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French Minister Draws A Protest From Cardinal

By M. Massiani
(Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, May 22.—Considerable commotion in Catholic circles and a formal letter of protest from the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris to the Minister of Public Instruction and Beaux Arts have been the result of the unexpected interdiction placed by the Minister on the appearance of a group of artists from the National Theater, the famous "Comedie Francaise" at a benefit performance for the Catholic Institute of Paris.

The reasons for this stir, which has been nation-wide, and which is to form the subject of two interpellations in the French Parliament, are as follows:

It will be remembered that there was formed a few months ago, by M. Georges LeRoy, prominent actor from the Comedie Francaise, an association of Catholic actors known as the "Compagnons de Saint Genesius." The project had the approval of the Holy Father. It was also announced, at the time, that the actors had offered their services in connection with a benefit performance in behalf of the Catholic Institute of Paris. Having heard that the Institute was short of funds, they generously decided that their first public manifestation, as an organization, would be a brilliant performance, the proceeds from which would be devoted to the work of the Institute.

The performance was announced for May 7. It was to be given in the Trocadero, which seats six thousand people. Some of the most prominent persons in France were secured as patrons and a magnificent program was prepared. The Master Vincent d'Indy offered to appear in person to direct the famous "Ninth Symphony" of Beethoven, to be executed by the 250 artists of the Schola Cantorum; the dramatist Henri Ghéon had reserved for this occasion the first performance of his "Mystery of the Emmanuel." The virtuoso Louis Verner was to play the great organ; an address was to be given by Father Sanson, famous preacher of Notre Dame. Lastly, invited by M. Georges LeRoy, ten actors and actresses from the Comedie Francaise had consented to play an act from one of Moliere's plays.

Comedie Francaise Actors Interdicted

Everything proceeded smoothly and the stage was set for one of the most brilliant performances in recent years. But on the very eve of the benefit, the Minister of Public Instruction suddenly forbade the artists from the Comedie Francaise to take part.

The Minister has full authority over these actors, for the Comedie Francaise, the leading theater of France, is a Government institution, subsidized by the State, administered under State control and governed by very strict rules. But this was obviously no reason for forbidding the artists any participation in a private benefit, since such permission is frequently granted them.

When the news of the Minister's action became known, there was an immediate reaction in Catholic circles. First of all, it was observed that at that very time the participation of artists from the Opera and the Odéon—which, like the Comedie Francaise, are government-supported theaters—was being granted for a Masonic benefit. In any case, it was extremely unfortunate that the interdiction brought against M. LeRoy and his comrades had come so late, at the very last moment, causing the risk of complete disorganization of the festivities which had been so carefully planned. Catholics received the impression that they had been the victims of an insult and that they were treated in this way because the performance was for the benefit of an establishment which was considered to be a rival of the State University.

The order caused the greater astonishment as only a few days before the President of the Council and the Minister of Finance, when forming a National Committee of patrons for the subscription to the National Treasury had made a point of inviting as members some prominent representatives of the Catholic world, including Cardinal Dubois and Professor Brantly, the famous scientist from the Catholic Institute.

Cardinal Dubois Protests
Cardinal Dubois was the interpreter of the sorrowful surprise of the

Catholics in his letter of protest to M. Lamoureux. His Eminence said, in part:

"Nothing appears to justify this interdiction. The Catholic Institute is a private but legal institution, and I have no need to tell you of the great role which it plays in the dissemination of French thought throughout the world.

"Truly, I do not comprehend the interdiction brought by you, Mr. Minister, but I see its consequences and I deplore them. It is capable of discouraging good Frenchmen at the time when their aid is officially solicited for a great work—the necessary work of restoring the finances of France."

The heads of the Catholic Students' Federation also sent a letter of energetic protest against a measure which, indirectly, was an injury to their studies.

On the following day, M. Lamoureux, in the face of these protests, communicated to the press a note in which he maintained that his decision was prompted solely by the fact that M. Georges LeRoy had not applied for the necessary authorization in the correct form. At the same time he sent a letter to the Archbishop of Paris in which he expressed the hope that no Frenchmen would use the incident as a pretext to refuse their contribution to the voluntary subscription for which His Eminence had so kindly consented to grant his patronage.

Catholic Resentment

This double reply did not dissipate the general discontent. Even if it were true that the actors did not take all the desired precautions in obtaining a regular authorization, it is generally felt that the Minister could have overlooked this neglect in order not to injure the charitable object which they had in view. M. Lamoureux disavows any sectarian motive for his action, but it is certain that he has committed a grave error. A large number of Catholics have deeply resented it as a serious lack of consideration for their feelings.

Although deprived of the aid of the Comedie Francaise, the performance was given on May 7 with great success. But the incident is not closed. When Parliament reconvenes, the Government will be interpellated on the subject by M. de Las Cases, Senator from Lozère, in the Senate, and by M. Duval-Arnould in the Chamber.

C. U. Professor To Be Jerusalem Research Director

By N. C. W. C. News Service
Washington, May 31.—The Rev. Doctor Romain Butin, a member of the Marist Society, Professor of Oriental Languages and Curator of the Museum at the Catholic University of America, will sail at the end of June for the Holy Land. He has been appointed Annual Professor and Acting Director of the American School of Oriental Research at Jerusalem for the year 1926-1927. The school is supported mainly by American institutions among which is the Catholic University of America. The aim of the school is purely scientific, viz., to extend our knowledge of the geography, history, archaeology and languages of Biblical Lands and, according to opportunities, to carry out explorations and excavations.

The Association also supports a parallel school in Iraq at Baghdad. Each of the schools is governed by a permanent Director, assisted by an Annual Professor selected from among the leading American Biblical or Semitic Scholars. The permanent Director of the American School at Jerusalem is Prof. W. F. Albright of Johns Hopkins University. Prof. Albright is going to spend the coming year in the United States and Dr. Butin will act as Director during his absence. Under Prof. Albright the American School of Jerusalem has excavated the old site of Gibeon of Benjamin, modern Tell-el-Ful, and is now cooperating with the Xena Theological Seminary in bringing to light the ancient city of Kiriat Sepher in Southern Palestine.

The appointment of Prof. Butin shows the broadness of view of the Board of Trustees of the American School of Oriental Research. He is the first Catholic priest who has ever been elected to that office. It is also an honor for the Catholic University of America to have a member of its teaching staff entrusted with such an important mission.

Fund For Cologne Cathedral Repair Partly Provided

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Caplaine
(Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cologne, May 22.—The work of restoring Cologne Cathedral is to be begun immediately, it has been decided by a meeting of the Cathedral building commission just held here. The cost of the first work to be done will be met with 100,000 marks granted in the budget of the Prussian Government by President von Hindenburg after Cologne was evacuated by occupation forces, and by the revenues to be collected from the Cathedral Building lottery. The total cost of restoring the Cathedral will be 6,500,000 marks, of which 400,000 already have been collected by civil and ecclesiastical authorities with the aid of benevolent individuals. The Prussian Government, after an appeal from the Center Party, has consented to give 100,000 marks a year for the work.

As the administration of the Cathedral is entrusted to both the Church and the State, its pitiful condition has been the cause of grave concern to both. Late in April a conference attended by representatives of the clergy and many deputies of the Landtag, met in the state art institute building in Berlin and discussed the situation. It was agreed that the Cathedral edifice and restorative measures should be taken. It was determined to begin work immediately at a meeting of the building commission just held here. Cardinal Schulte attended, as did Count Adelmann von Adelmannsfelder, the president of the local Government, the Provost of the Cathedral, Privy Councillor Hertel, the Cathedral architect, and representatives of the Ministers of Finance, Science, Art and the People's Education.

New Hall At Villa Maria Academy Is Named For Bishop

Erie, Pa., May 28.—The Rt. Rev. John Mark Gannon, D.C.L., Bishop of Erie, before a large audience which included many members of his diocesan clergy, officiated here Sunday at the laying of the cornerstone of Gannon Hall, commodious addition to Villa Maria Academy, conducted here many years by the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Rev. John J. Burke, C.S.P., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, made the principal address.

When the new Gannon Hall, which includes a beautiful, spacious chapel, is completed, Villa Nova Academy will have a plant representing an investment of \$1,500,000.

In the course of his address at the ceremony, Bishop Gannon, for whom the new hall is named, announced that he would make his personal gift to the academy the beautiful marble altar now being wrought in Italy for the new chapel. The altar, he said, would be a memorial to his own father and mother. His mother, who is 86 years old, was in the audience which heard him make the announcement.

The bishop reviewed briefly the notable work the Sisters of St. Joseph have done here, and announced that next September Villa Nova will have a student body of 800 young women.

Music at the ceremony, which was conducted out of doors, was provided by St. Joseph's Boys' Band, and a chorus of girl students sang patriotic songs.

Third Of His Family To Enter Priesthood In Fourteen Months

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

Washington, May 28.—Joseph L. May of Oswego, N. Y., who is to be ordained June 12, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, N. Y., will be the third of his family to enter the priesthood in the last 14 months. Two brothers, the Rev. George and the Rev. Francis May, were ordained at Easter and at Christmas, 1925, respectively.

The latest candidate for Holy Orders is at present doing graduate work in sociology at the Catholic University of America and staying at the Apostolic Mission House here, the last work of one who for long years has been a leader among Catholic students. The delegates listened with interest to the Rev. May's report. He will receive the degree Master of Arts next month. After ordination he will become assistant to the Rev. Alexis Hopkins, Director of Catholic Welfare of the Diocese of Syracuse, of Marshal Franchet d'Esperey.

Msgr. Barlassina Talks About His American Tour

By Dr. Alexander Mombelli
(Jerusalem Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Jerusalem, May 17.—His Beatitude, Monsignor Barlassina, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, has just returned from a two months' tour of North America with these two outstanding impressions of the United States:

First, the love and veneration with which the hierarchy is surrounded in both public and private life.

Second, the amazing regulation and harmony of parish life with the general organization of the diocese.

This was told to the Jerusalem Correspondent of the N. C. W. C. News Service by His Beatitude, who graciously granted a personal interview, despite his fatigue due to his long journey and the affairs of the patriarchate. He received the interviewers with his customary courtesy and kindness with which his visitors are immediately put at ease. He spoke enthusiastically and vividly, turning at once to conditions in North America.

"The American Episcopate," he said, "enjoys a real prestige which impresses one deeply. These sentiments of esteem and general obedience of the American Catholics towards their pastors are easily understood when we remember that the American bishops together with their leaders form a group of spiritual worth of their exalted calling as well as of the world wide importance of their great country today. Their practical zeal, their sound common sense, their bold modern initiative are the force by which they draw, much by example as by word, the mass of the faithful to support those manifold forms of Catholic organization which perfectly satisfy the needs of our age. It is no wonder that with such leaders the American Catholics have won the admiration and envy of the Catholic world.

"Moreover, I noticed that the parish life is wonderfully regulated in harmony with the general organization of the diocese." The Patriarch said he was edified by the esteem and obedience shown parish priests and proclaimed American Catholic parochial life in "full blossom."

"The attendance at religious services," he continued, "the frequent reception of the Sacraments, the abundance of charitable works, the number of Catholic societies, the growing power of the Catholic Press—everything flourishes and is carried out with that practical insight and thoroughness which characterizes the American."

He said he could not resist visiting Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia, who last year visited the Holy Land, and was most cordially received. He found the Knights of Columbus a mighty body rendering "incalculable service to Catholic interests in America."

The Pope, he said, holds his rightful place as head of the Church of God in America. It is touching to see the affection and popularity which Pius XI enjoys all over America," he said.

He was loud in his praise of Canada with its "fine and numerous families." That country, he said, "has certainly a great future."

Msgr. Barlassina holds the entire visit one of the biggest events of his life and rejoices that he has seen with his own eyes the might of the Catholic Church in America.

Countess Dies Finishing Report On Catholic Work

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

Lyons, May 21.—A sad and impressive incident marked the Convention of the League of French Women, held here under the presidency of Cardinal Maurin and attended by several members of the French hierarchy.

The general report of the progress of the organization was to be presented by the vice-president, Countess Desvernay. Madame de Saint-Laurent, the President General, announced to the delegates that Countess Desvernay had completed her report the evening before and that she had died immediately afterward. She had been a leader among Catholic women. The delegates listened with interest to the Rev. May's report. He will receive the degree Master of Arts next month. After ordination he will become assistant to the Rev. Alexis Hopkins, Director of Catholic Welfare of the Diocese of Syracuse, of Marshal Franchet d'Esperey.

Sees Of Richmond And Salt Lake Are Filled By Vatican

Washington, May 22.—The appointment by the Holy Father of a new member of the American hierarchy and the transfer of another, the two moves filling the sees of Richmond and Salt Lake, were announced here today by the Apostolic Delegation to the United States.

The Rev. Dr. John J. Mitty, Rector of St. Luke's Church in the Bronx, New York City, has been named Bishop of Salt Lake. He will fill the vacancy created by the death in January of Bishop Joseph S. Glass. The Rt. Rev. Andrew J. Brennan, Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton, has been named Bishop of Richmond, Va., succeeding the Most Rev. Denis J. O'Connell, who was relieved of the see in March at his own request and made Titular Archbishop of Maroniana. Archbishop O'Connell, who is 77 years old, has served as Apostolic Administrator of the diocese since the appointment of his successor.

Bishop-elect Mitty was born in New York City in 1884, and received his early training at St. Joseph's School, De La Salle Institute and Manhattan College in that city. Later he studied at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, N. Y., at the Catholic University of America at Washington, D. C., and at the University of St. Apollinaris in Rome. He was ordained in 1906. For eight years he was professor of Dogmatic Theology at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie. Upon the entry of the United States into the World War, he became an Army Chaplain, being commissioned Aug. 10, 1917. He served at Camp Merritt, N. J., and in France, where he went into action with his organization in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He was discharged in May, 1919, and has since been doing pastoral work.

Bishop Brennan was born in Towanda, Pa., in 1877. He was graduated from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., in 1899, after which he attended St. Bernard's Seminary, in Rochester, N. Y., then spent four years of study in the North American College at Rome. He was ordained in the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome in 1904. Following his return to America, he taught in St. Thomas' College, Scranton, until 1908, when he became Chancellor of the diocese and secretary to the bishop. In 1917 he was made Rector of the Cathedral. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton in February, 1923, and consecrated in April. At his consecration the people of the Cathedral congregation presented him with a purse of \$20,000.

Nun Missionaries In India Succumb To Black Cholera

Washington, May 23.—With the elements thrown in as an occasional foe, the missionaries laboring in certain sections of India are battling with an epidemic of black cholera, which threatens themselves and their communities. It is disclosed in an unusual report just received here.

The report, a letter to the Very Rev. Michael A. Mathis, O. S. C., Superior of the Foreign Mission Seminary of Holy Cross, here, sets forth that three nuns have died from the dread disease, that a fourth has been stricken, and that an entire mission community is being threatened with extinction. The nuns who have died are Sisters Alphonsa Thomas and Victoria. Sister Aimée has been stricken.

The three nuns, the letter says, were teaching in the school at Dacca of St. Mary's Seminary. They died at 10 o'clock in the morning and by 11 o'clock were taken ill. At one o'clock that afternoon Sister Aimée died. While she was being buried that night Sister Thomas died, and by morning Sister Victoria was dead. While the Rev. Charles F. Finner was administering the Sacraments to the nuns at night a cry came up and in the face of this further obstacle the missionary prepared the nuns for death.

The spread of the disease has been caused by the milk which is used in the community. It was said that at Solepore, where the Holy Cross Fathers have a mission center, the ravages of the disease are so great that if the epidemic continues there will be no further work. The delegates listened with interest to the Rev. May's report. He will receive the degree Master of Arts next month. After ordination he will become assistant to the Rev. Alexis Hopkins, Director of Catholic Welfare of the Diocese of Syracuse, of Marshal Franchet d'Esperey.

Chicago Choir Of 65,000 Has Its First Test

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

Chicago, May 17.—Chicago had its first preview this week of the great magnitude of the Twenty-Ninth International Eucharistic Congress, when 30,000 members of it and the two moves filling the sees of Richmond and Salt Lake, were announced here today by the Apostolic Delegation to the United States.

The group represents the various parishes from the South Side, North Side, West Side and North Side parishes, which will be the first to take part in the congress.

Official photographs were made of this magnificent gathering, several of which will be sent to Pope Pius XI.

The choir is directed by Fr. O. A. Stenberger, director of the church music and musical director of the Congress. His program will give the correct key to the choir, while the director will give the correct key to the choir.

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Colima Ranking Effects Of Its Insular Laws

(Special Mexican Correspondent)

Colima, N.C.W.C. News Service
Mexico City, May 19.—The effects of the laws of Colima are now being felt in the State of Colima. The laws are now being felt in the State of Colima. The laws are now being felt in the State of Colima. The laws are now being felt in the State of Colima.

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The Schola is composed of 80 voices, and will consist of a variety of church music, including Masses, Vespers, and other sacred music. The concert will be broadcast from 8 o'clock to 9 o'clock, and will be heard by all who listen to WBAL on Monday, May 24.

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