin, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Augusta, near the Rice home, asked his congregation to pray for Mr. Rice's recovery the Sunday before he died. "The Chronicle" in an editorial expressing regret on his death, referred to him as a model for the community. He was the son of Captain and Mrs. P. H. Rice, K. C. S. G., Captain Rice being a member of the Supreme Board of the Knights of Columbus.

Charleston School Children To Get Religious Teaching

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 10.—Children in the Charleston public schools will be released from other duties every Wednesday afternoon from one to two o'clock for the purpose of receiving religious instruction in their respective places of worship. The Board of School Commissioners has approved this plan—suggested by the clergymen of Charleston—with the proviso that it must be accepted by at least 25 per cent of the parents of public school children. Blanks will be sent out to parents in the near future and they will be asked to indicate their wishes in the matter.

A symposium of opinion on the desirability of this plan has been taken from among the clergymen of various denominations in the local churches. Among the letters printed in a local newspaper expressing approval of the plan, at least tentatively, is one from the Rev. N. A. Murphy, Rector of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

6,000 Join Men's Pilgrimage

Lyons, Oct. 3.—The men's pilgrimage of the Holy Land, which has been an annual event in Savoy since the war, was very large this year. In answer to the call of Msgr. Castellan, Bishop of Chambéry, more than 6,000 men assembled at Lyons under the leadership of the bishops of the province. Msgr. Castellan was assisted by Mgr. Morent de la Villorbi, Mgr. Farnier and Mgr. Granel.

Americanist's Next Convention To Be Held in Rome

By Dr. Frederick Funder (Vienna Correspondent, N. C. W. C. Service)

Vienna, Oct. 4.—High tributes to Catholic scientific achievements were voiced at the recent meeting of "The Americanists," an organization of scholars engaged in investigation of the prehistoric epochs in the Western Hemisphere. This year's international Congress of the organization was held at The Hague and later adjourned to Goeteborg, Sweden. The next meeting will be held in Rome in 1926. More than two hundred scientists from practically every civilized country attended this year's meeting.

The Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Schmidt, S. V. D., and the Rev. Dr. Koppers, S. V. D., were two of the most prominent Catholic scholars who delivered lectures at the Congress. Father Schmidt spoke on "The Position of the Genitive in the Languages of North and South America," and Father Koppers reported on his latest geological discoveries in the archipelago of Tierra del Fuego. Other speakers were the Danish scholars Thalbitzer and Bittel-Smith, and the Russian Bogoras.

Baron Nordenskjold, Secretary-General of the Congress, son of a noted traveler and scientist and himself a famous scholar, paid extraordinary tribute to the contributions made to learning by Catholic missionaries.

"In ethnological research," he said, "the Catholic missions deserve the greatest praise. Nearly half of all the ethnological books I know of, have been written by Catholic missionaries."

Nordenskjold is an authority on archeological science. He has specialized in the investigation of the civilizations and culture of ancient Peru and Bolivia, and has also made extensive investigations in Patagonia. He is not a Catholic, hence his praise of the Catholic missionaries attracted widespread attention.

Baron Nordenskjold's speech recalls the recent tribute voiced by Sen Hedlin to the explorations of the early Jesuits, Franciscans and Dominicans in northern India. He pointed out that these explorations of the missionaries—long antedating the alleged discovery of Mount Everest by the English—resulted in many important additions to scientific knowledge.

Fort Benning Chosen For Annual Meeting Of Georgia Laymen

Augusta, Ga., Oct. 8.—The ninth annual convention of the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia will be held at Fort Benning, near Columbus, the world's largest military reservation, according to the announcement of the officers of the Columbus branch of the Association, arranging the meeting. The convention goes to Columbus for the first time this year, and at the invitation of the Mayor, the Chamber of Commerce and the various civic bodies, all of which sent telegrams of invitation to the last convention held at Augusta.

The principal speaker will be Col. P. H. Callahan, K. C. S. G., of Louisville, Ky., honorary vice-president of the Georgia Association. Capt. P. H. Rice, K. C. S. G., president, will preside. The Association has just closed a most successful year and the Columbus convention promises to be one of the largest in the history of the organization.

St. Viator-Columbia Armistice Day Tilt In Great Park Stadium

Bourbonnais, Ill., Oct. 10.—Arrangements have been completed by which Grant Park stadium is to be the scene of the St. Viator-Columbia football joust November 11. Father Maguire and Father Kelly, acting for St. Viator, in collaboration with Father Sheehy, athletic director of the Hawkeye institution, obtained permission from the South Park commission to stage the Armistice Day attraction at the Grant Park field.

With the spacious stadium situated on Chicago's doorstep its acquisition means that the game will be attended by thousands that otherwise would not be able to travel to the White Sox or Cubs Parks. The teams will have a virtual monopoly of the sports field, for no other games of importance are to be played in the Middle West on that day. With the season's winter college championship of the Central States at stake, it is expected not only to have drawing power, but to stimulate the fighting spirit of the students.

Father Sheehy has announced that the business men of Dubuque already have asked to charter a special train, and 150 Columbia supporters plan to go, accompanied by a band of thirty-five pieces.

Awful Blasphemy Of Jewish Paper Evokes Protest

Patriarch Of Jerusalem Calls For Services Of Reparation Throughout Diocese

Rome, September 25.—The protest in which Monsignor Luigi Barlassina, Patriarch of Jerusalem, called for a day of Atonement in reparation for the blasphemous statements published by the Jewish paper "Doarhayom" in Jerusalem, reads as follows:

"Beloved Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ.

"Our words today are charged with the greatest sadness, because our heart, as Catholic and Shepherd, has received an excessively deep and painful wound.

"As long as we ourselves are insulted, though being the anointed of the Lord it reverts on God Himself, yet we have learned to bear it for love of God. But when the mud is thrown directly, and in that sarcastic form which brings out into relief the full intent of offending the adorable Majesty of God, then our bitterness is very great indeed.

"And it is to a similar extremely painful fact, that we refer, to an atrocious article which appeared in a Jewish paper: 'Doarhayom,' which had the impudence to end its banal tale with the statement that Jesus Christ 'is a bastard.' God knows how our heart bleeds in having to repeat such a heretical, sacrilegious blasphemy, yet it is very necessary that you, Beloved Children, should learn the importance of the reparation which we ask of you. We are certain that you will fulfill it with that piety for which you are distinguished.

"And reparation is wanted! Above all, the insult was enormous, having wounded the adorable person of Jesus Christ in His Divine Conception, and His Mother in the august privilege of her virginal Maternity. We know, alas, that such abominable phrases have already been used by some Jews, but now, they have attained the impudence of freely publishing them in a newspaper.

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"Who does not know that similar iniquities draw, alas, terrible castigations on the earth which has the misfortune to lodge the blasphemer? The Holy Scriptures show us that if God is infinite compassion He is also adorable sanctity which requires the respect due to Him. And how many times do we not read in them that for the grave guilt of someone an entire nation was terribly punished, and in the same way through the merits of a few, blessings rained copiously on the whole country?

"Therefore we feel the duty and necessity of comforting the Amiable Heart of Jesus for the atrocious injury done Him and at the same time to prevent our Beloved Children from having to also submit to the fatal consequences. We therefore order that on a day to be chosen later, an hour's adoration shall be made before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in all the public and semi-public churches of the diocese. At a given hour the 'Miserere' will be sung, short sermons or readings will be given, preferably on the object of reparation, the Holy Rosary will be recited, the Joyful Mysteries, to celebrate the August Mystery of the Divine Maternity and other prayers chosen by the parish priest or superior such as the Penitential Psalms. The Benediction given, it will end with the triple chant of the invocation in either Latin or Arab: 'Parce domine, parce populo tuo. . . Prays For Insulters.

"And then we pray the Lord in His mercy to open the eyes of so many poor blind people who have not the comfort of the splendor of our Holy Faith; Oh that they may also be brought back and draw ineffable consolation from Thee! The only shall we have the bases of true brotherly union, when all will confess and serve with perfect charity the common Father Who is in Heaven."

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Priest Is Appointed To State University Faculty In Wisconsin

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

De Pere, Wis., Oct. 10.—The Rev. Anselm M. Keefe, O. Praem has been appointed a member of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, the first priest to be thus appointed by that institution. He will teach botany.

Mr. Keefe, who is a graduate of St. Norbert's College, last year studied science at Wisconsin, where he was granted a fellowship. This year he will continue his research work, in addition to teaching, and next year he will return to St. Norbert's as professor of biology. He has done three years of special work in biology at the Catholic University of America.

N. C. C. M. Convention Program Announced

Washington, D. C., Oct. 10.—Addresses by the Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland and episcopal chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations, N. C. W. C., by Admiral William S. Benson, national president of the National Council of Catholic Men, and by the Rev. Michael I. Stritch, S. J., of St. Louis University, will be heard by delegates to the national convention of the N. C. C. M., Oct. 28 and 29. The outlines of the program were announced this week by Edward J. O'Connor, executive secretary of the Council.

Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University of America, probably will celebrate the Pontifical Mass which will open the convention in St. Matthew's church and Father Stritch will preach the sermon. Father Stritch, in addition to being a prolific writer and sociological worker, is one of the best known speakers in the Jesuit order.

Business sessions will follow the opening Mass, all being held at the spacious headquarters building of the N. C. C. M., on Massachusetts avenue. Bishop Schrembs will deliver the address of welcome, and Admiral Benson will preside and also make an opening address. Monday afternoon Charles I. Denechaud, of New Orleans, treasurer, and Mr. O'Connor, as executive secretary, will report, and reports also will be heard from diocesan councils of the N. C. C. M.

Father Stritch will speak on "The Lay Movement" on the second day of the convention, and representatives of national and state societies affiliated with the Council will report on the work of their organizations. The election will be held as the last event in the afternoon, following a general discussion of the various phases of the work.

On Monday, the day preceding the opening of the convention, the executive committee of the N. C. C. M., will meet at the headquarters building.

Among those who will attend are the Very Rev. John L. Belford, D. D., Director of Lay Organizations of the Brooklyn diocese, representing Bishop Malloy, and the Rev. Alexis L. Hopkins, Executive Director of Catholic Welfare of the Syracuse diocese, representing Bishop Curley.

The Catholic Central Society has named Charles Korr, its president; John L. Sebald and Joseph H. Roman, as its delegates.

National Anthem Roundly Abused By Organ Of Klan

New York, October 6.—"The Star Spangled Banner" is now in disrepute among the self-styled "100 per cent Americans." The American Standard, an anti-Catholic publication, an unofficial but enthusiastic organ of the Ku Klux Klan, in its current issue contains a denunciation of the National Anthem which reads as follows:

"The ballad of hatred against England, entitled 'The Star Spangled Banner', in its pagan, drunken, un-American origin, as expressed especially in its music, borrowed from an English drinking song, was first sung in 1814 in a saloon in Baltimore, near the Holiday Street Theater, by Ferdinand Durang, a Roman Catholic actor. Because of its sentiments against Protestant Britain, it is the favorite Roman Catholic song, and was sung at the Roman Catholic Holy Name Convention, at which President Coolidge spoke. It has nothing to do with Christ's America either in its alien music or its vengeful words. It is an excrement, engrafted upon our holy national roots, and its survival to the present hour is due to the animus of Roman Catholics and anti-Christian Jews, who are continuing their efforts to perpetuate the hatred and evil forces which it expresses."

The foregoing description of the National Anthem is a part of a denunciation of President Coolidge and the late President Wilson because they were not members of the Masonic Order.

Pre-Game Communion Adopted At Detroit U.

Detroit, Oct. 10.—University of Detroit football men have adopted the rule that every Saturday before each big game, they will receive Communion as a team, with their substitutes. For the purpose, the Rev. George A. Kleth, S. J., dean of men at the University will celebrate a special Mass for them. At the inauguration of the plan, every man on the team went to communion.

This devout preparation for athletic contests was first adopted by Notre Dame's football men, and has been a custom at the Indiana institution for some time. It bids fair to spread throughout Catholic universities and colleges.

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