

Irish "Heart" Case Protests Cause Inquiry

FREER STATE MINISTER SEEKING FACTS—LETTERS CONTINUE TO BACK UP N. C. W. C. BUREAU'S CHARGE OF INJUSTICE

Washington, March 28.—Results in the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Immigration's check-up on the flood of debarments of Irish immigrants, continue to bear out the Bureau's contention that serious injustice is being done these immigrants, the Bureau declares.

Letters containing doctors' certificates of stalwart health, and testifying to their employment at good wages, with full ability to work, are still coming in from Irishmen who were admitted only after providing bond that they would not become public charges, says the Bureau. The preponderance of debarments and ultimate deportations or demands for bond came after diagnoses of heart disease.

Certificates of Physicians. Doctors' certificates sent in by these men are of interest. Excerpts from some of them read:

"I find him to be in good physical condition, and capable of earning his living in any capacity."
"I find him to be in good health and good physical condition."
"He has no chronic organic cardiac lesion. In my opinion he is a first class risk for any life insurance company."

Most of the men say they have been accepted for life insurance and have taken out their first citizenship papers.

Meantime, Prof. Timothy A. Smiddy, Minister of the Irish Free State to the United States, has taken up the plight of his countrymen, and is making inquiries as to the cause of the debarments.

It is regarded by the N. C. W. C. Bureau as significant that since its determined protests at the numerous Irish debarments because of heart disease, far surpassing those of other nationalities, the number of such cases has dropped materially.

May Alleviate Situation. Action has now been taken, however, which may alleviate the situation somewhat.

It has been the policy of the Secretary of Labor's Board of Review to accept diagnoses of chronic cardiac as prima facie evidence that the men are likely to become public charges, and hence should be excluded or admitted only on bond. By the new arrangement, medical inspectors will appear before the Board of Special Inquiry at the island to testify as to whether or not the condition of the immigrant will impair his ability to earn a living, and if so to what extent. In this effort the United States Public Health Service is lending every aid possible.

By this system, the N. C. W. C. Bureau hopes that one of its contentions will be borne out, that many of these men, although they may have the ailment noted, are not impaired or likely to be impaired that it will interfere with their ability to earn a living.

Hundred Homeless Children Adopted Through K. of C. Aid

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

Chicago, March 30.—One hundred formerly debarred and homeless children were adopted into Catholic family homes as legal heirs of their foster parents during the year through the agency of the Catholic Home Finding Association of Illinois, a Knights of Columbus organization founded about ten years ago by the Rt. Rev. Bishop P. J. Mullan, state chaplain of the order.

Approximately 110 other children were placed in Catholic family homes in the course of the year by the same organization. Many of them will later be adopted by their foster parents.

These figures were reported at the annual meeting of the Association, at the new West Side million-dollar Knights of Columbus club and social center.

The Association is supported wholly by the 80,000 members of the Knights of Columbus in Illinois, and its service is free to the child placed, the institution from which it is taken, and the family to which it is turned over. Approximately 1,100 homeless and dependent children have been placed in Catholic family homes in this state during the ten years of the Association's existence. Actual adoptions approximate 475.

The Association observes close surveillance of all placed children and the families having them, and the charge either is adopted or is sufficiently advanced in years to take care of itself. The children placed are taken from the institutional homes in the state, or from the courts dealing with dependency. No child is placed that is physically or mentally defective, and no home receives a child unless it comes up to the requirements of Catholicity of foster parents, and of ability to take proper care of the child.

Communists Assail Catholics Near Paris

Paris, March 27.—At a private meeting held at Montreuil-sous-Bois in the suburbs of Paris by a Catholic committee, fifty communists who had slipped into the hall tried to prevent a Paris deputy from making a speech. They were expelled, but shortly afterwards, in the street, they drew themselves on the people who were leaving the hall and a fight ensued. The police hastened to the scene and finally established order. The meeting was the result of a very brutally struck, and the speaker was taken to a pharmacy for treatment. One of his legs was injured. He was a Communist and came from a district of Paris.

Maryknoll Fathers' Great Strides Told To French Catholics

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

Paris, March 28.—La Croix, the most widely read Catholic paper in France, has been publishing a series of articles by Pere Andre, a well-known Sulpician, on the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, more commonly known as the Maryknollers.

Pere Andre until very recently was the superior of the Grand Seminaire of Avignon, and celebrated the golden jubilee of his priesthood a few years ago. He is known throughout France by his writings, many of which include translations from the English and more perhaps than any one man in the past generation he was brought home to the clergy of France, through his retreats and otherwise, the growing strength and worth of Catholicism in the United States.

For nearly a quarter of a century Pere Andre taught in American Seminaries, successively at St. Mary's, Baltimore, and at St. John's, Boston, under Abbe Togan.

While at Boston he became associated with the present Superior of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Father Walsh, who was then a student. He remarks at the beginning of his article that nothing is more striking than the rapidity of the development of the mission spirit in America, and adds that he considers the work of Maryknoll an inspiration in its development.

"I wish," he writes, "to bring out the Providential circumstances of its origin, and in doing so, I recall intimate and personal memories. One of my sweetest consolations is to have collaborated with the Very Reverend Father Walsh in the first movements of the life of Maryknoll, which today, so flourishing and rich in promise for the propagation of the Faith, fills me with wonder and admiration at the ways of God."

"Maryknoll, universally acknowledged, has not, however, struck its roots in the American soil by an enchantment, but as a result of painstaking cultivation of a field in which this great work could germinate and produce its fruits."

The articles of Pere Andre cover several issues of La Croix and will reach a wide circle, since this paper is published in Paris not only for the city but for dioceses and parishes throughout France.

Catholic Youth To Throng Rome Next September

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

Rome, March 28.—September is to be the month of the young people of the world in the Eternal City. From September 3 to 7, the Catholic Scouts will be in Rome.

The period from September 10 to 12 has been elected by the pilgrim association, which will bring tens of thousands of young men from every part of Italy. And while the majority of pilgrims will leave immediately after the period allotted to them has expired, the group leaders will stay on for the pilgrimage-convention of the International Catholic Youth Association. The pilgrimage of the National Association of War Veterans of Italy will also be in Rome from September 10 to 14.

The "Pax Romana," International organization of Catholic university students, will come to Rome following the annual convention which is to be held this year in Bologna.

Finally, from September 15 to 20, the great pilgrimage of the International Catholic Youth Association will be present. The national groups in Spain, France, Germany, Austria, Tyrol, Yugoslavia, Portugal, Czechoslovakia, China, the United States and Belgium have already announced their intention in participating in this international demonstration and it is expected that pilgrims will come from every nation representing the numerous young peoples organizations affiliated with the International Association of Catholic Youth.

The Secretariat of the International Association of Catholic Youth, with headquarters at 70 via della Scrofa, Rome, is at the disposal of all groups of young people; even those not affiliated with the International Association, which may desire to come to Rome, and advises that they may organize pilgrimages for the same period as that of the International Association.

Cause of Ven. Julian Eymard Is Advanced By Rome Congregation

New York, March 28.—A cablegram to the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament here from Rome informing the congregation that at the Preparatory Congregation for the examination of two miraculous cures attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Julian Eymard, founder of the order, the cause passed successfully.

The next meeting, the General Congregation, will be held May 5, in the presence of the Holy Father. The exact date for the beatification of the Venerable Eymard, however, has not yet been decided, although it is known that it will be June 28, July 5 or July 12.

Father Eymard was born Feb. 4, 1811, and died in 1868. His life work was to spread devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, and he was the founder of what is known in the United States as the Priests' Eucharistic League and the People's Eucharistic League. Many of his writings have been translated into English and are known to Americans.

Indiana Governor Kills Bill Providing Religious Teaching

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

Indianapolis, March 20.—Governor Jackson has vetoed the bill passed by the recent session of the Indiana Legislature which would have permitted public school authorities to release public school children from attendance at the schools for two hours a week for the purpose of receiving religious instruction. The Governor's action was taken after he had received from the Attorney-General of Indiana an opinion to the effect that the bill violated several provisions of the Indiana Constitution. After giving his reasons for holding the bill unconstitutional the Attorney-General said he was not unaware of the benefits which might accrue from such a law but that he could not allow his personal preferences to blind him to constitutional prohibitions to such legislation.

"The importance of safeguarding the complete freedom of religion is of infinitely greater moment than is the importance of fostering religious instruction by the State," he said, adding "I have arrived at my conclusions with reluctance, but I am right."

Attorney-General Gillson's reasons for holding the bill unconstitutional entirely convinced that they are included the following:

That the bill entitled a measure to amend the "Compulsory School Attendance" law, attempted to legislate on matters not embraced in that law and hence violated a provision of the Indiana constitution.

That the bill would give preference to incorporated religious bodies in the matter of religious instruction as compared with instruction which a parent or guardian might wish to impart personally.

That there is an attempt in the act to regulate religious schools by requiring attendance records to be kept.

And that the act is, in effect, an attempt to do indirectly a thing which the State by its constitution is inhibited from doing directly.

The Attorney-General takes the position that if the State is justified in requiring the religious schools attended by public school children to keep records of the attendance of such children at the classes in religion, the same power would justify the State in requiring attendance records to be kept by Sunday schools.

The bill which the Governor vetoed, by refusing to sign it after the Legislature had adjourned, was the third of an almost identical character which had been advocated during the recent session. Two others were killed in the Legislature itself by indefinite postponement.

Hill Military School Presents Its Case On Its Property Rights

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

Washington, March 30.—Whether or not the Oregon anti-private school law violates the constitutional property rights of a private corporation was the issue presented to the Supreme Court here in arguments on the appeal of the Oregon Governor and Attorney-General in the case involving the Hill Military Academy. John C. Veatch, attorney for the Military Academy, at the outset of his argument called the Court's attention to the fact that his client is a non-sectarian school and hence no religious issue is involved in its case.

He declared the entire case on behalf of the State rested on the presumption which the Court was asked to make that there was a need for suppression of the private schools in Oregon but that no evidence had been introduced either in the lower court or in the briefs submitted to the Supreme Court to sustain that presumption.

"We contend," he said, "that the state has not the power to enact any legislation no matter how little that legislation may interfere with the rights of the individual or the rights of property, unless it is intended to correct some evil or promote some public good."

Assistant Attorney-General Moore and Albert H. Pines, appeared in the Military Academy case on behalf of the Governor and Attorney-General of Oregon in defense of the validity of the anti-private school statute. Mr. Moore's argument centered largely around the contention that the Court must assume the people of Oregon acted after adequate deliberation and with sufficient reason in enacting the anti-private school law. Several members of the Court interjected remarks to the general effect that the real question was whether or not the State had the power to enact such legislation; that if the power exists it was not for the Supreme Court to consider the particular circumstances under which the State exercised it. Mr. Pines' argument consisted largely of an effort to show that the property rights of private schools were not impaired by the anti-private school act.

Bishop Cantwell's Gift To Women's Council In Diocese

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

Los Angeles, March 16.—The Rt. Rev. John J. Cantwell Bishop of Los Angeles and San Diego, has departed for Rome on a Holy Year visitation. He will also go to the Holy Land and will be in Jerusalem for Holy Week and Easter.

Before his departure, the Bishop, as an evidence of his deep interest in the National Council of Catholic Women, donated \$1,000 to the diocesan Council for use in its various works throughout the diocese. A diocesan conference is planned by the Council in June, and organization work is being pushed vigorously.



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