

French Religious Review Analyzes The Ku Klux Klan

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, Sept. 12.—An interesting study of the Ku Klux Klan from the French viewpoint is printed in the review "Les Nouvelles Religieuses". The concluding paragraphs read as follows: "It must not be forgotten that, in the United States, it is par excellence the country of sincere and honest tolerance, of tolerance in spirit and in fact, there is to be found there—as everywhere else—an inferior and not very numerous element which, by its very existence, testifies to the fact that human nature is the same everywhere and that even in the most civilized communities human folly does not always lose all its privileges. American tolerance being universal, that element is tolerated there and allowed to exist but Americans of intelligence and righteousness despise it, or rather scorn it, and the force of circumstances is already operating to eliminate it. "The failure of the fanatic is certain in advance; already they are on the decline. Their stupid intolerance, their proven violence in certain cases and a few financial scandals have already begun their devitalizing work. No one shall succeed in wresting from Americans their sincere tolerance which they consider to be one of their most honorable attributes."

Dr. Wirth Supports Democratic Trend In German Centrum

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Berlin, Sept. 12.—The Center Party, bulwark of Catholic political influences in Germany for half a century, may embark upon a decided change in policy if the influence of certain of its strong leaders, notably former Chancellor Wirth, can effect a change. According to Dr. Wirth, who recently resigned from the party, and who leaves soon to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Congress in Washington the time has come when someone must stake his reputation and personality on a fight against reaction. It is now Dr. Wirth's intention, according to published interviews, to start within the party a movement animated by a democratic spirit which will appeal to Democrats throughout Germany. It is expected that this movement will have a strong following among those who opposed steam rolling the tariff and tax bills through the Reichstag, a process in which the Centrists played an important part. Three important elements have already rallied to Dr. Wirth's aid. The first is the Catholic youth; representing one of the strongest and most intelligent youth movements in Germany. The second is the Baden-Centrists organization, under the leadership of Monsignor Schofer and the third is the Catholic Workers' organization, which is powerful in Rheland and Westphalia. Another factor that is expected to permit Chancellor Wirth to make headway is the death of Dr. Peter Spahn, former president of the Reichstag and leader of the Centrists for many years. Dr. Spahn was a member of the Reich for thirty-three years and regarded as a mouthpiece of his party. His tendencies were known to be reactionary. In sounding his call for a new policy Chancellor Wirth is quoted as saying: "The politics of the last weeks have been raw and primitive. If today there were new elections in Germany, the results of the Hindenburg elections would not be the same. I believe the political situation in Germany needs clarifying. The Catholic Center must again throw its pivotal influence with the parties of the republic and the democracy."

Fr. Kramer Urges Help For Negroes

Cleveland, Sept. 12.—A plea for more Catholic interest in the negroes of the United States was made here by the Rev. Edward Kramer of the Catholic Board for Mission Work Among Colored People, addressing the National Catholic Women's Union. "There are between 11,000,000 and 12,000,000 negroes in the United States," Father Kramer said. "Of these only 250,000 are Catholics. Just reflect on that. The negro problem has been rattling at the door of the Catholic Church for years and the priests and laity have been indifferent. The colored man is religiously inclined. The Methodists and Baptists have gathered in 5,000,000 of them. Some 6,000,000 are still heathens. "We Catholics are not doing our duty. Indeed many Catholics instead of helping are actually frustrating our work among the negroes. They show their biased feeling whenever a negro happens to kneel beside them in Church. In the House of God, mind you! It is the infernal prejudice. "It is not necessary that we take them into our homes; but, at least, let's not turn up our noses. What are we Catholics doing for the negro? We have each year an Indian and Negro Mission collection but we give only a cent per capita for these purposes each year."

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Memorial In Africa Planned For Bishop

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, Sept. 12.—A campaign is being carried on to have a monument erected at Brazzaville in the Congo, in memory of Mgr. Augustin, Vicar Apostolic of Ubanghi, who spent 44 years in missionary work in Africa. M. de Monzie, the Minister of Public Instruction, and M. Andre Hesse, Minister of Colonies, have approved the project. The municipality of Poitiers has given the name of Augustin to the street on which the venerable Bishop lived after his retirement from active missionary work.

Proposed Separate Registry For Irish Physicians Opposed

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, Sept. 12.—The recent decision of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State to form a separate register for medical men in the twenty-six counties under the jurisdiction of the Dublin Parliament, has aroused the protest of ninety-five per cent of the medical profession in Ireland. The new arrangement puts an end to the system whereby Irish doctors will not be permitted to practice in England. As about four hundred students become qualified in Irish medical schools each year, and as the service of only about twenty are retained in Ireland, the measure has created considerable apprehension among the students. It is claimed that the action of the Free State officials is inevitable under the Free State Constitution, and that it puts an end to the control of Irish medical affairs by a London body set up by statute of the British Parliament. The Irish officials assert that they feel sure a reciprocal arrangement can be entered into whereby Irish doctors may practice in England, and vice versa. Falling in this, it is claimed, Ireland is entitled under her status of a dominion of the British Commonwealth to have her medical men included on the Colonial Register, the same as South Africa, Australia or New Zealand.

Will Honor Jesuit Martyrs On Sept. 27.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Aurlsville, N. Y., Sept. 12. Preparations are being made here for a celebration September 27 in honor of the newly Beatified American martyrs, the Jesuit Father Jogues, and his companions Goupil and Lalande. Besides many prominent ecclesiastics and high officials of the civil government who have been invited to attend, there will be large delegations of students present from many of the Catholic colleges in the Eastern part of the country. The Knights of Columbus and various sodalities are also making plans to send delegations from numerous cities. Special trains will be run to Aurlsville from several of the larger cities to accommodate the crowds. The Very Rev. Joseph Farrall, S. J., President of Brooklyn College, is chairman of the Committee in charge of transportation for the celebration. Although the Beatification of the martyrs took place in Rome last June the Shrine here has been in existence for 41 years. It was erected after General Clarke, U. S. A., and the Archeologist of New York State had identified its site as the exact spot on which Father Jogues, Goupil and Lalande were put to death by the Indians. Many cures have been reported as having been worked through the intercession of these martyrs.

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N. C. W. C. Governing Committee Holds Annual Meeting

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, Sept. 14.—The Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference meet here today, preliminary to the General Meeting of the Bishops Wednesday and Thursday. Members of the Committee are the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, chairman; the Most Rev. Austin Dowling, Archbishop of St. Paul; the Rt. Rev. P. J. Muldoon, Bishop of Rockford; the Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland; the Rt. Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, Bishop of Albany; the Rt. Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, Bishop of Harrisburg, and the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Lillis, Bishop of Kansas City. The Rev. John J. Burke, C.S.P., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, reported to the Administrative Committee on the activities of the Conference during the year. Religious Needs of Colonial Possessions. The Rt. Rev. Sofronio Hachang, Bishop of Cebu, Philippine Islands, appeared before the Committee to present the needs of the Church in the Philippines. The Rt. Rev. George J. Caruana, Bishop of Porto Rico, who has just returned from an important diplomatic mission to Guatemala, told of the Church's needs in Porto Rico, and a representative from Haiti presented the situation in that island republic since the American occupation as it affects religious and moral life. Special reports also were received on the present situation in Mexico as it affects the Catholic Church. Catholics of the United States recently have been acquainted with the deplorable conditions in Mexico through a series of articles by Mr. Charles Phillips, who went to the country as the special correspondent of the N. C. W. C. News Service. Notices for the General Meeting of the Bishops were sent out in July signed by His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell of Boston. In August a full program of the more important matters to be discussed was sent out by the Administrative Committee to all the Bishops. This program was signed by all the members of the Committee. Questions that deal with national matters of interest to the entire Church in the United States and the general welfare of the country were included in the program. While the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Oregon School Law case definitely established the right of parochial schools to exist, it was brought to the attention of the Administrative Committee that signs are not lacking that some anti-Catholic organizations are disposed to disregard the ruling of the highest court and in some States are preparing to push legislative measures designed to make Catholic education and Catholic schools virtually impossible. This matter was to be canvassed by the Bishops. Reference was made to recent secret instructions sent to the Masonic lodges of the Thirty-Third Degree, Southern Jurisdiction, to extend as far as possible State supervision over all schools. Steps to Promote Education. The program also called for consideration of the steps that can be taken to promote education in general, particularly in States where the percentage of illiteracy is high. The extension of the vast civics program already forwarded for years by the N. C. W. C. likewise was to be taken up. The great increase in juvenile crime throughout the country was still another subject on the agenda for the Bishops. Study clubs as promoters of greater interest in public affairs and in education, even outside of school or college, also was a subject for consideration. Signs of industrial unrest and the effort for a further understanding and application of Christian principles of justice in public life and in industry were to be taken up, and a special plan formulated for a country-wide celebration of the coming thirty-fifth anniversary of the famous Rerum Novarum Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII. Needs of rural people and the interests of the farmer were set down for consideration, and immigration laws as they affect the country's welfare—especially the working of the proposals for its revision—also were new Restrictive Immigration Act and to be discussed. A campaign for at least one Catholic paper in every Catholic home, and plans for a nation-wide observance of Catholic Press Month were recommended by the Administrative Committee as deserving the active support of the Hierarchy.

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