

New Secret Society Giving Philippine Clergy Concern

Manila, P. I., Aug. 17.—Under the imposing name of "Red Rovers of the World" and with a fantastically designated hierarchy of officials and degrees, a new secret fraternal organization has been spreading throughout these islands in recent years. According to the claims of its promoters it is strictly non-political and non-sectarian. So far as can be ascertained it imposes no obligations upon its members save the payment of annual dues of \$5.00.

According to the literature circulated here on behalf of the Red Rovers, the order was founded in the United States by a group of Americans of wealth and education. Among the founders the name of Dr. J. Harry McCormick appears. It was incorporated in the Philippines in 1922 and began its campaign for members the following year. At the head of the organization in the islands is T. Nimrod McKinney, Grand Chief of the Oriol, Grand Chief of the Philippine Islands, Founder of the Society in the Philippine Islands, President and General Manager of the Philippine-American Co. Inc., of California.

Cleveland Diocese Will Dedicate New Orphanage Sept. 27

Cleveland, Aug. 24.—September 27 has been set as the date for the dedication of the first unit of the welfare buildings at Parmadale, a suburb of Cleveland.

The buildings, to be dedicated by Bishop Joseph Schrembs, will be the home for the orphan boys of St. Vincent's, Cleveland, and St. Louis' orphanage, Louisville, Ohio. Approximately 400 are in the two institutions.

The first unit comprises twelve cottages, a dining hall, school and sewer plant. It cost approximately \$1,700,000. The expense is being met by annual contributions of upward of 30,000 members of the Catholic Charities Corporation in the Cleveland diocese. The projected welfare buildings at Parmadale will officials of the corporation state, form one of the foremost developments in Catholic charity in the United States.

When other buildings, to care for the girl orphans of the diocese are completed, the settlement will involve, it is expected, an expenditure of several million dollars. The cottage plan of housing has been adopted because of its approximation of normal home life, and the atmosphere of the entire settlement will be free of "institution" discipline.

The present large orphanage site of St. Vincent's in Cleveland will be placed on the market, and the proceeds from its sale will be given to the fund to develop Parmadale.

Abandonment of St. Vincent's will mean termination of a tenancy that began almost 75 years ago, in charge of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, who have conducted either a hospital or an orphanage on the grounds during the entire period.

The Sisters of Charity came from Arras, France, upon the invitation of the Rt. Rev. Amadeus Rappe, Cleveland's first bishop. At present the Sisters are in charge of three hospitals, an infant asylum and an orphanage in Cleveland, and a hospital in Canton, Ohio.

Bishop Caruana Returns New Orleans, Aug. 31.—The Rt. Rev. George J. Caruana, D. D., Bishop of Porto Rico, stopped briefly in New Orleans on his way back from Guatemala, where he went as apostolic visitor. Bishop Caruana is expected to return to Cuba, where he will preside at the annual meeting of the Holy See hierarchy in Washington, D. C., on Sept. 14 and 15.

REVOLT IN MEXICO FEARED; PRESIDENT INCREASES GUARDS

Calles Surrounds Himself With Military Guard—Catholics Opposed to Overthrow of Government by Violence

By Charles Phillips (Special Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Mexico City, Aug. 24.—Fear, as we have seen, rules Mexico. For the people of Mexico, and especially for those who practice the Catholic religion, there is no such thing as freedom of thought or liberty of action. Freedom and liberty do not go with fear. But fear is a double-edged sword. It cuts coming as well as going. The rulers of Mexico, who rule with the blade of fear, also live in fear. To live at all they must surround themselves with all the safeguards that fear sets up: precautions, suspicious, espionage, guns. The dictator of Mexico, Calles, the Bolshevik agent who is the inspiration of all the religious persecutions which now terrorize this country, lives as do his masters and idols of the Third International in Russia, in most fatal measure is common knowledge. Mexico, one of the richest countries in the world, no longer feeds herself. Her specie supply is now so reduced that within a few weeks the government is expected to begin the flotation of paper currency. If that be done it may precipitate a catastrophe.

Calles got into power by making promises to the radical element of the country. The radical element here, unlike that of the United States, is largely "red." Soviet propaganda, fostered by Calles himself, who is an ardent admirer of Leninism, has heightened the "red" color of the Mexican proletariat, so that today it is quite a shade with that of Moscow. But, when Calles got into power by making "red" promises, he had also at the same time to conciliate the ever-present military power of Mexico, the army. That power is not "red," and Calles has not succeeded in making it "red." Its interests are quite the opposite. It represents capital. Calles, caught between two powers and influenced by his own "red" predilections, has gone too far in favoring the socialist elements, to please the military. And at the same time he has not gone far enough to please the "reds," some of them tried a few days ago to kill him by wrecking the presidential train. But the military has the guns, guns are more easily handled than railway engines.

Where a few weeks ago a sleepy sentry with a rifle stood guard in the vicinity of the president's palace or the public offices, today on the same beat there are two or three alert soldiers with rifles, pistols, even hand grenades. Where a few weeks ago a page or a uniformed porter loafed in the corridors or around the doors of the various bureaus of the government, today there are wide-awake army officers always present. Calles himself, as I have said, sleeps behind a cordon. But there may be a ghastly irony in that. Outsiders may believe that Calles thus protects himself. Even yet, he too, may possibly believe this. But my opinion is that by this time he knows better. His opinion is that he has a fear in his heart today of the very safeguards which his fear sets up. I shall not be surprised to hear some day, perhaps in the very near future, that the guns which apparently have thrust him out over the back fence and into the limbo of despots.

Probable Successor Described The candidate of the group which may throw Calles out is a dark horse and not any one of the figures usually conjured up as the next Mexican dictator. This man was formerly prominent in the Obregon government, but is at present living privately, having refused all offices under Calles, although Calles, owing his succession to Obregon, has done everything to win him to his side. This man is a trained politician and an able administrator, and with capital and the army backing him, he may institute a regime of reorganization in Mexico. In doing that and his supporters may let up for a while on the pet pastime of the "reds," religious persecution. If they do, the Church will thus benefit, not so much perhaps because religious freedom may be an ideal of the new government but simply because other interests will preoccupy them—the reconstruction of the country—the stabilizing of finances, the reorganization of industry and agriculture.

Sign Language Used in Preaching 4-Day Retreat To 100 Deaf London, Aug. 24.—A four-day retreat was preached in the sign language to the members of the Liverpool Catholic Deaf Society this week. More than a hundred men and women, all deaf and dumb, attended the instructions, which were followed by Benediction.

St. Louis Mission Gift (By N. C. W. C. News Service) St. Louis, Aug. 26.—On the feast of Saint Louis, the St. Louis Catholic Mission Society was the recipient of a check for \$425 as a gift from one parish. It is stated by the treasurer that the Society has almost completed its first \$10,000 through the contributions made by adults and children, according to the plan inaugurated by the board of directors some months ago.

Our collectors will call upon you this week, kindly be prepared for them.

Designation IS NOT Nomination

The candidates nominated by the enrolled Republicans at the Primary Election, September 15th, will be the regular nominees of the Republican Party.

Because one man out of 90,000 enrolled Republicans ignores three officials who have served the party best by serving the people well, and leaves their names off HIS list, does not mean that these men are irregular.

If you make your voice heard and your vote count on Primary Day, September 15th, Mayor Van Zandt, Comptroller Wilson and District Attorney Love will be the regular party nominees and the regular Republican candidates for election November 3rd.

The Van Zandt-Wilson-Love headquarters are at Room 130, Powers Hotel, and are open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. Phone Main 5860. Women's Division, Room 128, Powers Hotel Phone Main 5859.



MAYOR VAN ZANDT COMPTROLLER WILSON DISTRICT ATTY LOVE

"THEY DESERVE RE-NOMINATION."

Woman In Ireland Asks To Join U. S. Pilgrimage Party

(N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, Aug. 30.—Interest in the Holy Year pilgrimage of members of the National Council of Catholic Men, which sails September 19th from New York is not confined to the United States, but has extended across the ocean to Ireland, according to Andrew I. Hickey, chairman of the committee in charge.

Mary A. Morrissey of Clonmel, County Tipperary, has written the pilgrimage committee asking if she may be permitted to join the pilgrims in Cherbourg. She is particularly anxious to take part in the special excursion to the French cemetery which has been arranged to visit the graves of Catholic war dead. Miss Morrissey's brother, John J. Morrissey, was a member of Company A of the 165th Infantry of New York, and is buried in one of the French cemeteries.

The committee has written Miss Morrissey indicating that arrangements may be made for her to join the pilgrimage in Europe. Reservations for the pilgrimage, according to Mr. Hickey, will close September 12. They are being received at national headquarters, 1314 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest, Washington.

Alabama Pilgrimage Throng Overflows Chapel Of Our Lady

Holy Trinity, Ala., Aug. 28.—The Ninth Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace here drew a crowd which filled the large shrine chapel to overflowing. In the morning there was a Solemn High Mass celebrated by the Rev. James P. Hangle of New Jersey, assisted by members of the order of the Missionary Servants of the Blessed Trinity.

After the Mass there was a barbecue luncheon for the guests and at three o'clock the procession formed to march through the wood to the Shrine. At the entrance to the woods Benediction was imparted by the Rev. J. A. Tomerlin, M. S. B. T. A second Benediction was imparted from the Shrine altar by the Rev. J. J. Loftus, M. S. B. T., and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas A. Judge, M. S. B. T. A third Benediction was imparted when the procession had returned to the chapel.

On the feast of the Assumption ten young postulants at the Mother Missionary Cenacle here received the garb of the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity and were received into the novitiate of the order. They are: Miss Josephine Taylor, Brooklyn, Sr. Joseph Mary; Miss Josephine Postiglione, Brooklyn, Sr. Mary Mercedes; Miss Anna O'Donnell, Philadelphia, Sr. Mary Leo; Miss Agnes Friel, Philadelphia, Sr. M. Pancratius; Miss Susanna E. Crowe, New York, Sr. M. Ambrose; Miss Eva Carter, Brighton, Mass., Sr. Ave Maria of the Annunciation; Miss Mary Kelly, Brooklyn, Sr. Mary Edward; Miss Catherine Quinn, New York, Sr. Maria de Lourdes; Miss Margaret Coughlin, Waterbury, Conn., Sr. Lucy Ann; and Miss Susanna Bryson, East Pittsburgh, Pa., Sr. Mary Marcella.

Mexico Catholics Living In A State Of Constant Fear

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) The government can exile every priest in Mexico who is not Mexican born. And still further, since Article 5 forbids all religious vows and prohibits monastic orders and religious communities, every priest in the country may be arrested, if Congress wills to apply the letter of the law. And further still, no priest so arrested would be allowed trial by jury. In the State of Tabasco at the present moment, every priest in the diocese is under ban and in hiding, and the Bishop is an exile, because of these laws.

But banning priests is only one way in which the Mexican Congress may proscribe the Catholic faith. There are other ways. Under Article 24 of the Constitution, for instance, the celebration of Mass, or of any other religious rite, may be stopped. According to this Article, no public religious act may be performed except exclusively under the supervision of government authorities. Cease to "supervise," and public religious service must automatically cease.

No Security For Schools All over Mexico today Catholic schools are functioning — parochial schools, convents, colleges, seminaries. But not one of them operates legally. Every one of them is under ban. In some cases they are winked at for the moment, or temporarily tolerated or overlooked. But they have no security. Let the new Congress give the word, and every one of them would be summarily closed. No religious body, no priest, according to Article 3, may establish, manage or direct a school, not even a primary school.

Mexico has also its quota of orphan asylums, refuges, hospitals and other charitable institutions established and operated by the church. But they are all illegal. If the new Congress should feel the inspiration of the dictator in this, direction every one of these institutions would suffer the same fate as the schools, as many indeed have already suffered. Benevolent institutions cannot operate under the guardianship, direction, management, support, or even under the indirect or delegated supervision, of religious communities, priests or of any individuals connected with them in any manner. So says Article 27 of the Constitution, which the new Congress, about to convene, is sworn to defend and put into operation.

Priests May Not Own Land No priest, no bishop, no religious, can live in a house which is church property, because, according to the same Article 27, there is no such thing in Mexico as church property. It is all government property, and if it be held by the Church at all, it is so held merely at the pleasure of the government, which may seize it at any time and put it to what use it will. Moreover, no priest can own, or acquire property, by purchase, by inheritance, or in any other way. Should he attempt to do so, he may be denounced by anyone aware of the fact, and the property confiscated; and in such a case there can be no redress, not even, once more, the right of appeal to court or trial by jury.

These are some of the laws of Mexico of today. They are the constitutional laws of the land. The new

Sisters Of Charity Alumnae Convention

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dubuque, Ia., Aug. 29.—The National Federation of Alumnae, Sisters of Charity, B. V. M., held their seventh biennial convention at Mount St. Joseph College, here August 22-25. The convention opened officially with Solemn High Mass conram Episcopio celebrated by the Very Rev. Thomas Conry, S. T. B., president of Columbia College. His Grace, the Most Rev. James J. Keane, D. D., Archbishop of Dubuque, was present in the sanctuary. The Holy Father sent a message congratulating the sisters and alumnae on their reunion and imparting to them the Apostolic Blessing.

There were various social events for the entertainment of the delegates. At the final business session Tuesday afternoon new officers were elected for a term of two years. They are: President, Miss Ada K. Gannon, Immaculate Conception Academy, Davenport, Ia.; first vice-president, Mrs. Corrine Camplon McNichols, Mount St. Joseph College, Dubuque, Ia.; second vice-president, Wm. J. Holland, St. Patrick's High School, Iowa City, Ia.; recording secretary, Miss Regina Cox, St. Ambrose High School, Des Moines, Ia.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Margaret Maloney Sullivan, Our Lady of Angels Academy, Lyons, Ia.; treasurer, Miss Jennie O'Hern, Chicago, Ill.

New York Catholic League Convention

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, Aug. 28.—Plans for what promises to be Brooklyn's largest Catholic convention, to be held the week of September 6 in the auditorium of Trinity High School, have been completed by the executive officers of the New York Catholic State League. The convention, which is the twenty-eighth annual session of the League, will be conducted under the auspices of the Brooklyn federation, and delegates will be greeted by President John Roethlein and prominent Brooklyn clergymen and laymen.

The Rev. Ignatius M. Cox, S. J., noted retreat preacher of Fordham University, will deliver the sermon at the Pontifical High Mass Sunday, September 6, in Holy Trinity church. Borough President Joseph A. Guider will make the address of welcome at one of the large public meetings to be held in the Academy of Music. The opening session will be preceded by a parade from convention headquarters through the business section of the city. The Rev. Anthony J. Reichert, D. D., pastor of St. Nicholas Church, will open the convention with an address.

Congress, which will convene on September 16, can apply these laws to the last letter of the last word, if it wish, or if the dictator will. All through Mexico at present the great fear is that it will.

A Land Ruled By Fear. Fear rules Mexico. The Catholic people of Mexico fear that already the scene is set for a renewed and intensified persecution of the Church in this country. There is one possibility that may intervene and change the course of events. I shall discuss this in my next letter.