

Czech Popular Party Committee Favors Russia's Recognition

By V. Myslivec, Jr., (Prague Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Prague, March 15.—The plenary meeting of the executive committee of the Popular Party has voted, 25 to 5, in favor of "de jure" recognition of the Soviet Government in Russia. Immediately there has been a storm of protest, and as a result a split is threatened in the hitherto powerful and markedly Catholic Popular Party.

Two addresses to the committee preceded its vote. Dr. Nosek, Minister for Home Affairs, urged recognition of the Soviet Government, and Deputy Myslivec argued strongly against recognition, terming the Russian government a "lawless dictatorship."

Official organs of the Popular Party for a time kept the resolution a secret, but when it was published great surprise was caused, especially among anti-Soviet non-Catholics, who have always regarded the party as a firm bulwark against sovietism. Immediately numerous and strong protest came in from organized Catholics, both in the Capital and throughout the country.

Catholic non-partisan journals such as *Ceska* and *Nase Listy* have printed all these protests, with the declaration that a party with such an overwhelming Catholic majority cannot recognize a government that is responsible for numerous cruelties and injustices and whose athletic leaders have filled their courts with passing death sentences upon priests both Orthodox and Catholic. From a purely Christian standpoint, say these papers, Catholics here must protest against acquiescence in the torments inflicted upon heroic Christian martyrs, such as Monsignor Bukiewicz, Patriarch Tikhon and Monsignor Cleplak.

Illustrious Czech prelates and scholars have written in the Catholic press warnings to the party leaders against recognition of the Soviet Government. On the other hand, leaders of the party, in their official organs, *Lid* and *Lidove Listy*, contend that utilitarian motives argue for recognition, and an editorial in *Lid* declares that the question has nothing to do with religious principles. With this situation existing, a serious split in the party is feared.

Freiburg University Professor On Visit

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, March 23.—Rev. Engelbert Krebs, Ph. D., S. T. D., Professor of Dogma in the Catholic Faculty of the University of Freiburg, Germany, has just arrived in this country on an extended tour in the interests of his university and in the work of promoting a better feeling among members of all religions.

Dr. Krebs is the author of many works of Mediaeval Philosophy, Theology and Mysticism, and has given many lectures on the subject of comparative religions, particularly combating anti-Semitism. He has appointments to speak in numerous seminaries, universities, etc., along these same lines, and after visiting the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago, expects to sail in July for Japan, Korea and China, where he has been invited to speak before universities and other organizations.

Novel N. C. W. Plan Gladdens Hundreds Of Orphans At Home

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) In Antonio, Texas, March 26.

A novel method of cheering the children of St. Joseph's orphanage here has been successfully established through the practice of "birthday parties," a plan conceived and perfected by Mrs. William Stevens, chairman of St. Joseph's Circle of the San Antonio Council of Catholic Women.

Mrs. Stevens' plan is for each woman to "adopt" from among those children who have no one interested in them, a child whose birthday comes near her own. The orphan is called a "birthday child" and is regularly visited by its "birthday mother," who takes it for an outing. Under this plan all girls at St. Joseph's and 109 of the boys have been "adopted."

Catholic Actors' Club Established In London

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, March 15.—A club for Catholic actors and actresses has been opened here by Sybil Arundale, Catholic actress. It is known as the Interval Club and is an offshoot of the Catholic Stage Guild. It has a restaurant, lounge and library, and seeks to keep Catholic artists together.

False Reports Cause Big Slump In Irish Live Stock Shipments

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, March 23.—Recently a suspected case of foot-and-mouth disease was alleged to have been found among a consignment of cattle shipped from Dublin to Liverpool.

The alarm had spread to English cattle buyers, with the result that they did not attend the next Cattle Market in Dublin. When it was too late for them to cross to Ireland, the news came that the suspected case all. But the harm had been done and was not foot-and-mouth disease at all. There was a startling slump in Irish livestock.

The Irish Cattle Raisers' executive committee has passed a resolution declaring that its members will hold up all cattle exports from Ireland, until the Governments of both the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland take steps to have the Irish Cattle Trade protected from such false alarms. Mr. Cassidy, the chairman of the executive committee, pointed out that the last outbreak of the disease among exported Irish cattle, was caused by hay fed to them at Liverpool and brought from an infected English farm.

The cattle trade is the principal trade of Ireland, and the agitation on of the live stock trade is well justified, as the trade returns for the year now that the export of cattle in 1925 was \$20,000,000 less than in the previous year.

It has long been recognized that the land of the country should be utilized for something else besides the production of beef. Some industries have within the last few years, sprung up to relieve the situation. But there is too much impatience to see the immediate organization of large scale industry. The Ard Fheis delegates have emphasized this view.

Plan Indo-English Catholic Society

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, March 17.

A society whose principal object is to bind the 2,500,000 Catholics in India more closely to their co-religionists in this country is being planned here under Westminster Catholic Federation auspices.

It is proposed to set up the headquarters of the organization in London. Numerous Catholics from India (domesticated Europeans, Anglo-Indians and natives of the country) visit England every year for business education or pleasure. Seldom do they come into touch with Catholic organizations, and many students have to live during their stay here at non-Catholic places, like the YMCA, where their religion is entirely overlooked.

The new society hopes to remedy this state of affairs by organizing meetings, social gatherings and similar functions, and generally by doing everything possible for the spiritual welfare of the visitors.

Bro. Anthony Poiger, St. Leo. Pioneer, Dies

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) St. Leo, Fla., March 21.

The Benedictine Order at St. Leo Abbey lost one of its pioneer members in the death of the venerable Brother Anthony Poiger, O. S. B., who was buried last Wednesday.

Brother Poiger, born in Bavaria on May 28, 1868, piled the cabinet maker's trade in his youth, but never lost hope of consecrating himself to God despite the fact that a deformity caused by a fall when he was only a few months old, prevented his becoming a priest. In 1890 he was accepted as a candidate by Bishop Leo Hald of Belmont Abbey, North Carolina. Soon afterward he was sent to the new Benedictine foundation at St. Leo, where he labored 26 years. He and three other brothers worked on the new abbey from its beginning.

Brother Poiger was noted for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the souls in purgatory. He served as sacristan for many years and was never happier than when about the altar. He was active until the day of his death. The Rt. Rev. Abbot Charles celebrated Pontifical requiem Mass for the repose of his soul.

Governor Smith Heads List Of Patrons For Manhattan Junior Prom

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, March 26.

Governor Smith and Mayor Walker of New York City head a distinguished list of patrons announced for the Junior Promenade of the Class of 1927 of Manhattan College, to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton, April 9. Ben Bernie and his Hotel Roosevelt orchestra will provide the music.

Patrons besides the Governor and Mayor include: Joseph V. McKee, president of the Board of Aldermen; Edward J. Flynn, City Chamberlain; Charles W. Culkin, Sheriff; Thomas Melghan; Brandon Tynan; William H. Todd; John J. Curtin; John P. Cohalan, Former Surrogate; Charles B. McLaughlin; Daniel F. Cohalan; James Butler; Colonel Michael Friedsam; James J. Riordan and Supreme Court Judge McGolrick.

Father Cavanaugh Makes Gift Of Books For Leontonia Library

Leontonia, Ohio, March 23.—The Lindesmith Free Library has been established in a part of a new school building of St. Patrick's parish here.

The library bears the name of a pioneer priest of the Cleveland diocese, the Rev. Elias W. J. Lindesmith who, at the time of his death several years ago, was chaplain of St. Ann's Maternity hospital, Cleveland.

Establishment of the library to serve this community is made possible through the contribution of 1500 volumes to it by Rev. John Cavanaugh, C. S. C., president emeritus of Notre Dame University, a native of Leontonia.

Founding of a library here had long been a cherished ideal of the venerable priest, who had during his long life also served as a chaplain to the soldiers in the regular army in the west and also was widely known as a historian of early Catholic work in a large part of the west. The library is for the general public and is free. Hours of distribution are Saturday from 2 to 5 p. m.

Leontonia is one of the historic localities for northern Ohio Catholicity and several generations have received training in the faith in its confines. A library was one of Father Lindesmith's desires and he established a small one for his own people. A larger one for the use of the community was his aim and this has now been realized through the generosity of Father Cavanaugh.

Speaking of Father Lindesmith, Father Cavanaugh described him as one of the most wonderful priests who ever labored in America.

It was he who baptized me in Leontonia, Father Cavanaugh said, and he established for young and old in the parish a very interesting library of which he took personal charge. It was from him that I acquired my taste for reading through this parish library and life will never be long enough for me to show my gratitude to dear old Father Lindesmith and the conditions that gave me so good a start in Leontonia. It has been a labor of love to attempt to do for others in Father Lindesmith's name what was so wonderfully and happily done for me.

Improvement In Irish Roads In Four Years Is Almost Incredible

Dublin, March 21.

The administrative skill of Irish Local Councils which are over whelmingly Catholic is well evidenced by the transformation of the highways. The war caused such stringent economies that steam-rolling was abandoned for financial reasons. Then came the complete disorganization of the County Council on the eve of the general approval of the time, and added to this was the fact that the cutting of roads and bridges formed a constant subject of military activity. In four years the roads of the country have been transformed, and three quarters of the broken bridges have been rebuilt.

In Waterford Wicklow, Kildare and Carlow from five to ten steam rollers may be seen working within ten miles. Many miles of old fashioned surfaces have been replaced by concrete. The improvement of the roads in Southern Ireland is almost incredible to those who saw them a few years ago.

The County Councils find that the new surfaces, laid at great expense, are being injured by heavy motor trucks carrying merchandise that went by railway till a few years ago. It is a desire to preserve the new roads for the lighter traffic for which they were intended that has made several County Councils advance proposals for keeping heavy traffic on the railways.

Catholic Team Wins City Banner 2 Years

San Antonio, Texas, March 28.

For the second successive year the National Catholic Community House team has won the championship in the City Basketball League here. The title of champion came to the community house players through their defeat of the Strauss-Frank team by the score of 25 to 16. The game was played on the Y. M. C. A. court. It was the third year that the community house has been represented by a team.

Plans were made to have the Catholic players represent the city in an effort to bring the state championship here through a competition being held with Houston, Dallas, Waco and Fort Worth, but these plans have been abandoned.

Negro Parish, Mission 10 Years Ago, Starts Building New Church

Port Arthur, Texas, March 26.—Negro Catholics here have begun construction of a two-story brick building which is to be used as a combination church and school.

The mission, established 10 years ago by the Josephite Fathers with but two families in attendance, has developed so rapidly that the present small wooden church is inadequate. The Rev. Joseph A. Lally is in charge of the project.

Father Walsh Extended Private Audience With Pope

By Msgr. Enrico Pucci, (Rome, Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Rome, March 15.—Father Edmund A. Walsh, S. J., who has returned to Rome, had one of the longest private audiences with His Holiness that has been accorded for some time. He was closeted with the Holy Father from 11 o'clock in the morning until 12:35 p. m., despite the fact that numerous prelates were waiting to gain a few minutes of the Pope's time.

I saw Father Walsh later in the day and he told me of matters of great importance which had been discussed, but concerning which I may not speak until announcement has been made by His Holiness. The American priest felt free, however, to describe the profound grief manifested by the Pope at the death of one dear to himself and his visitor—Archbishop Cleplak.

His Holiness said he had counted much on the Archbishop for the future of the Church in Poland, and in entrusting him with the archiepiscopal See of Vilna had thought to give him a very great proof of his confidence in him. That See, in fact, is not only one of the most important but it is also one of those that require its Shepherd to be a man of great learning, authority and prestige, and the Holy Father in sending Msgr. Cleplak there, had had the intention not only of entrusting it to a Bishop of holy life and full of apostolic zeal, but also of placing in that chair a man whose past was surrounded by such veneration and so much fame as to put him in an exceptionally favorable condition to govern it.

But all these designs have been voided, the Pope said, for Providence has disposed of him in its own secret way and we can only bow our heads in homage to Divine will.

Father Walsh himself said he had taken leave of Archbishop Cleplak in America, with a promise to meet him in Europe, and had so arranged his engagements in Europe as to permit him to accompany the prelate to Vilna when he should take possession of his See. "Now," he said, "perhaps I shall accompany his dead body."

J. P. O'Hara Elected Detroit President Of Holy Name Society

Detroit, March 25.

J. P. O'Hara was selected president of the Detroit branch of the diocesan union of the Holy Name Society by acclamation at its quarterly meeting held last Sunday in Arena Gardens here. Seventy-five hundred men attended the meeting which also served as a reception to the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P. Archbishop of Cincinnati.

Other officers unanimously elected were: Ernest P. LaJob, vice president; John Reynolds, recording secretary; Charles E. Shea, corresponding secretary; and William Ross, treasurer.

In his address Archbishop McNicholas paid tribute to the huge assembly whom were representatives of 107 of the 110 Holy Name branches in the districts. He declared that such a sight must lead non-Catholics to inquire into the cause of such a meeting of men and the influence of the Catholic Church. He called attention to the fact that most of the assembly was made up of young, red-blooded men.

T. W. Loyless, Editor And Foe Of Klan, Dies

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Philadelphia, March 26.

Thomas W. Loyless, prominent Georgia editor, died here Sunday at the home of his son in law, P. H. Nell, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Loyless was formerly editor and part owner of *The Augusta Chronicle* and *The Columbus (Ga.) Inquirer-Sun*. He had long been known as one of the most fearless of Southern journalists and a relentless enemy of the Ku Klux Klan. In 1915 he became nationally known for his daily attacks upon Thomas E. Watson. Two years ago the American Unity League chose him to edit *Tolerance*, its magazine, and to direct the league's campaign against the Klan.

U. S. Priest In Ireland Finds Boyhood Friend; Gives Him Last Rites

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) St. Louis, March 24.—While on a recent visit to Ireland, the Rev. Joseph Meades, S. J., a member of the St. Louis University faculty in 1884, met and administered the last rites of the Church to the Rev. Joseph Prince, whom he had not met since they had been in college together 40 years ago.

Father Prince was a well known English priest and served as a chaplain in the Boer War. Father Meades has been a missionary in British Honduras for the past 20 years and was visiting in Ireland with the Rt. Rev. Joseph E. Murphy, S. J., Bishop of British Honduras and former Dean of Men at St. Louis University.

Missions Campaign In Cincinnati Set For Passion Week

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cincinnati, March 20.—Passion Sunday, March 21, was appointed for the opening of a campaign on behalf of the home and foreign missions among Catholics of the Cincinnati archdiocese at a meeting of the pastors Tuesday, March 16.

Support of the missions in the Cincinnati archdiocese will be carried on through a local organization, to be known as the Society to Aid the Missions, of which Archbishop John T. McNicholas is president and Rev. Frank A. Thill diocesan director.

It was the hope of the pastors to have every wage-earner in the various parishes enrolled in the Society before the close of Passion Week, which has been designated Membership Campaign Week.

Funds collected through membership dues in the Society to Aid the Missions will be divided, sixty per cent to the foreign missions and forty per cent to the home missions. The meeting of March 16th was the first general gathering of the pastors in the Cincinnati archdiocese since the installation of Archbishop McNicholas, August 12, last year. The Archbishop presided and gave the instructions on the mission organization personally. The occasion was also used for the formal announcement of the Jubilee Year indulgences and the naming of churches in the Cincinnati Archdiocese where the faithful may make the required visits. An explanation of the Jubilee privileges was given by Msgr. Louis J. Nau, rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West, Norwood.

Entering the building, which is always open for worship during the day, the thief closed the doors and set about his task. Father Kelly, by a side door to investigate he saw the man tampering with a box. The thief bolted and the chase and capture ensued.

Thief Rifling Church Is Captured By Priest

London, March 18.

A thief's ingenious ruse to rifle the offertory boxes at St. Chad's cathedral, Birmingham, was frustrated by Father A. L. Kelly, senior curate, Diocese of Menevia, of which he has been administrator since his own elevation from the See to Cardiff. In the brief the Pope recalls that Archbishop Mostyn is descended from a distinguished family of day, the thief closed the doors and set about his task. Father Kelly, by a side door to investigate he saw the man tampering with a box. The thief bolted and the chase and capture ensued.

50th Year As Priest Observed In Hospital

Washington, March 25.

Msgr. Nelson H. Baker of Buffalo, N. Y., quietly observed the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination Friday at Providence Hospital here where he is convalescing from an attack of grippe.

Monsignor Baker, who has been at the hospital for three weeks, celebrated Mass for the first time since entering the institution on the day before his golden jubilee. On the jubilee day he again said Mass, served by the Rev. Charles G. Stouter, chaplain of the hospital, and later had breakfast for which a special cake had been prepared. Monsignor Baker was not permitted to receive visitors but received many telegrams and numerous floral tributes from his friends. His condition is reported as very much improved.

Cardinal And Nobles In Appeal For Relief Of Venerable Priest

London, March 15.—A public appeal has been launched on behalf of Msgr. Canon William Barry, noted scholar and writer, to relieve him of financial anxieties in his old age.

Msgr. Barry is in his 77th year. His pen is still active, and he has charge of the parish of Leamington. The sponsors of the appeal, which has the support of Cardinal Gasquet, Viscount FitzAlan, and the Earl of Denbigh, state that Msgr. Barry finds himself charged with the support of a widowed niece and her four children.

Fr. J. H. Wright, Noted English Jesuit, Dead

London, March 15.—Father John H. Wright, S. J., former provincial of the English province of the Society of Jesus, has died suddenly. He went to the Notre Dame convent, Ashdown park, Sussex, to lecture to the nuns, and suffered a stroke soon after his arrival. Congestion and bronchial pneumonia set in and he died at the convent. He was Jesuit provincial here from 1915 to 1921, during the difficult war years.

Sewing For The Poor In Lent Flourishes

San Antonio, Texas, March 26.—Members of the San Antonio Council of Catholic Women are being deluged with offers of help in their Lenten sewing circles which give their products to the poor. It has been necessary to form neighborhood groups to carry on the plan in the face of its success.

Children Of Colored Parish Pay Tribute To Saint Aloysius

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) South Kintloch, Mo., March 29.—The second centenary of the canonization of the Patron of Youth, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, was celebrated in Holy Angels Church of this place on Sunday afternoon. The program consisted of papers read by the children of the catechism classes, which described the life and virtues of the saint. Between papers hymns were sung by the children of the negro parish. Prayers to the saint, Benediction, the usual Lenten Way of the Cross, and an exhortation to all to resolve to follow Aloysius' example completed the exercises.

Jesuit Collegiate Latin Contest

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) St. Louis, March 26.—The annual intercollegiate contest in Latin, open to students of the college departments of the universities in the Missouri Province of the Jesuit Schools, will be held April 7. Two hours will be allowed in the morning to translate a selection from Latin to English, and two hours in the afternoon to translate into idiomatic Latin a selection of English prose. A dictionary may be used in the afternoon, but no help from any source is permitted in the forenoon.

The English contest was held March 24. Five cash prizes are awarded in the two competitions. Last year Marquette won first in both.

Cardiff Archbishop Honored By Vatican

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, March 15.—The Most Rev. Francis Mostyn, Archbishop of Cardiff, has received from Rome a brief appointing him an assistant at the Pontifical Throne. His Grace recently relinquished charge of the Diocese of Menevia, of which he has been administrator since his own elevation from the See to Cardiff.

In the brief the Pope recalls that Archbishop Mostyn is descended from a distinguished family of day, the thief closed the doors and set about his task. Father Kelly, by a side door to investigate he saw the man tampering with a box. The thief bolted and the chase and capture ensued.

Blessed Bernadette's Foster-Sister Dead

Lourdes, France, March 23.—Justine Laques, foster-sister of Bernadette Soubirous, whose visions led to the foundation of the shrine of Lourdes, is dead. She was 75 years old.

In 1857, when Bernadette was only 13 years old, she and Justine tended sheep at Bartres, where Bernadette's cottage is visited by pilgrimages. In 1866 Justine walked from Bartres to Lourdes to see Bernadette leave for a convent in Nevers.

Vatican Buys Roman Hospital; Will Turn It Into Seminaries

Rome, March 24.—The Vatican has just purchased St. Anthony's Hospital, situated in the heart of Rome, and will convert it into seminaries and colleges, one of which will be set apart for Russians.

The Vatican buildings have become much too small for the ever growing activities of the Holy See and it is reported that other purchases in Rome are being arranged for. An asylum with its adjoining park was recently bought.

Prussian Observance Of Good Friday Strict

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cologne, March 15.—The Prussian Minister of Inner Affairs has notified the district presidents, by circular, that Good Friday must be strictly observed.

Priest, On Wrecked Train, Ministers To Stricken Engineer

Cleveland, March 26.—Msgr. Gilbert P. Jennings, pastor of St. Agnes' church here, administered conditional absolution to W. J. Pierce, engineer of a Nickel Plate train who was caught in wreckage as his train jumped the track just outside of Buffalo, Monday.

Pierce jumped as his engine struck an open switch, but was caught beneath a box car which tumbled over on him. Mr. Jennings, a passenger on the train, left his car and gave conditional absolution to Pierce, who was buried beneath the car.