

In vain will you find missions and build schools, if you are not able to wield the offensive and defensive weapons of a loyal Catholic press.—Pope Pius X.

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God's Sovereignty Is Recognized By South Africans

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

Rome, June 10.—A special dispatch from Capetown to the "Osservatore Romano" announces an important change in the Constitution of the Union of South Africa. Without discussion and without a single dissenting vote, the Parliament has approved the following proposition and introduced it as Article I of the Constitution: "The people of the Union of South Africa recognize the Sovereignty of God and His Providence."

Great regret had always been expressed over the omission—unintentional though it was—of this article from the Statutes adopted by the National Convention in 1909. This omission was due to no anti-religious spirit. In fact every session of Parliament is opened by prayer and whenever a new session convenes, the announcement thereof is made in the Name of God. The majority of the people were not content with this, however, and wished formal recognition of divine sovereignty to be included in the fundamental law of the land.

This brought about some difficulty, which was finally solved by the adoption of a brief preamble to the Constitution explaining that specific mention of the Sovereignty and Providence of God having been omitted from the "South Africa Act" of 1909, without any intention of failing to recognize God, the Constitution has been modified to include Article I.

Before taking this step the South African Government consulted all the religious authorities of the country, including the Catholic Hierarchy, and the adoption of this article was given precedence over an accumulation of legislative work of all kinds.

King George Lauds Catholic Home For Defective Boys

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

London, June 15.—King George commended the work for mentally defective boys conducted by Msgr. T. A. Newsome in a message sent this week on the occasion of the opening of an extension of the home. The King expressed his "deepest sympathy with all such works of mercy on behalf of suffering childhood."

Msgr. Newsome, administrator of the Bedford Court Catholic Mental Hospital for children, was recently in the United States studying American methods of dealing with the problem of mental deficiency, and as the result of his observations he has installed at Bedford Court several improvements which are being closely watched by the government departments concerned—the Ministry of Health and the Board of Control. "Bedford Court is teaching the government," declared Dean Yeo, at the opening of the new home for junior boys.

American Woman Organist Presides In Paris Church

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

Paris, June 15.—During the ceremonies held at Pontefract in the special church for foreigners, in the rue de Sevres, the organist was an American woman, Miss E. Hogan, organist from Providence. She played a series of ancient compositions in honor of the Holy Ghost and the Blessed Virgin.

Msgr. Chaplain, Auxiliary Bishop of Paris and special "Bishop of Foreigners", presided at the ceremonies.

Catholic Newspaper Means of Bringing Peace to Dying Woman

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

London, June 12.—The chance possession of a Catholic newspaper brought about the death of a woman knocked down and fatally injured at Torquay this week. And by an extraordinary coincidence the same paper's reporter picked the woman up and was able to obtain a priest for her.

Trying to avoid an automobile when crossing the street, the woman stepped back and collided with a cyclist. She was thrown backwards and fractured the base of her skull.

F. J. Leopold, the "Universal" correspondent at Torquay, saw the accident, went to the woman's assistance and rushed her off to Torquay hospital in a taxi cab. Whilst being lifted into the cab she whispered her name to the reporter, and never spoke again.

At the hospital it was found that she had a copy of the "Universal" in her possession, and a phone call was put through to a priest, who arrived in time to give absolution before she died. The woman was afterwards identified as Mrs. Margaret Allanston, of Harrogate.

Austrian Foreign Minister Denounces Bolshevism's Tenets

By Dr. Frederic Funder
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Vienna, June 3.—An address denouncing the persecution of Christians in Russia in such strong terms that it has created something of a sensation has been delivered by Dr. Heinrich Matscha, Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs and a prominent member of the Christian Social Party.

"What makes us the irreconcilable enemies of the Communist regime," said Dr. Matscha, "is the struggle, as frightful as it is disgusting, initiated by that regime against Christianity and religion, against civilization and moral laws."

"In Bolshevism we fight the murderers of our priests, the desecrators of belief in God, the fanatical foes of the ideas which are dear and sacred to us. Capitalism might be reconciled to Bolshevism at the price of a few concessions or orders; but in our fight for ideals, such a reconciliation is impossible."

Socialist papers and politicians greeted the Minister's frank pronouncement with a storm of attack, and for a time it seemed that a serious conflict between the Soviet Government and Austria might result. Dr. Matscha pointed out, however, that he spoke only of the Communist rule and not of the Russian Government, with no intent of interfering in internal Russian affairs. His object, he declared, was only to make clear the great gulf which separates the ideals of the majority of the Austrian people from the Russian doctrines.

Nevertheless, there has been much activity among the small group of Communists in the Austrian capital as a result of the address, and there are symptoms that these international disturbers plan some serious action.

Archbishop Curley To Consecrate New Bishop Of Raleigh

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

Baltimore, June 18.—The Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, on Wednesday, June 18, will consecrate the Rev. William J. Hayes as Bishop of Raleigh, at the cathedral here. The Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, Bishop of Springfield, and the Rt. Rev. Michael J. Hayes, Bishop of Savannah, will be co-consecrators. The Rt. Rev. John J. Tierney, of Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, will preach the sermon.

On the same evening, the Knights of Columbus of Maryland, of whom Bishop-Elect Hayes is state chaplain, will tender him a reception. Isaac S. George, state deputy, will present him with a purse on behalf of the Knights of the state.

Court Congratulates Priest Who Banned Immoral Magazines

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

Amiens, June 12.—The court here has acquitted—and even congratulated—a priest who had been sued for damages for having denounced as not to be recommended a certain publication for young people.

Canon Calippe, Archbishop of the Cathedral of Amiens quoted in his Parish Bulletin an advertisement copied from a Catholic publication listing magazines fit for children to read. Examining in turn the various classes of magazines they were listed as "good," "passable" and "bad." The review "Sciences et Voyages" was not classed among the good ones. The editor sued for 50,000 francs damages and demanded that the sentence be published in five newspapers.

The court decided the case in favor of Canon Calippe. The sentence declares: "This priest expressed no injurious statements about the editors of this magazine. Considering that this magazine sometimes contains articles which may have a pernicious effect on young people, the Canon has associated himself with a work of moral sanitation." The court acquitted the priest and sentenced the plaintiff to pay all costs.

Strange Holy Year Happenings Offered By Tourist Agencies

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

Paris, June 13.—Some of the commercial agencies conducting pilgrimages to Rome have revealed a striking and oftentimes amusing ignorance of Catholic affairs.

One of the agencies, in advertising its tours, promised its members that they would witness: the beatification of the Carmelite Fathers, the canonization of the Blessed Portales (Mother Postol), and of the Blessed Father Barat. It also announced the canonization of the "martyrs of Orange and of the Blessed Eymard."

Nation-Wide Pilgrimage To Rome Planned

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

St. Louis, June 19.—In response to the stirring call of Archbishop Glennon, the National Chaplain, a great national pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year will be conducted by the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and their Ladies' Auxiliary.

Plans are now under way to send off the pilgrimage in two groups, one sailing from New York abroad the S. S. "Republic," of the United States Lines, on August 12, and the second on the S. S. "America," from New York on August 19.

Both groups will be in Rome at the same time and arrangements are now being made for a joint private audience with the Holy Father on September 13.

In a letter addressed to the Hon. Michael Donohue, National President, A. O. H. and to Mrs. Adella Christy, National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Archbishop Glennon writes:

"I have read with very great interest the suggestion made in the last issue of the National Organ that the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies' Auxiliary sponsor a pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year."

"Such a pilgrimage has my sanction and cordial endorsement. I am sure that the Holy Father would be well pleased to have his sons and daughters of Irish extraction in America assemble at his feet this year in the Eternal City, paying him their homage of love and devotion and giving him fresh proof of their loyalty to our Holy Mother, the Church."

Keeping in mind always the high objects for which His Holiness has asked us to pray during the Holy Year, the pilgrimage would doubtless be of great value, not only to those who participate, but to those on whom they invoke God's blessings.

A most interesting and attractive itinerary of European travel has been arranged in connection with the pilgrimage to Rome. In addition to the days spent in the Eternal City, the pilgrims will travel in France, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, England and Ireland. The route of travel calls for visits to the Carmel of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, the "Little Flower," at Lisieux, to the famous Grotto at Lourdes and to Avignon, in Southern France, a special residence of the Popes. A special party will visit the historic city of Naples on September 19—20 for the ceremonies incident to the miraculous liquefaction of the blood of St. Januarius.

On the return journey the pilgrims will go to Ireland by way of Paris and London and sail for home from the Port of Cobh in October. The entire tour, both on land and sea, will be under the direction of an American travel agency. Information regarding itineraries, costs, etc., may be had upon application to the pilgrimage committee, A. O. H., Suite 1270, No. 1440 Broadway, New York City.

Bishop McDevitt Receives a Degree From Notre Dame

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

South Bend, Ind., June 17.—The Rt. Rev. Philip H. McDevitt, Bishop of Harrisburg, was among those honored at the commencement exercises here Sunday of Notre Dame University. Bishop McDevitt received the honorary degree Doctor of Laws.

Others who also received the honorary degree Doctor of Laws are the Rt. Rev. Aurelius Stehle, O. S. B., Archbishop of St. Vincent's Abbey, Beatty, Pa.; the Rev. Dr. Peter Gullay, of the Catholic University of America, Washington, and Edmund H. Moore, of Cleveland.

Milan University Invited to Study of Religious Ethnology

Milan, June 9.—A "Week of Religious Ethnology" has been announced by the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart. It will be held from September 17 to 25.

This is the fourth session of this conference on the history of religions. Such a conference had never been held in Italy until initiated by the Catholic University here. The fact that it was initiated under Catholic auspices is the subject of much comment.

It has been pointed out that there has been little interest in this subject in Italy. But that the arguments of the rationalists who study non-Christian religions to find weapons against Catholicism make it especially necessary for Catholics to devote more attention to this subject.

The Conference this year will deal largely with the primitive religion of non-civilized peoples. Dr. U. A. Padovani, local secretary of the fourth session of the "Week of Religious Ethnology," at via S. Agnese 4, Milan, has charge of the program for the conference.

His 67th Walk In Catholic Guild's Annual Procession

London, June 19.—For the sixty-seventh consecutive year, John Corbishley walked this week in the Guild procession, which is a feature of Catholic life in Preston. The Bishop of Lancaster, in a coach with possillions and outriders, headed the pageant in which 10,000 people participated, bringing the traffic of the city to a standstill.

When John Corbishley walked in his first procession, at the age of nine, the Preston pageant was not what it is now. "It was a bit of an adventure then," he recalls, "for some times we used to encounter gatherings organized by other churches—and then anything might happen."

But now the annual procession is a feature of the life of the city, and the non-Catholics take as much interest in it as the Catholics, who number one in three.

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Austrian Welfare Worker Protests Immigration Law

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

Washington, June 19.—A protest from still another nation at the work of the United States Immigration Act to separate immigrant families and open the way to immorality has been received by the N.C.W.C. Bureau of Immigration.

Recently national bodies in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Malta registered strong protests at this phase of the Act, with pleas that the evil be ameliorated. Now it is Austria.

Milena Sprung, Austrian representative at a recent international women's gathering in America, made the plea for her countrymen. She has the same pathetic story to tell of wives and children in Europe unable to rejoin their husbands and fathers here; of suffering because of lack of financial aid; of the moral danger involved by the separation of the father from his family.

The N.C.W.C. Bureau has informed her that it will do all it can, at the same time emphasizing that it is badly hampered by the provision of the law which admits of little relief until the Act itself is changed by Congress.

Archbishop Messmer Gets Doctorate From Marquette University

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

Milwaukee, June 17.—His Grace the Most Rev. Sebastian G. Messmer, Archbishop of Milwaukee, was made a Doctor of Laws at the annual commencement of Marquette University just held here.

It was announced that the degree was conferred in recognition of Archbishop Messmer's studies in early Wisconsin history; his sound and extensive scholarship in canon law and theology; his great influence for good in the community as man and citizen as well as faithful shepherd of his flock; and his indefatigable and successful administration of a great archdiocese.

Chippewa Indians Gather For Congress Defying Bad Storms

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

Crookston, Minn., June 16.—Rain and bad roads failed to discourage the Catholic Chippewa Indians of Minnesota, who travelled great distances to attend their annual Catholic Indian Congress at Twin Lakes, from Monday to Thursday of last week. An important item in the plans for the Congress was the preparation of a large Confirmation class, under the direction of the zealous Benedictine Indian missionaries, Father Simon Lampe, Felix Nelles, Thomas Borsding, Florian Lockmeyer and Benno Watrin.

The sacrament was administered on Trinity Sunday by Right Rev. Timothy Corbett, D. D., Bishop of Crookston. Delegates from Red Lake, Leech Lake, Cass Lake, White Earth, Fond du Lac and Bemidji were in a spirited contest as to where the 1925 Catholic Congress would be held. Decision was made in favor of Cass Lake and the 1926 Congress committee was appointed. Joe Bellanger being elected President, Charles Wakefield, Secretary and the missionary of Cass Lake, Father Felix Nelles, O. S. B., treasurer. The 1925 Congress closed with the resolution that every Catholic Chippewa Indian of this district would do his best to insure the success of the 1926 Congress at Cass Lake.

Women's League Rome Congress Dates Changed

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

Utrecht, June 19.—The fifth meeting of the Executive Board of the International Union of Catholic Women's League, held here, transacted much important business, and requested that the dates for the 1926 Congress be changed from the original dates of October 20-21 to October 27-28.

Requests for admission to the Union from six new organizations of Catholic women were received. Three of these organizations—the newly formed national sections of Catholic women in Scandinavia, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland—were accepted.

The new organization of the International Union of Catholic Women's League, which has been formed, approved and recommended. In response to a request from the Executive Board, the Congress was set for October 27-28, 1926, at Rome, Italy.

The National Council of Women, which met with the International Union since the first meeting in 1904, and which is the only national in the United States, is affiliated, has already approved the official delegates to the International Congress to be held in Rome, October 27-28, 1926.

They are: Mrs. Mary E. Benham, of Baltimore, Md., representing the National Council of Women; Mrs. J. A. Jantzen, of Seattle, Wash., representing the Board of Catholic Women's League; and Mrs. J. A. Jantzen, of Seattle, Wash., representing the Board of Catholic Women's League.

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