

C. P. A. Chooses St. Louis For Its Next Convention

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Chicago, Ill., Oct. 31.—Definite and complete plans for the observance of a National Catholic Press Month, during February, 1926, and stopped at Nimes, the principal town...

President Of France Voices Hope That Peace May Prevail

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Slovak Catholic Leader Is Honored

(Prague Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service.) Prague, Oct. 31.—Slovak Catholics from all parts of Czechoslovakia paid honor to Monsignor Hlinka, leader of the nationalist and Catholic movements...

Hérriot Launches Campaign Against Religious Orders

(Government Survey To Determine Facts of Their Re-assembling in France) RESISTANCE ORDERED Bishop of Redez Tells Religious To Pradinas Takes Brave Stand

Paris, Oct. 24.—There is no longer any doubt that the Herriot Cabinet intends very soon to launch an offensive campaign against the religious orders. The speech delivered at Tours...

Five separate and urgent invitations to the Catholic Press Association to meet in St. Louis were re-announced in official ceremonies, as called by the committee, among the papers before the war. The them being letters from the mayor Catholic papers have emphasized...

The Bishop of Nimes having died highly gratified at the interest in the Catholic press shown by these letters, accompanied by a vicar general and an aged priest who was pastor of the village in which President Doumergue was born.

Newspapers throughout the country, anti-Catholic as well as Catholic, paid tribute to Monsignor Hlinka's efforts to encourage the national consciousness of Czechoslovakia. Leading Prague dailies expressed a desire to see the Catholic leader again...

Press Month Committee's Report From the report of the Press Month Committee and its acceptance by the board, it is apparent that a Canon Delfour's address was as vastly increased interest in the press follows:

Mr. President of Republic: In the name of the Church of Nimes, I bring the homage of sincere and profound respect to the chief of the State, the official representative of France who, in the civil order, is the incarnation, in our eyes, of the great and necessary principle of authority.

John F. McCormick Joins Calvert Associates As Business Manager New York, Oct. 31.—John F. McCormick, for many years associated with the Macmillan Company, has joined the Calvert Associates, Inc., as business manager.

The inauguration of a National Catholic Subscription Bureau as a clearing house for the Catholic publications during Press Month; the following object: that during your wide distribution of a printed catalogue of Catholic weekly and monthly publications through the agency of the following national Catholic fraternal and benevolent societies...

These organizations, with an aggregate membership of over a million, have adopted resolutions to observe Press Month by setting aside fifteen minutes in all their assemblies held throughout the United States in the month of February, during which the welfare and interests of the Catholic Press will be discussed; and furthermore appointing local Press Month committees in all their branches.

Klan Business Guide May Mean Boycott Of Catholic Firms (By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, October 29.—A Klux Klan business directory designed to induce Klansmen to trade exclusively with fellow members of their order is now being prepared by the "T. W. K. Publishing Company," P. Fry, published in the New York World. Mr. Fry is described as a former member and Kleagle of the Klan who was associated with the World in its expose in 1921. He declares that his information is obtained from sources inside the Klan and that the move is a step in the direction of a nationwide business boycott against Catholics, and foreign-born merchants.

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It is pointed out that in another speech, M. Doumergue alluded to the necessity of maintaining union among Frenchmen. To some this has appeared to be a direct piece of advice to M. Herriot. Nimes is a city with a very strong Protestant population. Unlike the Protestants of Alsace, they are very hostile to Catholics and in politics they support the anticlerical sects.

"T. W. K." means "Trade with Klansmen," according to Mr. Fry, who goes on to say: "Salesmen are being sent to all States and business men are being canvassed for their cards in the trade directory. Although no prices are quoted in the literature of the new concern, it is generally understood that it will cost \$3 for the insertion of each business card."

Marshall Praises Of the Young Cleveland, Oct. 30.—Former Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall addressing an audience of 10,000 persons at the meeting of the Ohio State Teachers' Association here, took occasion to pay compliment to the Catholic idea of religious training for the young, in the course of an address in which he held up the Klux Klan to ridicule. Mr. Marshall said:

History Of Irish Brigade Will Soon Be Made Available Dublin, Oct. 24.—The history of the Irish Brigade in the service of France upon which M. Albert Delpoux is engaged will soon be ready for publication. For the purpose of the compilation access to the official archives has been given to the author by the French Government. M. Delpoux is one of the most distinguished of French military historians. He is librarian and vice-president of the Fondation Thiers, a research College endowed for the assistance of scholars in every field of knowledge. The Irish Brigades who fought in the service of France were comprised of members of leading Catholic families who had to flee from their own country.

Salute of Guns Greets Miracle Of St. Januarius Rome, Oct. 26.—The annual liquefaction of a specimen of the blood of St. Januarius, patron Saint of Naples, took place here in the Cathedral as usual. Half an hour after the recital of the customary prayers on this occasion, the miracle was complete. It has given millions of dollars for the building of Y.M.C.A. centers for negroes in many of the larger cities of the nation.

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Without undertaking to examine the question as to whether the presence of the religious orders on French territory is placing the Republic in grave peril, for this assertion is a mere electoral argument and unworthy of discussion, it is nevertheless clear from the speech of M. Chautemps that a survey is to be made which is the beginning of an administrative process against presently dissolved orders which have re-established themselves in the country.

Survey Now Under Way This survey is now under way everywhere. A large number of religious have received visits from representatives of the prefecture and have refused to answer their questions. "We do not want to lend ourselves to a campaign directed against us," they say.

He instructed them to maintain complete silence to all questions asked of them, no matter by whom asked. In the Department of Aveyron, M. Roques, a former deputy and mayor of Pradinas, received from the prefect a questionnaire relating to the religious establishments in his municipality. With great courage—for he ran the risk of being put out of office—he refused to fill it out.

When the Government is in possession of the information which it is seeking to obtain from the prefects in order to prove that the religious orders, in general, have been re-established, under what form is it probable that action will be started against them?

What the Law Provides What the law of 1901 declares, is that no order may exist, nor own a property, nor act without special authorization voted by Parliament. There are only four officially authorized religious orders in France. Authorization for the others were all refused "en bloc" by the Combes administration.

According to the text of the law, an unauthorized order is declared dissolved. Its members, if they persist in living in community, according to the rules of their order and in

obedience to their own Hierarchy, commit the offense of "reconstitution of a dissolved congregation." The penalty for this offense is a fine of from 50 to 3,000 francs or imprisonment for six days to one year, a penalty which is doubled in the case of superiors who are held responsible. "But no condemnation can be made," remarks the eminent Father de la Briere in an article published in Etudes "if the court does not produce the juridical proof of the actual reconstitution of the Hierarchy of the order on French territory. Considering the present situation, it is scarcely probable that such a demonstration can be furnished to the courts. Judicial pursuit would lead only to defeat and ridiculous miscarriages."

But, it may be objected, at the time of the first persecutions, from 1901 to 1910, were not certain orders forced to go into exile? It is quite true that the Benedictines and the Carmelites, for instance, preferred to leave France without waiting for an authorization which they knew would be refused them. Later other orders went to other countries (526 communities established themselves in Belgium) in order to be able to live in true freedom according to their constitutions.

Prepared to Resist "But this time," Father de la Briere writes, "the members of the dissolved congregations have no intention of facilitating the task of those who wish to proscribe them by voluntarily taking the road to exile in order to escape the disagreeable perspective of judicial pursuit. If any new executions are to be made, it is the anti-clerical government which will have the embarrassment and the shame of conducting them to the end."

All the religious who returned to France to fight in 1914 have grouped themselves in the "Ligue de Defense." They exposed their lives for their country during the tragic hours of bloodshed, and they now wish to enjoy the same liberties as other Frenchmen. They will not of their own accord, climb again into the hangman's cart.

Resolved that we uphold the right of such private educational institutions to exist and continue their work, the Mayor of Pradinas, who is work, and that we take all necessary steps to protect them in the exercise of every liberty, will not answer this questionnaire, as he does not consider in part of his function to supply to any one political party a motive for the exploitation of the low sentiments which animate some of our fellow citizens."

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Catholic Alumnae Reaffirm Parents' Rights In Education Philadelphia, Oct. 30.—The traditional teaching of the Church in educational matters, the right to maintain private schools and the right of parents to send their children to them were strongly reaffirmed in a resolution passed by the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae which closed its convention here Sunday. The resolution is as follows: "Whereas parents, by the Creator's will, have both the responsibility for the education of their children and the corresponding right to determine by whom that education shall be given, and

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