

### Women's Program Of Action Formed At Rome Congress

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Rome, Nov. 23.—A program widely inclusive and practical, covering six specific fields which concern women, was adopted by the Congress of the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues, which recently closed here. These six fields are: Preservation of the Faith, Personal Morality, Theaters and Motion Picture Houses, Fashions, Employed Women and Civic Education of Women. In each field a definite working policy was outlined, with usually specific directions as to what is to be done by the Union's various constituent national organizations in all countries.

It was possible for me to give, in previous cable dispatches, only such high lights of the Congress of immediate interest to the United States, as the splendid reception given the address of Miss Weadick of the National Council of Catholic Women; the Holy Father's inspiring discourse, and the attention attracted by that remarkable booklet, the American women brought to the exhibit, the "Civics Catechism," printed in fourteen languages by the N.C.W.C. There is much more of vital interest—including the excellent program evolved, the striking words of Cardinal Merry del Val, and the functions tendered the delegates—which I can now set down.

N. C. W. C. Delegate Highly Honored. First, however, it must be repeated that the N. C. W. C. and the N. C. W. C. stood forth brilliantly among the organizations from all nations. The literary exhibits brought over by the American delegates won unstinted praise, and the account of American Catholics' immigration work—which was added to the program by unanimous consent—evoked much applause, the president declaring that it will be the beginning of a new activity for the Catholic Women's Leagues. The invitation extended to Miss Weadick to serve on the Bureau, the central body of the Union, was one of the highest honors it could pay the Americans. There are only twelve members of the Bureau; seven of them are titled of our country.

Striking among the items in the program of the Union as evolved at the Congress are those on Personal Morality, Theaters and Motion Picture Houses, and Fashions. Under the heading Morality, five paragraphs drive straight to the heart of so many modern problems. The Union demands: that Catholic women "resolutely oppose" artificial means of birth control; that they affirm a single moral standard for both sexes and demand the abolition of tolerated houses of immorality; that they denounce the employment of women at insufficient pay with prolonged and patiently continued the fact understanding they will ob- serve their duty; that they shall have no part in the making of films; that they absolutely op- pose anything that is contrary to Christian moral-safeguarded truth and the basis of its all means to limit venereal dis- ease based on physical well-being merit that God reserves for you and only and neglecting the moral side, which will crown you in eternity, because such means suppose that this world itself will need in having the immorality exists, whereas chastity is the proper moral safeguard, and that they hold sex education to be the duty of parents, and formally Church, you alone have found the opposite its introduction in the solution of the vexing problems of schools.

To fight immorality in the theaters, motion picture houses and the press, the Congress proposed that a happiness here below and leading to each country to watch motion pic- tures, theaters, the press, radio, etc., from the moral and religious point of view. These associations would see that laws governing these agencies by the Marchesa Maddalena Patrizi, are enforced and where proper laws are lacking, that they are passed.

Above all, individual Catholics should abstain from attending im- proper spectacles, keep their children and ministers accredited to the Holy away from them, try to obtain sane and many bishops were present, theatrical criticism, and encourage the president of the Union and the houses which produce only moral Dutch delegation also gave a large films. State intervention should be reception at their hotel, and His Ex- attempted where it is necessary. cency Mr. Van Nispen tot Sevenaar Branch leagues would inform the Dutch Minister to the Vatican, ten- central secretary of the International dered still another at the legation, Union of immoral dramatic and film where a brilliant throng assembled, productions and give her a list of I have already recounted the in- performances to be recommended, spring words of the Holy Father at the crown and the seal of the Con- gress. Cardinal Merry del Val closed declared that Catholic women should the great gathering with the happy make their dress conform to the pre- expression: "We are going far away, cepts of Christian morals, and that but without separating."

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For the preservation of the Faith, the Union urged that Catholics seek out those in religious ignorance and attended the Congress, representing them to instruction centers; twenty-two nations, as follows: Uni- that the spirit as well as the letter ed States of America, Canada, Mex- of Catholic teaching be imparted, soico, Argentina, Chile, Italy, England, that those instructed may be pre- Germany, Austria, Belgium, Den- pared to defend their religion, and mark, Scotland, Spain, France, Hun- that the methods of forces working gary, Luxemburg, Holland, Poland, to de-Christianize society be report- Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, and ed to the leagues so that they may Czechoslovakia. In addition, the In- oppose them promptly.

lan principles." It urged the devel- opment of these organizations inde- pendent of any political party. As- serting that thus far Catholic wom- en's organizations have not occupied themselves sufficiently in this field, it proposed that the commission lead- ing more generally on the subject, es- pecially in view of the growing prop- aganda of anti-Christian forces. Wom- en who work at home, teachers and students were specifically recom- mended to the care of the leagues, and they were urged to encourage working conditions for women which will not cause domestic life to suffer.

"It is urgent that women should become aware of the great respon- sibility which faces them in regard to public life," the Union declared in its recommendation on the civic edu- cation of women. "The leagues be- longing to the International Union must reciprocally help each other in the preparation of members for pub- lic life and organize a center of legis- lative information."

Following the Union's specific studies in each of these fields, three public sessions were held, the gen- eral topic being Christian Defense of Families and Society. It was discus- sed from the religious, social, and civic viewpoints. Commissions were then assigned subjects for study through the next two years, these including Spread and Defense of the Faith, Protection of Women, Aid for Infants and Youths, and Intellectual Cooperation. The immediate program will concern itself with the following subjects: The Scholastic Problem, The Struggle Against Immorality, The Organization of Youth, Working Women, and Civic Education for Women.

Cardinal Merry del Val's Address. Cardinal Merry del Val, Cardinal Protector of the Union, sounded the keynote of the Congress when, in his first discourse, he declared the task of the gathering was "to put into harmony the multiple and mu- tual exigencies of modern society with the immutable principles of Catholic Faith."

"The febrile tendency of our epoch is to get rid of the brakes that re- vealed truth imposes on the audacity of our intellectual pride and which Christian virtue applies to the folly of our passions," he continued. He warned of the dangers threatening the family, and through it all of so- cety, and reminded the delegates that it is peculiarly a woman's mis- sion to watch and defend the family.

He exhorted the Congress to hasten its contribution to the defense of the institutions on which depend the sal- vation of all society, concluding with the words: "Your task is one of great length. You cannot, indeed, expect always in all places to have immediate results; one destroys rapidly, but only reconstructs with pain and with of women at insufficient pay with prolonged and patiently continued the fact understanding they will ob- serve their duty; that they shall have no part in the making of films; that they absolutely op- pose anything that is contrary to Christian moral-safeguarded truth and the basis of its all means to limit venereal dis- ease based on physical well-being merit that God reserves for you and only and neglecting the moral side, which will crown you in eternity, because such means suppose that this world itself will need in having the immorality exists, whereas chastity is the proper moral safeguard, and that they hold sex education to be the duty of parents, and formally Church, you alone have found the opposite its introduction in the solution of the vexing problems of schools."

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### Anti-Clericals Join Catholics In Lauding Cardinal Lavergie

(By M. Massiani) Paris, Nov. 29.—It is seldom that violent anti-clericals join with Cath- olics in honoring the memory of a prince of the Church. But the recent celebrations on the occasion of the centennial of the birth of the great Apostle of Africa, Cardinal Lavergie have given this unique spectacle to the world. At Biskra, in Southern Algeria, at Algiers, at Tunis and at Paris majestic ceremonies have been organized in honor of the great African missionary cardinal. The celebrations were particularly bril- liant at Algiers where a statue of the famous prelate was unveiled in front of the Cathedral.

Cardinal Charost, appointed Papal Legate for the occasion, numerous bishops, the Governor General of Algeria appointed as the representa- tive of M. Patrice, the general com- mander in chief of the Army of North Africa and the admiral in command of the Mediterranean squadron gathered round the statue of the prince of the Church and bowed their heads in tribute to his memory.

The Governor-General of Algeria, M. Violette, is perhaps the most ar- dent of the radical deputies who up- held M. Herriot's anti-clerical policies in the Chamber. Yet, before the statue of Cardinal Lavergie his ad- dress was a splendid panegyric of the great Churchman. Such was the nobility of his great figure, such the influence of his intelligence and his generosity, that nothing but admira- tion surrounds his memory: men of every party and of every creed, the Grand Rabbi of Algiers as well as the leaders of the native Mohamedans united in glorifying him.

### Parochial Schools Defended By Priest Before Harvard Club

(Champaign, Ill., Nov. 27.—Private and parochial schools were defended and attempts to "Prussianize" American education denounced by the Rev. John A. O'Brien, chap- lain of the Catholic students at Il- linois University in an address be- fore the Harvard Club here. The Harvard Club is composed of Har- vard alumni and ex-students now members of the Illinois Faculty.

Father O'Brien declared federal control of education was not in harmony with the principles em- bodied in the Constitution by the founders of the nation and that such control is an American because "it would pull us back to the darkness of sovietized Russia with the state as the great over lord, invading every department of our personal and private life and robbing us of our herit- age of freedom and democracy earned by the toil and blood of our fathers." A clear statement of the aims of parochial schools is neces- sary, Father O'Brien said, "because of the recent pronouncement of a large organization of its intention to continue the fight for compulsory attendance of all children of elemen- tary school age at the public schools."

### 6,800 Nuns Members Of German Red Cross

(Cologne, Nov. 23. Fifty four- mother houses of Sisters and 6,800 nuns in Germany are members of the Red Cross, according to the report presented by its officers at the annual meeting which has just been held in Berlin.

Other statistics presented in the report show that the Red Cross is supporting 214 hospitals with 20,000 beds, and thousands of community stations; that it now has 4,528 branches in Germany with 12,000, 000 members; and that it maintains 2,055 sanitary detachments with 68, 700 workers.

### Archbishop Asks Aid Of Cincinnati Knights For Nearby Missions

(Cincinnati, Nov. 26.—Speaking to Price Hill Council, Knights of Co- lumbus, at their annual banquet here, Archbishop John T. McNicholas invited their cooperation in spread- ing the faith. He especially recom- mended to the Knights the financing of Holy Trinity parish which minis- ters to colored Catholics. The arch- bishop suggested the council could also establish and finance a small chapel in one of the many nearby towns where Catholics are too few in number to take the step. The archbishop said that he would be willing to go to these towns and do all he could to establish a Catholic mission in each of them.

### Demand To Bar Klan From Canada Gains In British Columbia

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Victoria, B. C., Nov. 26.—A resolu- tion by which the Provincial Legis- lature would ask the Dominion Government to exclude Ku Klux Klan organizers from Canada, was the subject of a lively debate in that body this week.

The Klan has been roundly de- nounced by the leading public men of British Columbia during the last week. John Oliver, veteran Provincial Premier, warned the country against allowing the development of any or- ganization which sought to make it self superior to the law. Provincial Attorney General Manson launched grave charges of graft and fraud against the Klan organizers here after he had made an investigation of their records in the United States, particularly in Oregon.

The organizers, Maj. L. E. Powell and K. K. Allen, Mr. Manson said, "are likely to be a menace to the peace and good will of the Canadian people." According to Mr. Manson, Major Powell was well but not favorably known among police officials in Oregon where, it was asserted, he had been one of the promoters of the Portland Skylander Corporation, through which he had deluded Klansmen lost more than \$100,000.

"They worked Oregon out and when the field became too tame for them, they seek now their work of destruction in British Columbia," Mr. Manson said. Some members of the Legislature, have urged that the Klan be ignored on the ground that it is so ridiculous as to be harmless. There has been no open defense of the Klan or its principles during the debate.

### Catholic Daughters Who Presented Gifts To The Pope, Return

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, Nov. 27.—Several members of the Catholic Daughters of America greeted Miss Mary C. Duffy of Newark, supreme regent, and Miss Katherine Rosney of Poughkeepsie, supreme secretary, upon their arrival here Monday after a Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome in the course of which they presented two notable gifts to the Holy Father.

One of the gifts was a purse of \$5,000, similar to that given by the order a year ago. The other was an ancient ring used in 1775 by Pope Pius VII at the closing of the Holy Door. It was presented by Clothilde, a princess of Savoy, and later was bequeathed to Cardinal Pacca, Papal Secretary of State. The Catholic Daughters purchased it from the cardinal's family, which had kept it for a century and a half. Its face bears a likeness of the Pope's head set in diamonds and on the observe side are the words "Lux Ecclesiae" ("Light of the Church"). At the special audience which Miss Duffy and Miss Rosney had with the Holy Father he displayed keen interest in the C. D. of A. Told that the order now has attained a member- ship of 225,000 in 1,100 courts in the United States, he pronounced a special blessing upon it and ex- pressed his hope that it would con- tinue to grow and extend its work. The two officers also visited several of the principal cities of Europe, where Catholics likewise expressed a lively interest in the order in several instances urging that it be extended to Europe.

### Maryknoll Mission Opened For Hardy Tribe In South China

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Maryknoll, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Rev. Francis X. Ford, A. F. M., has been appointed superior of a new mission which will be established among a race of mountaineers, called Hakka, in a section of South China. Father Ford writes of this mission: "The field for this new Maryknoll adventure is alluring. In a setting just north of the tropics, in the valleys and hills of eastern Kwang- tung, the Hakka people have settled. Here, shut off by mountain ranges they have erected within a few gen- erations their numerous cities and towns and villages. Long ago, mil- lions of the Hakka, migrated from northern China. For several cen- turies they wandered, an unformed and harassed group that finally took shape and rested in a land left them by neighbors who considered it bar- ren and useless.

"The precarious living, wrested from mountainsides has enabled the Hakka to develop best the qualities common to all Chinese. The Hakka is not soft nor pleasure seeking; he has the characteristics of the early frontier woodsman, the ability to be satisfied with Nature's hardest moods, the grit of the pioneer, the love of home that suffering in com- mon begets, and best of all he has the stricter morals and simplicity that go along with large families and the need to support them.

"This Mission, then, has appealing qualities,—a simple pagan race re- moved from the enervating influences of port cities, foreign intercourse or tropical languor. The territory is the size of Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire, and the popu- lation is about four million souls."

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