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Herriot Promises To Change School Plan In Strasbourg

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

Strasbourg, Oct. 9.—The Municipal Council of Strasbourg, which has a socialist majority, has voted a resolution asking the government to replace the public schools of the city, which are still denominational schools, Catholic or Protestant, by schools for all children, regardless of creed, and including the children of infidels. M. Herriot replied by telegram to the effect that he would satisfy this wish within a few weeks.

In view of this promise, the Catholic paper "La Croix" is waiting for further details before publishing any comment. It states that: "We cannot believe that M. Herriot wants to set fire to the powder in Alsace. If it is a question of a special case of families which do not wish any religion to be taught (in the cities, unfortunately, there are some such families) that is different."

On the other hand, several officials assure their readers that the intentions of the President of the Council regarding interdenominational Schools are as follows:

The ministers of the various religions would be authorized to visit the school after the teacher has finished his courses to give religious instruction to those children whose families desire them to receive it. This would be done without the presence of the teacher.

But the radical-socialist Ere Nouvelle admits that this is simply a step which would lead gradually, as in all the public schools of the rest of France, to the complete suppression of religious istruction.

General Council Of Upper Rhine Forwards Protest

Paris, Oct. 10.—The members of the General Council of the Upper Rhine (one of the three Departments of Alsace-Lorraine) voted 21 to 5 in favor of sending to Premier Herriot a copy of a resolution asking him to abandon his projects concerning Alsace.

The resolution is as follows:

"The general councillors of the Upper-Rhine, observing the feeling caused by the announcement of the introduction of French secularization laws in those centers of the population which, since the return to the Mother Country, to which we desire to be assimilated on the material, intellectual and moral plane, have retained an unshakeable faith in the reiterated promises given in the name of France, which guaranteed the respect of their traditions and religious ideas.

"They address an urgent appeal to the sentiments of justice and equity of the President of the Council and beseech him to make no decision concerning a possible modification of the religious and school statutes without previous agreement with the agencies qualified to represent the interested portions of the Alsatia population."

In the General Council of the Department of Moselle, the adversaries of the Herriot program numbered 34 out of 36 councillors.

Protestant Towns Oppose New Laws

Strasbourg, Oct. 8.—Four more Municipal Councils have pronounced themselves against the introduction of secular laws in Alsace. The municipalities are those of Kauffenheim, Forstfeld, Roppenheim and Runtzenheim, and the remarkable part of these protests is that each of these towns has a strong Protestant majority.

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Social Worker Should Upbuild Religion, Says Head Of N. Y. Charities

New York, Oct. 17.—"It is a duty of every agency and every social worker to conserve and up-build the religious life of the individual or family with whom they are working," Father Robert F. Keegan president of the New York City Conference of Charities and Correction, declared in his address here Tuesday at the fifteenth annual meeting of the Conference. Frank Persons, formerly director general of Civilian Relief of the American Red Cross, presided, and on the program with Father Keegan as speakers were Bishop Lloyd of the Protestant Episcopal church, representing Bishop Manning; Dr. Ira S. Wile, of the Children's Welfare Federation, and George J. Gillespie, president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the United States.

"It is just as important to up-build the religious life of the family as it is to care for the education or the health of that family," Father Keegan declared. "It is fundamentally wrong to take advantage of the plight of an individual or a family in order to influence a change in their religion."

Father Keegan added that, happily, this evil is not wide spread in New York.

"A spirit of understanding, sympathy and charity running through all our thinking would do much to banish prejudice and intolerance", he said. The outstanding needs for our work in this city are a broader spirit of understanding, a deeper sympathy and a kindly charity. One of the hardest lessons of life is to learn not to judge hastily. Ninety per cent of adverse criticism serves no useful purpose. These are times when we must judge, and at such times we should judge wisely and well. Even our worst enemies are not as bad as we think them."

Father Keegan said that the complexity of life today, with its multiplicity of social disabilities, demands expertly trained service, but reminded that experience as well as classroom schooling has a great value, and added emphatically that "social workers individually and as a class should bring to their task a spirit akin to religious consecration" and "our charity, our social service, should be tempered with kindliness and sympathy."

Understanding of the individual to be helped, of his family, his racial traditions and the religious belief that shape his conduct also was urged by the speaker. He asked a clearer understanding of the aims and principles of other organizations, an open-minded attitude toward the policies of others and respect for and effort to preserve the religious heritage of clients.

Bishop Interdicts Paper Suporting Herriot Proposals

Paris, Oct. 10.—Msgr. Ruch, Bishop of Strasbourg, after having reminded the faithful of his diocese of the general prohibition of all papers attacking religion and those publishing pornographic articles, has issued a special interdict against Les Dernieres Nouvelles de Strasbourg which is generally read by a certain number of Catholics and which is now conducting a campaign for the introduction of secularization laws in Alsace-Lorraine.

Country Jail Bought By Card. O'Connell A Valuable Property

Boston, October 17.—The Middlesex County Jail at Lowell, Mass., which was recently purchased by Cardinal O'Connell, is a beautiful piece of architecture with spacious grounds facing a park in the center of the city. It has the appearance of an old Chateau. Sixty years ago it was built at a cost of $250,000; it is now worth at least double that sum.

The Cardinal has not yet determined just what use will be made of the property.

Roses Distributed In London Church

London, Oct. 9.—Two thousand roses, freshly shipped from the country, were distributed to the congregation at the Church of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, on Rosary Sunday evening. The custom of distributing roses is gaining ground in England.

Nun Who Wore Habit For 58 Years Is Dead

London, Oct. 9.—More than 58 years a nun, Mother Clare (Mary MacDonnell) died at Clifford, where for 45 years she was superior of the Convent of Mercy. She was in her 81st year and retired from the active direction of the community only four years ago.

Returns To Paris

Rome, Oct. 14.—Monsignor Cerretti, papal nuncio to France, left for Paris today to resume his duties. It had been reported erroneously France and the Vatican had broken off relations.

Deaths of the Week

Funeral services were held from the respective churches on dates given. May their souls rest in peace.

Butera—Joseph Butera died October 20, at the family home, No. 294 Smith street, in his 65th year. Funeral from St. Anthony of Padua Church October 22.

Hept—Michael Hept died at the family home, No. 51 Lorenzo street, October 19, aged 31 years. Funeral from the Holy Family Church, October 22.

Yawman—Charles Yawman died at St. Ann's Home, October 19. Funeral from St. Columba's Church Caledonia, October 22. Interment in Scottsville, N. Y.

Gratton—Bernard Gratton veteran of the Civil war, died October 19, at his home in Macedon, N. Y., aged 82 years. Funeral from St. Patrick's Church, Macedon, N. Y., October 22.

Glanton—Ellen Glanton of No. 141 Bowman street, died October 20, aged 67 years. Funeral from Corpus Christi Church October 23.

Huck—Norma Huck died suddenly, at her residence, No. 131 Silver street, October 20. Funeral rom SS. Peter and Paul's Church October 23.

Marthage—Mrs. Joseph Marthage died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Gargano, No. 281 Electric avenue, October 19, aged 80 years. Funeral from Sacred Heart Church October 22.

McCormick — Frank McCormick died suddenly October 18, at the family residence, No. 210 Main street west, aged 57 years. Funeral from Lady Chapel, St. Patrick's Cathedral October 21st. Requiem high mass was celebrated by the Rev. Charles F. Shay. The final blessing at the grave was given by Rev. John Hogan, chaplain of St. Ann's Home for the Aged. Interment was made in the family lot at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Waterhouse—The funeral of Titus H. Waterhouse, retired battalion chief of the Rochester Fire Department, who died October 15, at his home, No. 38 Melrose street, took place October 18, from St. Monica's Church at 9:30 o'clock. Solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. John Brophy, assisted by Rev. Alphonse A. Notebaert as deacon and Rev. M. P. Wall as subdeacon. Burial was made in the family lot in Holy Sepulchre cemetery. Rev. John Hogan gave the final blessing at the grave.

George—Rose A. Trott George died October 22, at the family home, No. 507 Ames street, aged 75 years. Funeral from Holy Family Church October 25.

Schooley—Edward J. Schooley died at the family home, Ridge road, Irondequoit, aged 77 years. Funeral from St. Andrew's Church, October 25.

Kochert—Charles Louis Kochert of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, died October 21, aged 32 years. Funeral from St. Andrew's Church this city, October 25. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

M'Donnell—Miss Emma McDonnell died October 23 at St. Mary's Hospital, aged 61 years. Funeral from St. Monica's Church, October 27.

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Nine Hundredth Anniversary Of Abbey Celebrated

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine

(Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service).

Cologne, October 6.—The 900th anniversary of the establishment of the ancient Benedictine Abbey of Brauweiler—now used as a secular house of correction—was celebrated recently with elaborate ceremonial in the beautiful church which was formerly attached to the Abbey but is now a simple parish church. The Abbot of Maria Laach, Dr. Ildefons Herwegen, celebrated the pontifical Mass and Cardinal Schulte, Archbishop of Cologne, delivered the sermon.

In medieval times the Abbey of Brauweiler was one of the most important and wealthy foundations in Germany. St. Anno, Archbishop of Cologne and Count Bruno of Heimbach enriched the Abbey with gifts of rich farmlands in Pier. Later the monks' ownership of these lands was confirmed by the Emperor Lothar of Saxony and King Konrad III. At the time of the French Revolution the holdings of the Abbey were confiscated in the general program of secularization. The Prussian government, later, took over the monastery and established a house of correction there.

While the Benedictines in recent years have regained possession of several of their former monasteries and other properties, it is regarded as improbable that Brauweiler will be given back. However, the people of the vicinity were as enthusiastic in celebrating the anniversary as though the Abbey were still powerful and flourishing.

Dr. De Lima Made Knight Commander Of Gregory The Great

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

Washington, October 13.—Dr. [illegible], formerly of the Brazilian Diplomatic Corps and now a member of the Faculty of the Catholic University of America, has been decorated with a Knight Commandership of the Order of St. Gregory the Great. Word of this honor was received this week by the Rt. Rev. [illegible] Nathan, rector of the [illegible]

Men's Council Asked To Help In Campaign On Trafic in Opium

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

Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—One of the matters which will come before the Executive Committee of the National Council of Catholic Men at its meeting in connection with the convention here October 28 and 29 is a plea that the N. C. C. M. lend its aid in the campaign against the illegal traffic in narcotics. Admiral Benson, national president, has received a request from the White Cross, international anti-narcotic society, that the Council place its influence back of the campaign. The White Cross seeks a petition from the N. C. C. M. to the International Opium Conference in Geneva asking the curbing of the traffic in opium. Such a petition would be placed with scores of others from influential American organizations and forwarded to Geneva.

Plans are going forward speedily for the N. C. C. M. convention, and encouraging reports are coming in. Archbishop Curley of Baltimore and Bishop Hickey of Providence have written Admiral Benson, national president, expressing the hope that the convention will be a success. The Catholic Laymen's Association of Missouri has written that it will be represented by W. J. Kiely as delegate, and Joseph Hercules as alternate. Bishop Griffin of Springfield, Ill., has appointed James R. Ryan, of the Department of Laws and Legislation of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, a delegate to represent his diocese. In his letter to Mr. Ryan, Bishop Griffin says: "We hope to organize the men of this diocese in the near future. Some time in November, I hope to have my work fairly well cleared up and will then give my attention to this organization."

Relative of Tyburn Martyr Drops Dead

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

London, Oct. 8.—Related to the Ven. Robert Southwell, S. J., poet, who was martyred at Tyburn in 1595, Mrs. Rebecca Martha Boursot dropped dead in London this week after returning from a walk with some friends. She was a daily attendant at Mass and had received Communion on the morning of her death.

New York Catholic Club Plans Course Of Winter Lectures

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

New Yor, Oct. 16.—Encouraged by the interest shown in the Sunday night lectures at the Catholic Club last season, the entertainment committee has decided to continue this interesting feature of the winter program. On Sunday evening, at 8:30 o'clock, the club will be addressed by Lieut. Roman J. Miller, an airship officer of the United States Navy, from the Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J., who will deliver an illustrated lecture on "The Airship Shenandoah."

The lecture, in text and picture, will explain the principles of operation and the method of handling the navy dirigible airship in flight. Four reels of motion pictures will show the Shenandoah in action, together with other aeroplanes and parachute jumping from aeroplanes.

Musical numbers will be given both before the lecture and during the intermission between the lectures and the presentation of the motion pictures.

Columbus Day anniversary was honored at the club last Sunday night by an address on "Columbus—America—Then and Today". The lecturer was Louis K. Rourke, Transit Commissioner of Boston, and one of the leading civil engineers in the country.

California Forbids Birth Control Clinic

Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 16.—A plan conceived by a group of clubwomen here to form a birth control clinic has been halted by State authorities.

U.S. Webb, State Attorney General writting an opinion in response to an inquiry from Dr. Walter M. Dickie secretary of the State of Health, declared the clinic to be in violation of the law of Califoria.

New Bishop Named For Wurzbourg See

Cologne, Oct. 6.—Word has been received here of the appointment of Monsignor Eberhard Matthias Ehrenfried, Professor of Dogmatic Theology at the Seminary of Eichstatt as Bishop of Wurzbourg. He succeeds the late Bishop von Schlor who died last May.