Slovak Catholics Still Protesting Huss Celebration

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

Prague, Sept. 6.—The turmoil in Slovakia, resulting from the diplomatic incident caused by the Huss celebration, is great and the effect will last for a long time.

The association of the Catholic Slovak students (of the middle and higher schools) two thousand strong, on the occasion of the annual general assembly, which took place at Banska Bystrjca with the participation of the Slovak Bishops Blaha, Jantausch, and Vojtassak, sent the President of the Republic a telegram of greetings in which was manifested their absolute fidelity to the Holy Father and in which they declared themselves "solidly behind the action of the Nuncio."

This telegram was considered by the opposition press an insult to the person of the President. No one, however, dared ask any action whatever against the authors of the telegram as a violation of the law on the "security of the Republic."

The Executive Committee of the Popular Slovak Party, which met July 23-24, at Zilina, passed a resolution which, declaring that it voiced the will of the entire Slovak nation, stated: "We deplore the action of the Government in the Huss celebration; and we second the protest which the Papal Nuncio registered by his departure from the country."

At the same time, the Committee threatened that "if Prague refused to receive the Plenipotentiary of the Pope, Catholic Slovakia would receive him." "We see in the action of the Government," said the Committee, "a cause for civil-religious strife which might lead to the ruin of the Republic itself."

That Huss Day was a day of anti-Catholic and anti-Papal propaganda is made manifest by the statement of Doctor Luchavsky, National-Democratic deputy, concerning the celebration of the day which took place at Zilina. Dr. Luchavsky said:

"The Huss celebration was turned into an abuse of the Catholic Church and a support of those who apostatized from her. Placards above the gates of Zilina plainly showed that this was nothing but a bold political agitation. Even the soldiers from the local garrison were forced to take part in it. The Slovak people, seeing the celebration turned into an offense to their religious sentiments, vented their anger upon the soldiers."

It was generally realized that the national harmony so necessary to the young Czecho-Slovak State has not been promoted by the Government's ill-advised course in approving celebrations offensive to a great element of the population.

Gift To American Visitor In Ireland

Dublin, Sept. 7.—Patrick J. Haltigan, K. S. G., Reading Clerk in the House of Representatives at Washington, who has been in Ireland for some time, has received at the hands of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, Bishop of Ossory, the gift of a handsomely bound set of histories of Ossory in four volumes, in recognition of his work for the Church in America.

Mr. Haltigan recently was presented with the freedom of the city of Kilkenny, of which his father was a native in the old days of the Fenian Movement. More recently the troops at Kilkenny barracks were paraded before him.

Improperly Dressed Women Are Barred From Rome Basilica

Rome, Sept. 7.—Women who are not properly dressed will not hereafter be permitted to enter the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one of the four Holy Year basilicas. Notice has been posted on the door as follows:

"Entrance is forbidden to women who are not properly dressed, that is, those who do not have the head covered and do not wear high-necked dress and long sleeves."

The Vatican some time ago strongly deprecated immodesty in women's dress, and the Italian clergy has vigorously taken up the campaign for modest dressing.

Stuttgart Catholic Assembly Success Despite Opposition

Berlin, Sept. 7. — Monsignor Pacelli, the Pagal Nuncio was one of the principal speakers at the Catholic Assembly at Stuttgart, which proved to be a conspicuous success.

The range of the discussions was varied, including sociology, art, science and political economy. Notable among the distinguished speakers were former Chancellor Seipel of Austria, Prince Aloys von Lowenstein, Former Chancellor Marx and Bishop von Keppler of Rottenburg, who celebrated at the same time the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination and the twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration.

An expected demonstration by the proletarian Free-Thinkers' Union, set for the day of the opening of the assembly was stopped by the Chief of Police, who served notice that no such tactics would be permitted.

Archbishop Glennon Gives Impressions Of His Trip To Rome

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

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 11.—Archbishop Glennon preached Sunday for the first time since his return from Rome, in the Cathedral of St. Louis.

"I believe", he said, "you would like me to tell you something of my journey to Rome, something about the impressions I received there and of Europe in general, relative to the observance of the Holy Yeaar. The most vivid impression I have carried back with me from the Eternal City is that made on the evening of the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, June 29, when the shadows had begun to fall and the departing sun across the Mediterranean was casting its rose-colored tints upon the great dome, shedding a kind of mystic light which no modern artist has ever touched.

"The western door of the vast Basilica opens and through it slowly moves a figure clothed in white, the Pontiff, who with blanched face kneels on the bench near the tomb of St. Peter. This kneeling figure in snow white vestments calls up the thought that here you have the first and the latest of the long line of pontiffs who have been Bishops of Rome, you behold the living wrapt in prayer before the ashes of The dead, while above, lettered across the dome in mosaics are the words: 'Thou art Peter and upon this Rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'"

Speaking of the impressions made upon him by the spectacle of pilgrims from all over the world flocking to Rome for the Holy Year of Jubilee, the Archbishop declared:

"People who are hostile to the Catholic Church do not understand that Catholics are united only before the altar. This is what they ought to attack, perhaps instead of making foolish statements such as that the Pope is likely to be brought to rule our country. It were well if the Catholics of different lands were in closer touch, but this is no easy matter. At all events, above us all is the Cross, leading us amid human frailties and viscissitudes and destined to at last unite us with Him who bore it.

"What do I think of the Church elsewhere? There seems to be a great deal of indifference in some quarters, a sort of reaction to despair; people ask what is the use of appealing to governments. And still the reign of faith and the strengthening of morals can be the only salvation of the world. We must wait and pray.

"Catholics of the United States", concluded His Grace, "can do much by learning more and more of their religion and of its liturgy, by setting the example of a nation in which faith and liberty go hand in hand; by bearing in mind and following the Gospel's injunction: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His justice and all these things shall be added unto you.'"

Radio Bears Abbey Chimes In England Over To Continent

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

London, Sept. 7.—The chimes of Buckfast Abbey in Devon, broadcast from 2 L O, the London station of the British Broadcasting Company, recently gave the signal to Father Ronald Knox to broadcast a service from the Aberdeen station, 600 miles away.

The bells of the famous abbey, which is being built by the monks themselves were heard all over England and on the Continent.

Dr. Cloonan Named Head Of St. John's

Brooklyn, Sept. 12.—The Very Rev. John J. Cloonan, C. M., D. D., widely known in Catholic educational circles, has been appointed president of St. John's College here. Father Cloonan arrived last week from a European tour, and bore back with him the commission of the Superior-General of his order to take up the post.

The new head of St. John's entered the scholasticate of the Vincentian Fathers at Germantown, Pa., after being graduated from Niagara University. Completing his studies at Germantown, he was sent to Rome, were he attended the Gregorian University. He has been connected with St. John's for the last 17 years, having served as treasurer and vice-president of the College.

Begin Campaign For Rohan Memorial At Marquette H. S.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 11.—A campaign among alumni and friends of the Marquette University high school, formerly Marquette Academy, to raise a fund to establish a memorial for the late Prof. Michael G. Rohan was announced Wednesday by the Rev. Joseph E. O'Brien, S. J., of the high school faculty, an alumnus of the institution.

The memorial will be in the form of a large pipe organ to be erected in the students' chapel of the new Marquette high school building. The chapel seats 1,200 and contains a choir loft for the memorial. Prof. Rohan was a teacher at Marquette academy for thirty-four years until his death more than two years ago.

Catholic Charity Conclave Called Dawn Of New Era

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

Wash. D. C., Sept. 14.—Fresh inspiration, to thousands of spiritual-minded men and women who are engaged in Catholic charitable activities throughout the United States was furnished by the eleventh Conference of Catholic Charities, which brought its five-day session to an end here tonight with a public mass meeting at which His Eminence, Cardinal Hayes, of New York, was the principal speaker.

A new era in Catholic charitable achievements, which many of the speakers at the conference declared to be looming ahead, is expected to be hastened as a result of the papers and discussions of hundreds of professional and volunteer workers who met to review common experiences and to throw new light on new and old problems.

The vision of the Conference was forward-looking, but it took a distinctly practical turn due to the ability of the delegates to profit by the past. Its fruits are expected to be shared by thousands of the sick, the poor and the delinquent and to blossom in a countless number of homes where disease and death have been visitors.

The Conference demonstrated that Catholic charities have been brought to a position of importance and a degree of efficiency that make them second to none, as far as organization is concerned, in the United States. New fields, it was revealed, have been opened up within the last few years, as a result of the changing social and commercial life of the country, and these have been surveyed with a view to giving the highest type of service to distressed humanity.

Bishop Shahan Outlines Growth of Work

The progress that Catholic charities have made in the time that has intervened since the first Catholic Charities Conference was held was strikingly emphasied by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University, at the first public meeting.

Fifteen years of coordinated work on the part of the Conference, according to Bishop Shahan, have resulted "in making the upcoming Catholic generation feel itself an integrant part in the nation-wide movement towards social betterment, sane and possible reform, good legislation, above all toward the actual facts in all departments of that great new science which, like medicine and law, demands first of all a complete statement of facts, without prejudice or preconceived ideas."

The most important developments of these fifteen years, Bishop Shahan pointed out, were:

The appointment of Diocesan Directors of Charity.

The Social Conferences of our Sisterhoods.

The development of standards of the care of children.

The development of schools of social service.

The introduction of field courses in a very large number of Catholic colleges for both men and women.

The development of various social activities under the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

New Fields of Charity

Notable among the new fields which the mantle of Catholic charities must cover in the future, it was declared at different sessions, were those opened up by the cheap automobile, which encourages the tendency of family migrations to all parts of the land, and the growth of crime among juveniles, which has been the subject of long and serious discussion by sociologists in all parts of the United States for several years past. The problem of carrying on work among Catholic seamen was also up for discussion and it is expected that as a result of practical suggestions made by distinguished speakers, much will be accomplished in the future.

The Conference was marked by the participation of a singularly large number of government officials and men and women prominent in all walks of public life, some of whom were non-Catholics.

Notable among these were Attorney-General Sargent, Chariman T. V. O'Connor of the United States Shipping Board, Commissioner Frederick A. Fenning of the District of Columbia, Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, and the Hon. Mary T. Norton, member of Congress from New Jersey.

Attorney-General Sargent, who addressed the first public meeting warned the delegates against permitting those dependent on charity to lose their self-respect and spirit of self-dependence.

"I have often thought over this subject of giving," said Attorney-General Sargent, "and I have come to this conclusion: That it is no great mark of virtue to give away what we do not want for ourselves. The test comes when one is asked to give what he needs for himself, or thinks he needs; what he prizes.

"To make anyone, however unfortunate, feel that he is wholly dependent on charity, is to destroy his self-respect. When that is absent, he has mighty little left to be thankful for."

Five general meetings of the Conference were held in the spacious gymnasium of the Catholic University.

The delegates were welcomed at the first meeting by the Hon. Frederick A. Fenning, Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

Father Robert F. Keegan, secretary for charites to Card. Hayes, discussed "Justice and a Crime Program." J. Rodgers Flannery, of Pittsburgh, presided.

Apostolic Delegate Speaks

The second general meeting, held Friday night, was addressed by the Most Rev. Peter Fumasoni-Biondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States; the Rev. Dr. John A. Ryan, of the Catholic University; the Rev. Dr. John M. Cooper, of the Catholic University, and the Hon. T. V. O'Connor, of the United States Shipping Board. Mrs. Matthias Benner, President of the League of Catholic Women of Chicago, presided.

Archbishop Fumasoni - Biondi spoke of the deep interest His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, manifested in Catholic charitable undertakings the world over. The Papal Delegate expressed his personal satisfaction at the progress made by the Catholics of the United States in this field.

Cheap Auto's New Problem, Migrating Family, Discussed

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

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—The cheap automobile has brought a new problem to charitable institutions dealing with migratory families, according to Miss Louise McGuire of the National Catholic Service School, who addressed the Committee on Families at the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

"The Ford," said Miss McGuire, "has added a new species to the migratory group. Whole families are wandering from town to town in the automobile. This sort of Gypsyhood among low-standard families has developed in the last few years in some of our Western sections. As might be expected the members work when they can, or when they care to; steal likewise, and children's rights are violated in every conceivable way.

"The migratory family, as known to various charitable agencies, both public and private, presents peculiarly specific problems.

Problem Of Evictions.

"Those who remain in the district increase the already abnormally high rate of mobility. Experience of social workers will bear out the statement that it is not unusual to find as many as from three to seven moves per dependent family in a year. A goodly percentage of these are forcible evictions for non-payment of rent. Here is a dilemma for the Charity Bureau worker. Will she pay the rent or will she pay the moving expenses and the rent in the new quarters? Charities Bureaus, faced with shortage of funds, frequently encourage families to remain until evicted. Others, while not encouraging this procedure, are cognizant of the pending eviction and do nothing to avert the execution of the forcible detainer writ.

"Does not this policy lower the ethical standard of the family? Does it help in any way to build up a feeling of responsibility for payment of just debts that must be a part of any self-respecting person? Does it not rather put a conventional sanction on the transaction and create a sense of right to 'beat one's debts'?"

Varied Subjects Discussed

Notable among the other speakers at the meetings of the Committee on Families were Miss Mary L. McGibbons of New York, who discussed "The Functional Relations of Agencies Dealing with the Unstable Family"; Miss Mary Alma Potter of Boston, "Work with Italian Families"; Mildred Rosiak of Baltimore, "Work with Polish Families"; Sister Angela of the Cathedral School, Syracuse, "Religious Content of Family Case Work" and Miss Madeleine Lay of New Haven, "The Changing Emphasis in Family Social Work."

John Philip Bramer of New York, Miss Margaret A. Delehanty of Syracuse, and Miss Rose McHugh of Chicago presided over the different sessions of the Committee on Families.

Card. Bourne Voices Need of Missionaries

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

London, Sept. 7.—The need for a greatly increased number of English and American missionaries, was voiced by Cardinal Bourne when he consecrated the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. W. Campling, the new Vicar Apostolic of the Upper Nile, at Mill Hill.

His Eminence stated that immense English-speaking missionary efforts demands are being made upon the of the Church in consequence of the World War.

"Letters reach me," said His Eminence, "from all sides begging and imploring Catholic English-speaking missionaries, whether of the priesthood or of the teaching Brothers. The way in which the two great English-speaking races have entered more and more into the vast political activities of the world make it more necessary than ever that the missionary efforts of the Church should not remain unrepresented among those who speak the English tongue."

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