Colorado Woman Klan Legislator Declares Morley Is Klansman

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

Denver, March 5.—Revelations showing how a Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan disciplied members of the Colorado Legislature who disobeyed his orders, as well as proving that Governor Morley, (who has recently made a public denial that he is a Klansman) attended and addressed Klan meetings both before and after his election are contained in statements made by Mrs. Martha E. Long, Member of the Colorado House of Representatives, quoted in the current issue of the Denver Catholic Register. Mrs. Long admits that she was a member of the Woman's Ku Klux Klan and that her membership card was taken from her when she refused to support a bill on the Klan's legislative program. Her statement as quoted by the REGISTER reads in part as follows:

"I joined the Woman's Ku Klux Klan last summer. That is the official name of the organization. Women friends of mine told me to join and I did. It is a wonderful organization as far as ideals taught in the ceremony are concerned. Among the principal things I remember were the addresses delivered by the members about patriotism and loyalty to the country. Especially do I remember an address that was delivered one night on Table Mountain by Governor Morley. Mrs. Morley and the Governor are both members and I have often heard him talk before meetings of the Klan and also before Klan caucuses of the Denver members of the legislature. . . . . .

"Following the election the Klan members from Denver held man caucuses. I attended some of them but not all. When Governor Morley spoke before us at these meetings it was always on what he believed would be best. After the session opened we were told that we had to follow the program. In fact, that was the order all the time. When the bill abolishing the state board of nurse examiners come up I realized that I could not support it. I indicated that much in one of my votes one day. That afternoon Mr. Atchison handed me a note which read: 'Go straight down the line. No excuses taken. (Signed) Atchison.'

"Mr. Atchison was at that time floor leader of the Klan. I went to him and told him I could not vote for that bill. He said I had to follow the program. I told him I would go to Governor Morley and get excused from voting for that bill. He told me Governor Morley had nothing to do with it; that I had to get my excuse from Dr. Locks (Grand Dragon of the K. K. K.) that he was handling the excuses of those who wanted to be excused. I told him I would not go to Dr. Locks on that matter.

"The next day I voted against the bill. That afternoon Miss May Rankin Fox, secretary to Carl Ds Lochte, came to me and asked for my Klan membership card. I asked her why and she said I had failed to follow instructions on the nurses bill. I asked her who sent her and she said the leaders of the Klan. I told her it was at home but I would bring it the next morning. I brought it as I had promised and she came to my desk and I gave it to her. Since then all the bills I have had have been killed. They told me they were going to kill them just to punish me as they punished Representative Payton of Pueblo."

Sunday, March 22.—St. Catherine of Sweden, Virgin, was the daughter of Prince Ulpho of Nericia and of St. Bridget. Being very beautiful she was by her father contracted in marriage to Egard, a young nobleman of great virtue. However, she persuaded her husband to join with her in a mutual vow of perpetual chastity. She died as the Abbess of Vadzstena in 1381.

Monday, March 23.—St. Victorian and other martyrs. St. Victorian was the Proconsul at Carthage during the reign of the Arian King Huneric. Victorian and many others were cruelly tortured for their faith and finally put to death.

Tuesday, March 24.—St. Simon, infant Martyr, was killed by the Jews in the city of Trent in 1472 during the Passover. His body was thrown into the river but was later discovered and the perpetrators of the outrage were punished.

Wednesday, March 25.—The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This great festival takes its name from the happy tidings brought by the angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin, concerning the Incarnation of the Son of God. It commemorates the Most important embassy that was ever known: an embassy sent by the King of Kings, performed by one of the chief princes of His heavenly court; directed not to the great ones of this earth, but to a poor, unknown virgin who, being endowed with the most angelic purity of soul and body, being withal perfectly humble and devoted to God, was greater in His eyes than the mightiest monarch in the world.

Thursday, March 26.—St. Ludger, Bishop, was a nobleman of Friesland born in 743. Through his efforts large numbers of the Saxons of East Friesland and in the Province of Westphalia were converted to the Faith. He was made Bishop of Munster against his will and was favored with the gifts of miracles and prophecy.

Friday, March 27.—St. John of Egypt, worked with his father as a carpenter until he was twenty-five years old. Then he withdrew into the desert and for sixteen years lived a life of solitude. At the conclusion of that period he took up his abode in a cell from which he would converse twice a week through a window with those who came to him. He died in 394.

Saturday, March 28.—St. Gontran, King, was the son of King Clotaire, hence a grandson of Clovis I and St. Clotildis. In the year 561 he was crowned King of Orleans and Burgundy. His reign was guided by the principles of religion and he showed great solicitude in protecting the oppressed and caring for the sick. He died in 593.

Pittsburgh Diocese To Raise $10,000 For Gibbons Institute

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 13.—Catholics in every ward of Pittsburgh and every borough and town in Allegheny county were organized here Sunday to raise $10,000 as the county's quota for the upbuilding and maintenance of the Cardinal Gibbons Institute for colored youth at Ridge, Maryland.

The Rt. Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh, and Admiral William S. Benson, president of the National Council of Catholic Men, were the principal speakers at a meeting of more than 200 prominent Catholics of the city and county, at which the needs of the Institute were outlined and plans for the campaign here mapped.

James Houlahen, county commissioner, presided, and was chosen chairman of the campaign committee. James J. Waters was named treasurer, and William A. Ryan secretary. A chairman has been appointed for each ward, borough and town, and a quota fixed for each. Another meeting will be held next Sunday.

Bishop Boyle highly endorsed the Catholic movement to help the Negro, and authorized any collections in his diocese for the Institute, to which he gave unstinted praise. He introduced Admiral Benson as "the leading Catholic layman of the country".

"We are indebted to the Negro", said Admiral Benson. "We owe him the chance to make good—to raise his standard of living—to become a good citizen. The white population of this country came here of their own will in the pursuit of liberty. The Negro came against his will, and knowing he was coming to slavery. It is our duty to redeem this injustice of our forefathers. The Cardinal Gibbons Institute, begun by the late prelate of Baltimore, is intended to that end.

"The Institute is now functioning, but on a small scale, because of lack of funds. There are at present forty students in the one building already erected, but our program of expansion calls for a much larger school at Ridge, and later, a string of schools throughout the nation—schools where both Catholic and non-Catholic Negro boys and girls and men and women may develop their talents according to their ability and inclination; a school where Negroes of marked ability can train for extension work among their kind."

A. C. Monahan, executive secretary of the Institute, told of the progress to date, and pointed out the harm that may be expected if the Negroes in this country are denied education. Denny Harris and Mrs. Teresa Molamphy, president of the Pittsburgh Council of Catholic Women, were other speakers.

Will Break Ground For Saint Xavier Library April 10

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 13.—Ground will be broken April 10 for a $150,000 library building on the St. Xavier College campus in Avondale, according to an announcement by the Rev. Hubert F. Brokman, S. J., president of the college. The library at first will have a capacity of 150,000 volumes, which later may be increased to 350,000.

The style of the new building will be Tudor Gothic, to harmonize with other buildings on the campus. The library will be the first building to be erected as a result of work of the St. Xavier College Foundation, a committee of 50 men interested in the expansion program of the college. The committee is endeavoring to raise $1,000,000 by private solicitation during the next five years. President Brockman reported that $135,000 of the amount required to erect the library has been collected.

The main reading room of the library will be named in honor of Mrs. Mary Lodge, Cincinnati philanthropist who has given generously to the Foundation committee.

Catholic Pupils Win Most Prizes Offered In Flag Story Contest

Cleveland, Ohio, March.—Catholic school students carried off the majority of the prizes offered in the Flag Story Contest conducted here by the Western Reserve Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. All of the sixteen prizes offered in the eleventh and twelfth grade were won by children from Catholic schools and the winner of the first prize in the fifth and sixth grade group was also a pupil from a Catholic school. In each group the prizes were: first, $25.00; second, $10.00 and $1.00 for each of the next fourteen.

Commenting on the results of the contest, the Rev. John R. Hagan, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, said:

"Our teachers have always tried to inculcate reverence for the flag and are unremitting in their effort to raise the standards of spoken and written language in our schools. No prize contest is absolutely indicative of the relative standings of different schools. However, insofar as this contest is indicative of the achievement in the teaching of patriotism and good English, the results are naturally very gratifying."

UNITED RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE PLEAS AT YOUNGSTOWN

Great Meeting In Which Many Faiths Were Represented Held View To Ending Bigotry In Center of Klan Activity

Youngstown, Ohio. — Residents of this city of Jewish, Catholic and Protestant faiths met in mass meeting here a few days ago and put under way a movement that had for its purpose creation of a better feeling among the entire population.

This city, the largest in the big iron center of the Mahoning valley, and the surrounding smaller cities of Niles, Warren and Girard have had a reputation as breeding places for the Ku Klux Klan.

That reputation is no longer deemed desirable by the great majority of the people and the gathering of members of all religious faiths to the number of nearly 3,000 persons was a striking demonstration of the wish to end the activities of the Klan and its supporters.

Almost as many were unable to get into the hall in which the meeting was held as there were on the inside.

The speakers included Leonard T. Skeggs, general secretary of the Youngstown Young Men's Christian Association, who was also chairman; Rabbi Philo and Rabbi Birnbaum of the two Jewish temples in this city, Rev. Dr. Edward A. Kirby, pastor of Sacred Heart church, and Rev. Dr. W. H. Hudnut, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Besides these representatives of their faiths as speakers of the evening there were other clergymen of several denominations on the stage.

Y. M. C. A. Speaker's Plea for Tolerance

As to the purpose of the meeting Mr. Skeggs said in opening:

"It is entirely fitting that we should here meet together to consider as one mind that which every discerning man must covet—a closer bond of sympathy, a growth of mutual understanding, a confidence and faith in each other. By this act, a Catholic becomes no less a Catholic, a Jew no less a Jew, a Protestant no less a Protestant. Each of us will go from here royal to his chosen faith but with a greater degree of sympathy for others." A brief reference was made by Mr. Skeggs to the influence that leaders in Jewish, Catholic and Protestant bodies can wield in the movement to bring about a more desirable civic condition, whether it be exerted in social, political, or amusement endeavors. Speaking of the patriotic record of Catholics from the establishment of the republic down to the present time Mr. Skeggs said:

Protestant Tribute to Catholics

"And I would say to our Catholic friends that as patriotic American citizens we pay them the highest respect that it is possible to acknowledge. Whenever the flag of our country has been threatened, I am told that the number of volunteers of Catholic faith has exceeded the percentage of the Catholic population as a whole.

"I cannot forget that Cecil and Leonard Calvert, the two Lords Baltimore, Catholics, and founders of the colony of Maryland, pronounced as one of their first acts, complete religious freedom in their colony. And I would say, and in perfect good humor, that what we covet most is a desire to know you better. Among your clergy are men of great intellectual and scholarly attainments. Most of the misunderstanding that exists, I have the positive conviction, is because we do not know well enough your leaders, both lay and clergy.

"As an incentive to a better feeling among our people," Mr. Skeggs continued, "I wish to make this statement: On the public square of Youngstown there used to stand a cheaply constructed billboard on which were the names of all those who gave their lives in the World War. No man asked his religious faith before he might give his life for his country. May we not leave this meeting with a prayer on our lips for the better understanding and a more abiding sympathy for our fellow man of whatever race or religion?" Outstanding thoughts in the addresses of each speaker follow:

Dr. Birnbaum: "There can scarcely be a matter of greater importance than the abolition of racial hatred and religious prejudice. The fruits of the spirit of a people remain inarticulate, except in an atmosphere of tolerance and of brotherly love. Deny these to any people, and you help to foster a spirit of clannishness among them. Withhold these from a group and you will stifle the noblest sentiments of that group."

Dr. Kirby's Appeal For Justice

Dr. Kirby: "There is one fundamental principle upon which we must all agree—the principle of justice. That is the foundation of the teachings of the Talmud, (the Decalogue and the Sermon on the Mount. For us it carries an appeal to the pulpit and teacher in the school. For justice in history, not poisoning the wells of knowledge by putting forward opinions as facts, justice to the worker, toiling and burning out his life in hissing steam, poison gas and sizzling electricity; justice to the merchant who takes all the chances, and to clerks in the stores who wait on you day and night with pleasing smiles that oftentimes cover a breaking or sad heart; and finally justice to the newcomer from a strange land who seeks what we also crave and seek at all times, justice, freedom and friendship from our fellow citizen of whatever race or creed he may be."

Dr. Hudnut: "In bringing about a better feeling among our people we must not lose sight of the individual. Too many persons are judged as of a group and not as an individual. In the south a colored man is called a 'nigger' regardless of his culture or ability. I am vigorously opposed to that. I do not want any man to lose his individuality.

"Treat the foreigner with respect. Do not call him 'wop,' 'hunky' or the Jew 'sheeny'. Learn to know man as your equal. That is what makes 100 per cent Americanism."

"Practice What Is Preached"

Dr. Philo: "The melting pot of which we have heard much is not for religion. America stands for unity, not for conformity. A perfect Jew, a perfect Catholic, a perfect Protestant are three mighty forces for genuine Americanism. Not toleration but justice is the fundamental concept and precept of our American democracy.

"The forces of religion in America must stand together or contribute to the destruction of the structure our fathers reared. If the forces of religion cannot work together in the interests of our common country, how can we expect the nations of the world whose ambitions and aims are fundamentally at variance one with the other to cooperate in the interests of our common humanity? If the forces of religion do not practice a little of what they preach they would better go into voluntary bankruptcy."

Archbishop Dowling Preacher at Funeral Of Monsignor Melody

Chicago, March 11.—Funeral services for the late Monsignor John W. Melody, pastor of St. Jarlath's here were held in that church this morning. Archbishop Dowling of St. Paul, an intimate friend of Monsignor Melody, preached the funeral sermon.

Monsignor Melody, who died Saturday night following an attack of apoplexy, was a native of Chicago. He was graduated from St. Ignatius College here and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md. After his ordination he served for a time as an assistant at St. Pius' Church here and was then sent to the Catholic University of America at Washington for post-graduate work. From that institution he received his degree of Doctor of Divinity and was invited to remain there as a Professor of Moral Philosophy. He accepted this position and held it until 1916 when he resigned to become pastor of St. Jarlath's.

Last June, at the request of Cardinal Mundelein, a life-long friend, Monsignor Melody was made a Domestic Prelate by Pope Pius XI. The Cardinal officiated at the investitute.

Monsignor Melody has taken an active part in public affairs. He has been a forceful opponent of birth control propagandists here, spoke before the School of Medicine of Northwestern University in opposition to the proposal to teach sex-hygiene in the public schools, and has always combatted Socialistic movements with vigor.

Bishop and Priest At Cousin's Requiem

Washington, March 10.—The Rt. Rev. William Turner, Bishop of Buffalo, and the Rev. John Turner, Professor at Dunwoodie Seminary, took part in the celebration of the Solemn Mass of Requiem here today for their cousin John Keefe, a local business man. Mr. Keefe was 81 years old. He had been an active participant in Catholic works here for many years.

President's Message Heard in Cleveland Parochial School

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Cleveland, March 9.—The enterprise of Thomas O'Toole, 13 year old eighth grade pupil in St. Colman's parochial school, this city, enabled forty boys and girls in Sister Edith's room to hear President Coolidge's inaugural address over the radio last Wednesday. When Sister Edith told her class that the President's address was to be carried over the radio Tom recalled that he had a radio set at home and asked Sister if he could bring it to school after lunch and put it in, in order to hear the President's address. Sister gladly gave permission. As a result of Tom's action, the pupils heard the President's message as clearly as if he were within the room.

Missionary Priests Will Act as Guides At Rome Exhibition

Rome, March 9.—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Vatican Missionary Exposition presided over by the Most Reverend Francesco Marchetti Selvaggianni, Secretary of the Congregation of Propaganda, it was decided to have present daily at the Exposition a large corps of missionary priests who will act as guides for the visitors. The corps will be divided into groups of ten, each group to be assigned a definite period of service during the year.

The Committee plans giving careful attention to the European and American visitors in the Eternal City. At least one English speaking priest will be present constantly. The first American priest secured for the service is Rev. John J. Considine, A. F. M., of Maryknoll, who was sent by the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of American to Rome upon the request of the Congregation of the Propaganda for a representative to prepare the Society's exhibit at the Exposition.

Knights of St. John May Rebuild Church Tornado Destroyed

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

Lorain, Ohio, March 14.—A proposition to contribute to the reconstruction of St. Mary's Church, this city, destroyed in the tornado that visited Lorain June 28, 1924, has been submitted to the membership of the Knights of St. John in the United States and Canada.

The movement initiated by St. Mary's Commandery No. 281 of Lorain, has, it is stated by the officers of that commandery, received the sanction of the supreme officers of the Knights of St. John.

If the movement is successful the new edifice will be known as the Knights of St. John Memorial Church.

Printed matter has been sent to every commandery in the United States and Canada outlining the project. The leaflets call attention to the record of the organization as a defender of Catholic principles and contributor to the Catholic cause for many centuries. The present situation in St. Mary's parish, it is declared, offers opportunity for a display of this spirit in a modern city.

"It is the plan of this commandery, which has been mentioned by the pastor of St. Mary's church, Rev. John Johnston," it is announced, "to establish and reconstruct where St. Mary's once stood a memorial church for the Knights of St. John throughout the universe; to erect thereon a perpetual monument in the nature of a church to the Order; to place therein a tablet as a token of the noble and illustrious work of the Order in extending a hand of generosity to a needy and deserving cause. It is the plan of the pastor that a spiritual benefit from all masses read and all prayers recited in this church, shall descend upon the noble Order of the Knights of St. John and to all donors of the church; it shall act as a perpetual offering to the Almighty from the Order pledged as the defender of the Faith."

It is estimated that at least $150,000 will be required to build a memorial church in keeping with the ideas of the pastor.

The tornado caused a financial loss of about [illegible] in St. Mary's property. Besides this, there is a debt of $[illegible] on a church completed monthly antedating the now mollished church.

French Radicals Send Emissary To The Vatican

By M. Morstang

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

Paris, March 11.—Senator Monnie, a member of the radical party, that is to say the majority by M. Herriot, but who [illegible] has always opposed a rapprochement [illegible] relations with the Holy See, [illegible] to Rome incognito after having an interview with the President of the Council. It is stated that while in the Eternal City he has already had several meetings with prominent personages of the Vatican. Cardinal Dubois was in Rome at the same time.

The simultaneous visit of these two Frenchmen has caused much comment in political circles. It would be impudent to repeat all the positions which have been given on the subject, but it appears [illegible] that in certain circles [illegible] "combinations" to new [illegible] which will make it possible to [illegible] breath. After having [illegible] faction in principle to the [illegible] elements of the majority, the government has recognized the advantages attendant upon the suppression of representation [illegible] and is also losing some [illegible] the growing agitation of the [illegible] to the suppression of the [illegible] Articles published by several [illegible] give ground for the understanding that the contested legation [illegible] the Chamber on the head of the maintenance of the concordat in Alsace-Lorraine, is to be entrusted to a very prominent personage and that its attributes will be considerably extended. It is to prepare the way for this arrangement that M. de Monzie is said to have gone to Rome.

French Artists Develop Vocation

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

Paris, March 6.—[illegible] declared a few months ago that the artists of the present day have no faith, a young painter who had [illegible] won the Grand Prix de Rome [illegible] in a public letter as follows: "[illegible] Monsieur, that you do not know the School of the Beaux-Arts. Otherwise you would know that a great number of my comrades are [illegible] and active Christians."

This statement has just been confirmed by the notice published in the last issue of the bulletin of the "Catholiques des Beaux-Arts": "At the end of last year Bortals joined the Trappists; today Max is joining the Benedictines of Solesmes. This is the seventh religious vocation which has developed within the past three years among the students of the Ecole des Beaux-Arts."

Gov. Ferguson Signs Anti-Mask Measure

Austin, Texas, March 13.—Governor Ferguson has signed the bill passed by the Texas legislature which forbids the wearing of masks in public places and places [illegible] restrictions upon the activities of masked persons.

The law becomes effective immediately. One section of it declares it to be unlawful "for any association, society or organization, or any [illegible] the members thereof, masked or disguised, to parade upon the streets or public ways of any city or town [illegible]