

Christian Morality In Motion Pictures Is German Objective

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(Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cologne, Mar. 2.—Following the lead of organizations in Italy, France and Belgium, Catholics of Germany have formed a union for the purpose of putting Catholic spirit and Christian morality into the promotion of the motion picture industry in their country.

Despite the development of motion pictures, German Catholics cannot be content with their progress because at present they still present dangers to morality and incite a love of pleasure which cannot be tolerated in the present time of need which is Germany's.

Better conditions exist in the production of films in Italy, France and Belgium. In Italy the San Marco Society has actively interested itself in the promotion of better pictures as has the Action de la Bonne Presse, L'Etelle in Paris and the Archbishop of Namur in Belgium.

In Germany, however, there were but few organizations which took up the project with such success. The Leo Society of Munich, the Provincial Society in Cologne and the Neuland Society gave Catholic pictures which they might consider perfect from a technical and artistic viewpoint.

To meet the need which existed Father Brauer took up the project and called the conference at Cologne which was attended by state and church authorities and all those who were engaged in any way in the filming of motion pictures.

British Catholics Favor Organizing Boy Scout Troops

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

London, Mar. 12.—A plan to forward the Boy Scout movement among Catholics is being drafted by a National Catholic Scout Advisory Council formed recently at the Imperial Scout Headquarters here. Cardinal Bourne is patron of the new council, of which Viscount Fitz Alan is the president.

Bishop Butti, moving the resolution which brought the council into being, stated that there was no idea of usurping, either now or later, the authority of the official of the Scout movement. It was being formed with the approval of the Scout headquarters and would act in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Hubert S. Martin (Director of the Scouts' International Bureau) declared that the Scouts of the world looked to England, the birthplace of the movement, for a lead. Scouts were "recognized" in thirty-nine different countries and were all in close touch with headquarters.

St. Nazaire Removes Religious Emblems From Its Hospital

Paris, March 12.—Removal of all figures and statues of Christ from the wards of the local hospitals in which the nurses are members of the religious order of Our Lady of Wisdom, has been ordered by the Socialist municipal council of Saint Nazaire. The decree of removal says: "The ideals of liberty and conscience of sick people cannot be reconciled with the presence in the wards where they are being nursed, of figures taken from any particular religion."

It is pointed out that one of the most serious in the hospital is kept as by a donation fund which stipulates that the religious emblems must be displayed on its walls.

French Priest, Driven From Mexico, Aided By N.C.W.C. Bureau

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

New York, March 13.—Several of the most interesting sidelights on the life of the Rev. Victor Fabre, an outstanding figure among the religious refugees arriving here from Mexico, were revealed only today as he was preparing to go to Havana to continue his priestly duties so heartlessly interrupted by religious persecution.

Father Fabre, it was revealed, was a doctor of medicine before entering the priesthood and built the French church of which he was pastor in Mexico with his own funds. It was also disclosed that his brother, a missionary in Tonkin, French Indochina, was martyred, having been cut into little pieces while spreading the Faith.

T. F. Mulholland, port director here for the National Catholic Welfare Conference Bureau of Immigration, obtained Father Fabre's sailing permit and a valise that he might make his way to Havana. Another worker of the bureau saw to the priest's clothing, tickets and incidental affairs. The national office of the bureau in Washington, after several interviews with officials of the State and Labor departments, obtained transit privileges for Father Fabre, who was admitted on parole in the care of its officer in New York.

"On the point of leaving New York to go to Havana, where I intend to dedicate myself to the sacred ministry, after my expulsion from Mexico, I beg to address a few lines to you to thank you from the very bottom of my heart for the very charitable service and help, which I have received from members of your organization during my stay in New York. The good God had permitted, for the good of my soul, a very severe trial to which, as a priest, I submitted myself as humbly as possible. But that trial, magnificently atoned for by your works in this city, has allowed me to see and admire the spirit of organization which exists among the American Catholics.

"I have traveled as a minister in a great many countries, but, nowhere, I confess, have I found work as great as that which, organized by Catholic mind, seeks to do good and succeeds in its purpose. "In addition to my gratitude I offer my sincerest congratulations. I shall speak to you like St. Peter, 'Neither gold nor silver have I to offer you', but I promise you the precious jewels of prayer addressed to the Father of Mercy that He may, Himself, reward your charity and cause your admirable work to expand for the good of the nation, and as an example for other nations to follow."

Archbishop Glennon Condemns Indecency Of Certain Magazines

N. C. W. C. News Service St. Louis, March 8.—Vigorously condemning "vulgar and indecent" books and magazines, the Most Rev. John Joseph Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, made an earnest appeal to the public to return to good literature in a sermon delivered at the St. Louis Cathedral yesterday. The Archbishop said that he felt it his duty to take up this matter because "there is and has been for some time spreading over the country, a tidal wave of obscenity and vulgarity." It is discovered in the Sunday papers, in the theater and on the newsstands, he said.

His Grace then alluded to the publication of "health" magazines, which have found it profitable to use a "short story, a snappy story and a vulgar story." He also condemned the practice of exploiting people who have succumbed to sin and asked "Where is this moral obliquity to end?" "What is to be done?" he continued. "The government may not legislate morality into the people, but it ought to protect morality. That such is the purpose of our government is clear, from the statutes made and provided against the mailing or publication of what is obscene and blasphemous. But the government has to have the aid of public opinion to enforce the law. Her you run against a great many of factors."

St. Xavier's Library To Be Ready In April

Cincinnati, March 10.—The St. Xavier College Library, the building on the campus, will be completed in early March and be ready for occupancy in April. Dedication ceremonies will be held in May. The building is of the Tu Jothic style of architecture. The stack rooms contain space for 35,000 volumes. Six of these rooms will be used for class rooms for present, since the College library now consists of only 100,000 books. The Mary Lodge Memorial Reading Room will be the largest room of its kind in Ohio. The lecture hall of the new library will be used for the student annual retreat.

Milwaukee Catholic School Survey First To Be Made In U. S.

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

Washington, March 13.—A city wide survey to determine the present position and future possibilities of Catholic high school education in Milwaukee will be begun early in April. The study, undertaken at the request of the Most Rev. Sebastian G. Messmer, Archbishop of Milwaukee, has been arranged for by the Rev. Dr. James H. Ryan, Executive Secretary of the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

It is estimated that at least 10 days or two weeks of intensive field work will be required for this, the first survey of its kind undertaken by Catholic educators of this country. A month or two will be needed to complete the survey and reports. The Rev. Joseph F. Barbian, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools in Milwaukee, will arrange the statistics on school mortality, the social and economic backgrounds of the pupils, and the occupations they hope to follow upon graduation.

The Rev. Francis J. Macelwane of Toledo will study the question of text books and curricula; the Rev. Dr. George Johnson, associate professor of education at Catholic University, the question of professional standing of teachers now in service; the Rev. Dr. Edward B. Jordan, of Catholic University, an evaluation of present facilities for teacher training, and Thomas G. Foran, an instructor in educational tests and measurements at Catholic University and author of a series of educational tests, will supervise the administration of a series of tests for high school and eighth grade pupils. Similar tests will be given in public high schools of similar grade and the results compared.

There are eleven Catholic high schools with 101 teachers and 1559 pupils in Milwaukee. Five of these high schools, St. John's Cathedral, St. Ann's, St. Francis, St. Lawrence and St. Michael's are parochial, while the Mother of Good Counsel, Mercy, Holy Angels, St. Mary's, Holy Name, and Marquette high schools are conducted by particular religious orders and considered private.

Francis M. Crowley, Director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference Bureau of Education, will serve as director of the commission selected by Dr. Ryan to make the survey. Mr. Crowley will have charge of the investigation into statistics and the per capita cost of Catholic education in the city. He will also be in charge of the preparation of the final report on the work.

Social Work Shows Remarkable Growth In Hartford Diocese

Hartford, Conn., Mar. 12.—In the years, organized social service work in the Diocese of Hartford has come up from nothing to an activity which handles roundly \$158,000 a year and penetrates to all parts of the diocese. This information is contained in a booklet entitled "A Decade of Service" just issued here by the Diocesan Bureau of Social Service in commemoration of the first ten years of its existence. The accomplishments of the Bureau constitute "a story of development and progress not often surpassed," says the Rt. Rev. John J. Nilan, Bishop of Hartford, in a foreword to the booklet. The Bureau now maintains offices at Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport, Waterbury, New London and Norwich. It is shown that there are ten child caring institutions, five hospitals, two homes for the aged, two homes for self-supporting girls and six community houses under Catholic auspices in the diocese.

School Of Speech Opens At Marquette

Milwaukee, Wis., March 12.—Announcement of the organization and opening of a School of Speech at Marquette university has been made by the Rev. Albert C. Fox, S. J., president of the university, and 900 students are taking courses in speech this semester. The School of Speech will offer students the opportunity of specialization in one of three divisions: 1. Platform art; 2. Dramatic art, or 3. Speech and debate. In addition to full time regularly enrolled students in the school, the registration list also will include students of other departments of the university who are taking public speaking, or kindred subjects.

\$5,000,000 N. Y. Loan For Church In Bavaria

New York, Mar. 12.—A loan of five million dollars to the Catholic church of Bavaria was negotiated recently with New York banks in offering of twenty-year bonds.

Army Chaplains Ask Grade Insignia

Washington, Mar. 15.—Army chaplains have decided to ask the War Department to restore cord grade insignia to their shoulder rays. Since 1908 the cross collar device has been the only ornament permitted on the chaplains uniform.

Curtis-Reed Bill Is Denounced By Senator Edwards

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

Washington, March 12.—The Curtis-Reed bill to create a Federal Department of Education with a Cabinet officer at its head was assailed as an attempt to compel all students to "lockstep" behind a "Federal educational autocrat" in a statement issued recently by Senator Edward J. Edwards of New Jersey strenuously opposing the measure.

"If there is one important phase of the independence which has been and always should be exercised by state and county authorities in the furtherance of their political and economic rights and privileges, it is that of educating their young," Senator Edwards said, in part: "I have made an earnest study of the Curtis-Reed measure and have discussed its provisions with prominent educators of New Jersey, New York, and other commonwealths, and I cannot bring myself to agree with the position taken by the sponsors of the educational bill."

"I heartily concur in an observation made recently by President Angell of Yale, that there is too much 'lockstep' in American educational method. "All students, regardless of their peculiar intelligence or ability, should not be compelled to 'lockstep' behind a Federal educational autocrat who in no wise could possibly be in a position to appreciate highly individualized and specialized demands of forty-eight different states."

Poland Invites Bishop Schrembs To Cieplak Rites

Cleveland, O. March.—An invitation extended to Bishop Joseph Schrembs of Cleveland to accompany the body of Archbishop Jan Felix Cieplak to Poland could not be accepted because of important engagements at home. The invitation to go to Poland and assist at the funeral rites and burial in that country was extended to Bishop Schrembs by Jan Ciechanowski, Polish ambassador at Washington, who telegraphed to the Bishop as follows:

"The Polish government instructs me to convey to your Lordship warmest thanks for the part taken by your Lordship in the Polish nation's grief and I desire to say that my government hopes that as one of the greatest friends of the late Archbishop Cieplak your Lordship may find it possible to be present at his funeral in Poland. Your Lordship's presence would be highly appreciated by my government and the nation."

Bishop Expresses Regret To this Bishop Schrembs sent the following reply: "Please accept my sincere thanks for the cordial invitation extended to me by your government to accompany the sacred remains of the late Archbishop Cieplak to their last resting place. I regret exceedingly that duties of tremendous importance will deprive me of the privilege of assisting at the final obsequies of the great martyr archbishop and of expressing in person to your government my heartfelt sympathy in this its hour of national sorrow."

Bishop Schrembs preached the sermon at the funeral service for the archbishop in New York. His conclusion, spoken directly to the ambassador and the embassy staff who were seated near by, was: "Your Excellency, the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland: "In my name and in the name of the Hierarchy of the United States I express our heartfelt sympathy on the death of your beloved archbishop, Jan Felix Cieplak. He passed among us as a figure of light and an apostle of peace. We will always treasure his memory."

"Take him back to his beloved country and bury him with your patriots, your saints and your martyrs in Poland's sacred soil."

"Archbishop Cieplak, dear friend, whom I had learned to admire and to love, fare thee well. Au revoir in heaven."

No Decision Reached On Taking Seats In Parliament Of Ulster

The North-East Parliament being closely considered by the holic Nationalist Members elected to that assembly. They have indicated conferences with their constituents, but so far the wisdom of course is regarded as open question. At the private deliberations, St. Patrick's Hall, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, the leading Catholic clergy of Tyrone and Fermanagh attended. No decision was reached. A further convention, to be held, will be held in Fermanagh County. The majority of Tyrone Catholics are known to look with disfavor on the idea of entering the North-East Parliament at this stage. Absolutism is observed as to the proceedings at the conference on the subject.

Anglicans Prepare To Write New Canon Law For Their Body

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

London, March 8.—A revision and codification of canon law is contemplated by the Anglicans. The lower house of convocation agreed this week to ask the Archbishop of Canterbury to appoint a joint committee of both houses to consider the whole question.

Canon Lacey deplored the fact that the convocation did not possess a man who could perform the task, which needed an experienced jurist. He declared that Cardinal Gasparri, the only man in Europe capable of the work, had taken fifteen years to codify the canon of law of the Catholic Church.

Dr. Kidd said the condition of things in the Church of England had become intolerable and could not go on indefinitely.

Cleveland Priest Sails

Mrs. Marion J. Orzechowski, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cleveland, went to New York with Bishop Schrembs to attend the funeral services for the archbishop. He sailed with the body on the Olympic on Friday night as the representative of the Polish people of this vicinity. Msgr. Orzechowski will be absent about two months.

Catholic Custom Of 1200 Is Revived By Anglican Vicar

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

London, Mar. 12.—A cradle was rocked in church by the Anglican vicar of Biddworth, Nottinghamshire, recently in accordance with a 700-year-old custom said to symbolize the presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple. The quaint ceremony was performed in the village church of Biddworth in the year 1200, it is stated. It was permitted to lapse last century, and the vicar has now revived it.

The child chosen as the central figure in the ceremony was the male infant most recently baptized in the parish. The mother handed the child to the Bishop of Grantham, who, holding it high before the altar, recited: "May he never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ, and may he ever fight manfully under Christ's banner and continue His faithful soldier and servant."

The bishop then kissed the baby and passed it to the vicar, who placed it in an old wooden cradle draped in white, decorated with snowdrops and daffodils and lighted with candles.

The vicar rocked the cradle for as long as he could, then gave the child back to its mother. The ceremony is performed nowhere else in England.

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