

National Shrine Building Shows Rapid Progress

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) One Hundred Feet Recently Added To Basement, Making Three Hundred Feet Available, For Public Worship...

Opening from the corridors that lead on either side from the open in this great vestibule are four smaller halls, each about forty feet square and seventeen feet in height...

The Crypt itself is fast nearing completion, and lacks now only the great organ and the beautiful stonework which will make it in itself a noble Cathedral...

Hindu Administrator Satisfies Calcutta

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, Jan. 25.—Reports received from Calcutta by the Amis des Missions state that the press of that city has commented in terms of high praise on the appointment of a Hindu prelate...

CARDINAL BENLOCH'S VISIT

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Madrid, Jan. 25.—Accompanied by representatives of the various branches of art and science, His Eminence Cardinal Benloch is expected to sail next May for Cuba and the South American Republics...

Secretary Kellogg Cables A Tribute To Card. Mercier

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, Jan. 28.—When the news of the death of Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, reached Washington, Secretary of State Kellogg immediately dispatched a message to Ambassador Phillips at Brussels, reading as follows...

Fr. W. J. Brooks, S. J., Hurt In Auto Accident

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, Jan. 30.—The Rev. William J. Brooks, S. J., of St. Aloysius Church here, was injured in a triple automobile collision here recently and was taken to Georgetown University Hospital for treatment...

More Birmingham Parishes Defy Anglican Bishop

Head Of Diocese Calls On The Archbishop Of Canterbury But Primate Of Church Of England Is Not Likely To Interfere

London, Jan. 25.—More Anglo-Catholic parishes in the Anglican diocese of Birmingham have joined the revolt against Bishop Barnes. Fourteen churches have now withdrawn their support from the diocesan board of finance...

Representatives of the fourteen parishes have formed an Anglo-Catholic finance board and have appointed officials. The English Church Union has pledged its support to the Anglo-Catholics in their fight against the Bishop and has raised \$18,000 for that purpose.

It was reported a few days ago that Bishop Barnes had threatened to remove the Anglo-Catholics from their livings and to take legal action to achieve that end. The following day, however, it was denied that legal action was contemplated. Bishop Barnes called at Lambeth Palace to see the Archbishop of Canterbury but it is thought unlikely that the Archbishop will interfere at the present juncture...

(1) Our action, which is purely defensive, has been rendered inevitable by the attitude adopted by the Bishop towards Anglo-Catholics. He has refused to grant licenses or permission to officiate to assistant clergy in certain parishes where the Holy Sacrament is publicly reserved. He has, moreover, constantly and publicly attacked the doctrine of the Real Presence, and these attacks have been repeated by him, since your invitation was sent to us, in the pulpit of the Cathedral Church...

(2) A large number of members of the board of finance, both clerical and lay, have identified themselves with, and have approved of, the Bishop's attitude towards Anglo-Catholics as is shown by the fact that they have signed letters of confidence which have been sent to the bishop and published in the Press. In one of these letters the signatories expressed their whole-hearted sympathy with the Bishop's disciplinary methods, and in the other said that their confidence in him had not been disturbed by recent events...

(3) In view of these facts, while greatly appreciating your assurance that your invitation to us is a friendly gesture, and while yielding to none in our desire for diocesan harmony and unity, we are regretfully driven to the conclusion that no conference between us will be real or fruitful, until such time as the Bishop and his supporters are prepared to recognize our rightful position in the Church of England, and to treat us with fairness and proper consideration...

Trouble Brewing For Months This trouble has been brewing for some months and has been brought to a crisis by the refusal of Bishop Barnes to institute the Rev. H. Bennett, the vicar-designate of St. Mark's, Washwood Heath, Birmingham. The Anglo-Catholics are particularly indignant because, as they assert, the Bishop kept Mr. Bennett waiting eight months before declaring his final refusal to institute. The new Anglo-Catholic finance board has voted \$500 to Mr. Bennett in consideration of the financial loss incurred by him...

Our attitude is not one of defiance, states the Rev. G. D. Rosenthal, chairman of the new finance board. "We take our stand on a principle which is a matter of conscience with us and which we feel to be vital." Bishop Barnes demands that "The Sacrament" be removed from the open church, though he sanctions reservation for the sick if "the Sacrament" is kept where the public cannot make their devotions before it.

The Anglo-Catholics hold that the doctrine of the real objective presence is part of the doctrine of the Church of England. The question of Reservation is at this moment being considered by the House of Bishops and the decision of the Hierarchy of the Established Church will be embodied in the revised Prayer Book when it is issued. Until the new Prayer Book is published it is impossible to say what is the official teaching of the Church of England regarding the reserva-

Lithuanian Catholic Activities Reported

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Kaunas, Jan. 22.—The fifth Congress of the organization known as the Catholic Action of Lithuania, which has just come to a close here, has revealed some interesting facts concerning Catholic life and activities in this country.

The Catholic Action organization of Lithuania had its beginnings in 1906 when the Russian government first granted partial religious liberty to the people, but since the country has become independent it has made important strides. The first step was the establishment of the Association of Saint Joseph for working men and the Society of Saint Zita for women in domestic service in the cities. Although the Russian government did not permit the organization of students, the Catholic students banded together in an association known as "Atletinkai" which remained secret for a long time, but continued to develop until, with the coming of national independence it included about one third (more than 600) of all the students of the University of Kaunas and several thousand students of both sexes from the gymnasiums and intermediary schools.

The Association of Saint Casimir for the dissemination of Catholic books has several hundred life members and several thousand annual members. It has circulated several hundred thousand volumes and publishes several papers. There are two flourishing organizations of Catholic women which maintain several special girls' schools, but the greatest of all the organizations forming part of the Catholic Action is the "Pavasarininkai" an association of Catholic youth in rural districts which, despite its rather recent foundation has now more than twenty thousand members of both sexes.

The Catholic Action organization is governed by a Supreme Council composed of delegates from affiliated organizations who elect a president. The president directs the work of the organization as a whole in accordance with the rules laid down by the ecclesiastical authorities.

Funeral Mass Sung For Msgr. J. M. Kirwin By Archbishop Shaw

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 29.—The Funeral Mass for the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. M. Kirwin, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Galveston, was celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral here today. Monsignor Kirwin was found dead in his bed at the Cathedral rectory here Sunday.

Archbishop Shaw of New Orleans was the celebrant of the Mass and Bishop Lynch of Dallas delivered the sermon. Prominent ecclesiastics from all parts of the New Orleans province attended. Monsignor Kirwin would have been fifty-four years old July 1, 1926. He attended elementary schools at Circleville, Ohio and was ordained to the priesthood after he had completed his studies at St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati. Later he attended the Catholic University of America, at Washington. He was appointed rector of the Cathedral here August 15, 1896. Subsequently he became Vicar General and the Pope made him a Domestic Prelate in 1922.

During the yellow fever epidemic here in 1897 Father Kirwin was noted for his work to relieve the suffering. A year later he raised a regiment for service in the Spanish-American War and accompanied it as chaplain.

During the World War General Pershing asked Father Kirwin to accept an appointment as Senior Chaplain of the American Expeditionary Forces but the offer was declined because Bishop Gallagher, then Bishop of Galveston, was in feeble health and Father Kirwin felt that he was needed in his own diocese.

President Johnson Of N. C. C. M. Visits West To Organize

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—Walter T. Johnson, of Kenton, Ohio, National President of the National Council of Catholic Men, who is visiting here and in other cities on the Pacific coast, has reported that he has received great encouragement for his plans contemplating expansion of the National Council in this part of the country.

Mr. Johnson was received here by Archbishop Hanna. It has been learned that the National Council of Catholic Men will be organized in this Archdiocese with one of the existing diocesan societies serving as the machinery through which the Council will function.

Conferences on the expansion of the National Council will also be held in the Dioceses of Los Angeles, and San Diego, Monterey-Fresno and Denver before Mr. Johnson returns East. Wakefield sanctioned what his successor, Bishop Barnes, is denying. One noted clergyman said today "I think the majority of Bishops are against Dr. Barnes, but their opinion is bound to be known sooner or later."

N. C. C. W. to Take Part In Women's National Exposition

St. Louis, Jan. 30.—The Council of Catholic Women will be among the organizations participating in the Women's National Exposition which is to be held in the New Coliseum here from February 16 to 22. Thursday evening, February 18, has been given over entirely to the Catholic women when the program will be under the direction of that organization. Miss Agnes G. Regan, Executive Secretary of the N. C. C. W., has been announced as the principal speaker on that occasion.

The Council of Catholic Women has taken two booths for the Exposition and all its affiliated groups will participate in the various undertakings. In addition to the member organizations, hospitals and schools have been invited to take part in this exhibition of women's work.

New Patriarch Of Antioch Named

Jerusalem, Jan. 18.—The Rt. Rev. Cyrilus Mogabgab, Bishop of Zahle, has been elected Greek-Melchite Patriarch of Antioch. Monsignor Cadi died shortly before he was scheduled to depart for Rome, where he was to have celebrated the Pontifical Greek Mass in St. Peter's as a part of the commemoration of the sixteenth centenary of the Council of Nicaea.

The new Patriarch, who has taken the name of Cyrilus IX, is a native of Ain-Zahaltat, in the diocese of Saïda. He studied at the University of the Propaganda and the Greek College in Rome and later was Director of the Seminary of Ain-Traz, Lebanon. He became Bishop of Zahle in 1899. Before the World War he went to South America to visit the Greek-Catholics there.

Biologists Honor Two Professors Of St. Louis University

St. Louis, Jan. 30.—At the annual convention of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology held recently at Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. John Auer, Professor and Director of the Department of Pharmacology at St. Louis University Medical School, was elected President of the Physiological Society for the third time. Dr. E. A. Dolsey, Professor and Director of the Department of Biological Chemistry of St. Louis University was made Counselor of the Bio-chemical Society.

Study Club Outline On Women In Industry

Washington, Jan. 30.—A new Study Club outline on "Women and Industry" has been added to the series of such outline prepared by the N. C. W. C. Study Club Committee. The outline follows a pamphlet also written by the Rev. R. A. McGowan, Assistant Director of the Social Action Department of the N. C. W. C. The pamphlet has been published by the Welfare Conference and copies may be obtained at the headquarters, 1312 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington.

Jewish Priest Dies On Isle of Wight

London, Jan. 25.—A Jewish priest, Fr. Ernest Samuel Hill, died suddenly of heart disease recently at St. Mary's Convent Shanklin, Isle of Wight. Fr. Hill was received into the Church when a young man. He entered the Institute of Charity and was ordained twenty-one years ago. His early death at the age of 51 is attributed to his strenuous efforts to raise money to build schools in St. Michael's parish, Newport (Mon.), of which he had been rector since 1907.

Spanish Hotel Opens Chapel

Madrid, Jan. 25.—The Spanish capital boasts of the first and perhaps the only large hotel to have a chapel dedicated to the Sacred Heart. This is the Hotel "El Infante Don Juan," in which the chapel was recently formally opened in the presence of the Archbishop of Santiago.

Bishop's Farewell To Ex-Parishioners

London, Jan. 25.—Msgr. Henshaw, who was consecrated recently as Bishop of Salford, showed he was still a parish priest at heart when he asked his successor at Blackburn to allow him to read the notices of the week from the pulpit for the last time. "I trust you will not forget me," he said to his former parishioners. "My troubles are only just beginning." After his consecration Bishop Henshaw declared he had hoped for nothing better, than to be allowed to die a parish priest, adding that only obedience to the Holy Father prompted him to assume direction of the diocese.

Fr. Dempsey Spends Record Sum For His Five St. Louis Works

St. Louis, Jan. 26.—In his social welfare work—done through the five institutions which he conducts in the downtown districts—Rt. Rev. Msgr. Timothy Dempsey, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, expended during evening, February 18, has been given over entirely to the Catholic women when the program will be under the direction of that organization. Miss Agnes G. Regan, Executive Secretary of the N. C. C. W., has been announced as the principal speaker on that occasion.

The Workingmen's Hotel, which is nearly twenty years in operation, took in \$12,892 for rooms and beds and for meals \$5,240. There was a deficit of \$1,224. The daily average of lodgings given was 217. The total being 79,460, of which 3,925 were free, while 23,000 free meals were provided; there were 11 deaths. Meals and rooms at the Hotel for Workingwomen brought in \$9,218; leaving a deficit of \$1,118. There were 197 guests at this hotel, 10 being children; free meals numbered 1,762 and free lodgings 1,297. Positions were obtained for 50 women and six were sent to hospitals. There were two deaths.

Convalescent Home receipts were \$1,630, and the deficit \$914. Receipts from a Catholic picnic were \$525, to which four legacies added \$2,300.

Msgr. Dempsey says donations have covered the deficits, which were caused by improvements. Other repairs are needed and he says that experience gives assurance that donations will be forthcoming.

Father Galen Gains New Aid For Cause Of Catholic Union

New York, Jan. 26.—Rev. Augustine Count Galen, O. S. B., President of the Catholic Union, a society for the return to the Holy Church of the separated Christians of Russia and the Near East, has just returned from trips to Boston and St. Louis in the interests of his work. In both cities he was most enthusiastically welcomed. His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell, whose interest in reunion is well known, has become an honorary member of the Central Board of the Catholic Union, making the eleventh member of the Sacred College thus to show his interest in the cause. Cardinal O'Connell has also become one of the honorary members of the North American Committee which includes many of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States and Canada.

Pittsburgh To Have New \$600,000 School

Pittsburgh, Jan. 29.—Ground has been broken here for the erection of a new Catholic Boy's High School to cost approximately \$600,000. Bishop Boyle officiated at the ceremony. The construction of this new school is a result of the educational fund campaign carried on in the Pittsburgh diocese in 1924 in which \$6,000,000 was raised for the extension of Catholic education facilities.

Fr. Habig Becomes Secretary To Bishop Schrembs February 1

Cleveland, January.—Effective February 1, Rev. George N. Habig, assistant pastor at Holy Trinity parish here, became secretary to Bishop Joseph Schrembs. Father Habig is a native of Akron and was ordained in 1915 by the late Bishop John P. Farrelly. His studies were made in St. Charles, Baltimore and in St. Mary's, Cleveland.

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