

South Italians Are Defended By Justice Cotillo

Replies To Attack Made By Harvard Professor at Williamstown

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, August 4.—Justice Salvatore A. Cotillo of the Supreme Court of New York, declared that the emigrants of southern Italy are the backbone of America's common labor and that their children are to be found in the universities, colleges and high schools of the nation...

Justice Cotillo, in his statement to the press, vigorously opposed opinions voiced by Dr. East in an interview at Williamstown, Mass., on Sunday, in which the latter assailed the southern Italian as an unfit immigrant and accused him of "spawning children upon the world" without adequately providing for their maintenance...

"Why does Dr. East choose the southern Italians for 'spawning children upon the world with haphazard recklessness?' Is this not a world-wide problem? And why does the doctor single out these people who have contributed, through their untiring sacrifices to world wide civilization? Has not America profited by the sweat and blood of the very overflow of immigrants from the southern part of Italy, who have come here for fifty years? Within the last half century the unskilled labor of the Italian immigrant has contributed much toward the building up of the country.

"The great mass of the immigrants from Italy in the country are from southern Italy, and I do not believe that any other immigrant can show as much progress and assimilation of American ideas as the southern Italian. Southern Italians are very much sought as working men; large business concerns prefer to extend credit to Italians rather than to any other race.

Communists Blamed For Chinese Rioting Unrest Is Spreading

New York, Aug. 8.—Communist propaganda is largely responsible for the chaotic conditions now existing in China, and the disturbances are by no means over, according to a letter just received at Maryknoll from the Fathers of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, says in part:

"Anti-foreignism seems to be spreading rapidly throughout the country, the Shanghai affair being the stimulating cause, although events have proven that sentiment was already wide-spread before the riots occurred.

"Apparently the greatest responsibility for this belongs in a great part to the Communist propaganda. During the past week disturbances have occurred at Peking, Hankow, Kiukiang, Amoy and Foo Chow. At Kaileng Reuter's telegram stated an Italian priest had been killed and the Cathedral burned, but the report has not been confirmed, although Father Spada states that Bishop Tacconi, in a letter to him, reported that for several days students had been entering the mission compound and behaving in a threatening manner.

"Canton is rather quiet after the defeat of the Kwangsi and Yunnanese. The defeat was due to treachery on the part of the commanders. The retreat of the Kwangsi-Yunnanese forces was followed by a slaughter of the Yunnanese who remained in Canton, and it is estimated that about 700 were beaten to death by the infuriated party. The Canton soldiers did not take part in this slaughter.

"In general, Chinese authorities are afraid to oppose the radical student element; one brilliant exception being the Governor of Chong Sha, who, by reputation a mild-mannered individual, immediately suppressed the students' demonstrations and quieted the situation by forcible opposition.

Mission Crusaders Win Extraordinary Indulgences Grants

Cincinnati, Aug. 8.—Documents announcing the granting of extraordinary indulgences to members of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade and others taking part in public functions of the Crusade have just been received at the national headquarters here, Crusade Castle, from His Eminence, Andrew Cardinal Fruhwirth, head of the Sacred Tribunal of the Penitentiary at Rome.

The concession includes both plenary and partial indulgences for Crusaders and non-Crusaders, together with the favor of a perpetually private now raising a fund of \$1,100,000 to rehabilitate Santa Barbara's alleged altar in the True Cross chapel of Crusade Castle.

Plenary indulgences are granted to Crusaders on the usual conditions of reception of the Sacraments and prayers for the intention of the Pope, for three different works: on the day of admittance to the Crusade, if the candidate is admitted according to the solemn Ritual of Initiation; for attendance at one of the three-day sessions of the leadership school which is conducted at the Castle; and for attendance at a general convention of the Crusade.

Partial indulgences are granted to Crusaders for visiting the True Cross chapel and for renewing the four pledges prescribed in the Ritual of Initiation. A plenary indulgence may be gained on any day once a year by any of the faithful by visiting the True Cross chapel, venerating the relic of the True Cross and praying for the intentions of the Pope, after having received the Sacraments.

Partial indulgences to all the faithful are granted for visiting the True Cross chapel or for attending the solemn exemplification of the Ritual of Initiation. These indulgences are granted in response to the petition presented in May by Bishop Francis J. Beckman of Lincoln, Neb., president of the Crusade, and the Rev. Dr. Frank A. Thill, secretary-treasurer, while the Crusade officers were in Rome.

Hierarchy Gives Education Plan For Argentine

Joint Pastoral Letter Outlines Program For Unification of Catholic Teaching Agencies In The Republic

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Buenos Aires, July 26.—The joint Pastoral Letter of the Hierarchy of the Argentine Republic, establishing a Supreme Council of Catholic Education is one of the most significant events in the history of Catholic education in Latin America.

The bishops have for some time been concerned over the lack of adequate educational facilities, and the establishment of a national council on education is destined to promote the adoption of a unified program, which will stimulate existing institutions to greater efficiency and provide funds for the creation of new schools, especially free schools, and aid the cause of Catholic education generally.

After referring briefly to the teaching mission of the Church and the manner in which this mission has been fulfilled in the Argentine, the bishops give high praise to the native and foreign teaching Orders whose establishments have contributed so largely to the advancement of religion and culture.

"But while we have nothing but praise for your work", the Pastoral says, "and while we therefore desire that you extend and intensify this work, we cannot say that the number and the capacity of the Catholic schools corresponds to the real educational needs of our children. This is proved by the fact that new schools are crowded as soon as they open their doors and that existing schools are forced to turn away students for lack of room."

Catholics Seek Repeal of Penal Laws of England

Recent Instance Of Injustice Admitted by Taxation Authorities But Excused On The Ground That Prescription Is Speculatively Possible

(London Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service). London, Aug. 4.—On the ground that it is an "unlawful association" a religious order is being denied by the Inland Revenue authorities relief to which it is admittedly entitled by virtue of its charitable work.

This fact, just made public, will undoubtedly awaken the Catholic body to a new demand for the repeal of the obsolete laws under which Catholics still suffer as a heritage of the days of persecution.

When the Catholic Union of Great Britain met this week to consider its annual report, Viscount Fitzalan, who presided, said many people imagined that the few remaining Catholic disabilities are mere survivals of the historic past, doing no great harm. But an incident had lately occurred which brought home the necessity of doing away with them.

Here are the facts as presented in the report to which Viscount Fitzalan was referring: During the year a case was submitted to the Catholic Union by a member of the Hierarchy. By section 30 of the Finance Act, 1921, a reform for which the Union had long pleaded was introduced. Thereby, in effect, the inconvenience of charitable institutions having to lease their property in order to obtain the exemption from Property Tax, was got rid of, and that exemption was extended to properties actually used by such institutions for carrying on their charitable work.

Death Claims W. J. Cochran Of N. C. W. C.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Funeral services for William J. Cochran, director of the Department of Laws and Legislation of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, were held this morning at St. Paul's church, the Rev. John J. Burke, C. S. P., General Secretary of the Conference, officiating at the Mass of Requiem and at the burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

In addition to a large number of associates who assisted at the Mass, a committee of eighteen members of the National Press Club attended the service. Mr. Cochran, who was nationally known as a newspaper man, became seriously ill three weeks ago and was taken to Garfield Hospital in the hope that an operation would restore him to health. The operation was performed, but the patient failed to rally, and after receiving the last rites of the Church, died on Saturday evening.

While the legal side of the Department of Laws and Legislation did not engage the attention of Mr. Cochran, his experience as a journalist, his wide and intimate acquaintance with men in official life and the tactful non-partisan spirit which informed his dealings with them, gave particular value to his work in all causes in which national legislation affected the public welfare.

He had the ability to summarize quickly and accurately a national legislative situation and to recall, on occasion, analogous situations in the past, his knowledge of American history being a frequent subject of comment among those who were closely associated with him.

Mr. Cochran was born in St. Louis 47 years ago and was educated in the public schools and by private tutors. He entered newspaper work when a young man and from 1896 to 1900 was assistant sports editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. In subsequent years he was with the St. Louis Star, Fort Smith Times, Joplin American and in 1906 he joined the staff of the St. Louis Republic, as its political writer.

Benedictine, Self-Taught Artist, Wins Praise From Critics

Newark, N. J., August 7.—Critics speak highly of the paintings of Father Norbert, O.S.B., a member of the Benedictine order of St. Mary's Abbey here, whose works are on exhibition in the Newark Art Gallery. Father Norbert is self-taught in the art of painting. He has never taken a lesson in any art school or studied under an art-teacher. The canvas which has attracted most favorable comment is a portrayal of the artist's conception of "Feeding the Multitude."

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Central Verein Convention To Hear Address By C. F. Dolle

Cincinnati, Aug. 8.—Charles F. Dolle of this city, member of the Executive Board of the National Central Verein of America to be held at Cleveland August 21-26. His subject will be "United Catholic Action."

First Movie Showing Pilgrimage To Rome Exhibited On Coast

San Francisco, August 10.—The first motion pictures of an American pilgrimage to Rome are being shown in San Francisco this week by the Rev. D. O. Crowley, President of the San Francisco Playground Commission, who was spiritual director of the first and largest group of pilgrims to leave California.

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Cousins Meet First At Lourdes Shrine

London, Aug. 3.—An American lady visiting Lourdes this week had a surprise when she was talking to Councillor John Quinn, one of the Liverpool pilgrims. "I have a young cousin, a priest, in Liverpool, but I have never met him," she said casually. "His name is Father O'Callaghan."

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