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Demand Better Protection For Americans in Mexico And Abandonment of "Watchful Waiting"—To Raise \$1,000,000 to Fight Sovietism in the Americas

WARNING TO NATION

Philadelphia, August 5.—The Knights of Columbus today answered President Calles of Mexico's challenge to their Christian faith in the ringing and courageous term of the crusades of old.

Assembled here 5,000 strong in their 44th international convention, as the representatives of "eight hundred thousand men who love God, who respect lawful authority and who, in the discharge of their duty, fear not the force of evil, either on earth or from hell," they took the following action:

Protest Calles' Despotism

Registered their "unqualified protest against the policy of President Calles upon his recent despotism of the armed forces of his military regime oppressing the vast majority of the people of Mexico."

Reminded the American Government "that the representatives of Calles have insulted and degraded and expelled American citizens, men and women, under circumstances that are abhorrent to our conception of constitutional government."

Warned "our fellow American citizens that they cannot endure at their very doorstep with impunity the Russianizing of Mexico."

Declared that "all this system in Mexico has been created under American auspices, sustained by American executive authority."

Called upon "the President and the State Department to put an end to his ignominious contempt which has been shown by Calles for Americans' appeal."

"Resolutely" demanded "protection for American citizens and that they be treated with the same consideration and respect which is shown to Mexican citizens in this country."

Declared that "the period of 'watchful waiting' or any other such procedure is over" and that "we, as American citizens, demand of our Government that this action be taken forthwith."

Called to American Federation of Labor and its affiliated organizations "to heed this appeal to cooperate with us to safeguard not only American rights, but the hard-won victories of labor itself."

Announced their determination "to pursue relentlessly our campaign for the eradication of these evils at our own doorstep, fomented and approved by the official action of our State Department."

Authorized a million-dollar assessment of the order "for a campaign of education, to the end that the policies of Soviet Russia shall be eliminated from the philosophy of American life and the ideals of liberty of conscience and democratic freedom may extend to our afflicted fellow human beings beyond the Rio Grande."

The convention met with the Mexican question overshadowing all its prospective activities. Hardly had it assembled before James A. Flaherty, Supreme Knight, declared to the delegates amid a gale of applause:

"We are going to deal with the Mexican situation before this convention is over. And we are going to deal with it in no uncertain way."

M. J. O'BRIEN HEADS MEXICO ACTION GROUP

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

Washington, Aug. 6.—To promote the program in which the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women have been engaged to disseminate among the Catholic and non-Catholic of America a knowledge of the facts of the persecution of religion in Mexico and the true purpose of the Mexican Government to destroy the Catholic Church in that country and exile religious orders, a national committee for the protection of religious rights in Mexico is being formed by the Department of Lay Organization of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The Honorable Morgan J. O'Brien of New York has accepted the chairmanship of this committee. The committee will be made up of regional representation and cooperate with the Men's and Women's Councils of the Welfare Conference to the fullest extent and will be prepared, besides, to undertake all relief measures growing out of the situation.

At the spring meeting of the Administrative Committee to the National Catholic Welfare Conference, announcement was made by the bishops that such a committee would be formed by the Conference. The work of the committee will be carried on through the executive staff of the Men's and Women's Councils and of the other departments of the Conference.

For several months the National Councils of Catholic Men and Women have been urging all Catholic lay groups throughout the country to take immediate organized and effective part in putting the true facts concerning the persecution of religion in Mexico before the American people and to conduct public meetings of protest to show how heartily the American people, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, condemn the Mexican laws which are subversive of the principles upon which our government is founded. The committee for the protection of religious rights in Mexico will assist them in this work.

In some parts of the country diocesan committees, made up of representatives of all of the important local Catholic lay societies have existed for some time. Others are now forming throughout the country, the latest of these being the committee recently organized in New York under the leadership of Judge Alfred J. Talley. The New York committee includes in its membership officers representing the strongest Catholic societies in that state and city. Among the members are Joseph V. Mitchell, president of the Archdiocesan Holy Name Society, Walter J. Lynch, chairman of the New York Chapter of the Knights of Columbus and representatives of the Catholic Daughters of America, Xavier Alumni Society, Catholic Central Verein and the Catholic Big Sisters.

Unusual Religious Ceremony in France

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

Paris, July 30.—A most unusual ceremony assembled the faithful of Saint Martin de Roubaix in their church recently when the parish celebrated an act of thanksgiving to God for having called eight of its sons of the priesthood during the year.

These eight newly ordained priests were present and celebrated Mass at eight altars erected for the purpose in the church.

In the front rows of the congregation were some other young men from Saint Martin de Roubaix who are now seminarians and will be ordained in due time.

Occasioned by the expiration of terms of William F. Fox of Indianapolis and Frank J. Lonergan of Portland, Oregon.

Those elected to another term on the Board were Leo F. Craig of Sioux Falls, James W. Gibbons of Peoria, Ill., and Edward Houlihan of Chicago.

The remainder of the Board of 15 members is as follows: John H. Reddin of Denver, John F. O'Neill of Jersey City, George C. Bovin of Quebec, William C. Prout of Boston, Francis P. Matthews of Omaha, John E. Martin of Green Bay, Wis., Thomas J. Duffy of Columbus, Ohio, Patrick H. Rice of Augusta, Ga., Charles P. McLevy of Pawtucket, R. I., and Daniel Tobin of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Young U. S. Priest Held By Bandits In Chinals Freed

Had Been Prisoner Since July 21—State Department Had Started Effort On His Behalf After Superior's Plea

Washington, Aug. 3.—The Rev. Joseph Cunningham, C. P., American missionary priest in China, has been freed after being held captive by Chinese bandits since July 21, the State Department was informed today by its representative in Changsha.

Announcement that the young missionary is safe came shortly after a request had been made here that the State Department interest itself actively in his behalf, and instructions had been issued to State Department agents in China to do what they could in the case.

On Monday Magr Dominic Langenbacher, C. P., Prefect Apostolic of Western Hunan, China, and the Very Rev. Stanislaus Greenan, C. P., Provincial of the Passionist Fathers with headquarters at Union City, N. J., accompanied by the Rev. John J. Burke, C. S. P., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, called at the State Department to interest officials in the kidnapping.

Secretary of State Kellogg told the party that he would use all the resources of his department possible in the circumstances to effect the release of Father Cunningham. Acting under instructions, Mr. Nelson Johnson, Chief of the Far East Division of the Department, accordingly directed representatives of the Department overseas to cooperate to that end.

As soon as word was received by the missionaries in this country of the missionary's capture, information to that effect was wired to Secretary Kellogg. Since that time, Father Greenan has received two cablegrams from Passionist Fathers in China concerning the kidnapping. One, on July 25, said that the bandits were being pursued and that two soldiers had been wounded in the pursuit. The second, received several days later, said: "Ernest, no news." Ernest is Father Cunningham's name in the Order.

The purpose in paying the visit to the State Department was to have the United States authorities take an active interest in the release of the priest. It was the belief of Monsignor Langenbacher and Father Greenan that if the State Department showed a determination to push the case, Father Cunningham would be released.

About a year ago a similar case arose, in which a Protestant missionary named Schmalzgried was captured by Chinese bandits. The State Department brought pressure to bear, with the result that the merchants of the city from which the missionary had been taken were constrained to pay the ransom demanded by the bandits, and the man was released.

It is the practice, it was explained, for Chinese bandits to hold their captives and subject them to torture to force them to write asking that their friends pay the ransom demanded. In some instances the bandits have cut off toes and fingers of their victims to coerce them in this way.

Monsignor Langenbacher himself had an experience some years ago with Chinese bandits, who came aboard a boat on which he and a party were traveling and demanded \$5,000 ransom. It was explained that the party had only \$120 with it. A wrist watch was taken from Monsignor Langenbacher, upon the threat that if he did not surrender it his wrist and hand would be shot off. The bandits finally rified the boat of any valuables they could find and released the party.

Father Cunningham comes from Cambridge, Mass. He is 28 years old, was ordained three years ago and has been two years in China. He has the advantage of speaking the Chinese language fluently.

Mexican Rulers Imitate Russia "Post" Declares

Washington, August 4.—No twentieth-century nation can pursue a course such as Mexico is pursuing and expect to derive anything but disorder, misfortune and ultimate disaster from it. The Washington Post declares editorially this morning.

The Post says further that the outside world is led "to suspect that communism has a firm hold upon the Mexican government and has led it into the folly of imitating the Russian soviet in attempting to destroy religion."

Card. Piff Gives His Impressions Of This Country

By Dr. Frederic Funder

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

Vienna, July 26.—His Eminence Cardinal Piff, Archbishop of Vienna, has just returned from the Twenty-eighth Eucharistic Congress with two deep impressions of the United States: one of its spiritual vigor and the other its enormous material development. In fact, he says, the combination of these two is the problem America has to solve.

"If I am to speak of the impressions made upon me during my sojourn in the United States," His Eminence said to the N. C. W. C. News Service Correspondent, who found him in excellent health, "I must distinguish between the impressions I received of the spiritual life and those of the material life."

"What I have seen of the Catholic movement in the United States, not only at the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago, but also at the annual meeting of the Central Union of German Catholics in Springfield, Ill., was highly impressive and justifies the highest hopes. It was such as to make one confident that vigorous impulses are at work and that things are being accomplished. Many countries with an old established Catholic majority could take a lesson there. The world-embracing Catholic Church has found in the United States a new center of gravity."

"It cannot be but with feelings of the greatest pride and elation, that a Catholic makes this observation. It is with this joy in my heart that I have returned from the United States."

"The impressions of material America—her enormous industrial centers, her commerce and her traffic—are of a different kind. There may be dangers connected with this immense technical progress and wealth, dangers which a foreigner can hardly estimate, but only guess, and which certainly must involve difficult tasks and duties for those who guard the spiritual welfare of the American people."

"That kind of a world appears enormously strange, almost disturbing. I can well understand why Austrian and German immigrants have spoken of the difficulty they first had in making their way about, and also why, when established and free from cares, they now and then yearn for their home countries, where the cares were greater but the demands upon a man less absorbing."

"The combination of that colossal material development and the rights of the material world, which must be recognized, with spiritual obligations, seems to be the problem America has to solve. But Catholicism in the United States is vigorous and energetic. It justifies any amount of confidence in the belief that it represents the strongest spiritual factor in the land and is capable of solving the problem of the combination."

No Interdict Put On Mexico, Says Cardinal Gasparri

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Rome, Aug. 6.—In a special statement made to the Correspondent of the N. C. W. C. News Service, Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, refuted rumors circulated by some secular papers to the effect that the Vatican had placed an interdict on Mexico.

The Cardinal declared that the present interruption of worship is due to the regulations enforced by order of President Calles on July 31, which render the practice of religion impossible.

His Eminence further said that "The Holy See views the situation with great sorrow for the Mexican Catholics but with full confidence in the justice of their cause and the certainty of the protection of God," adding that "the Mexican Government is responsible before God and the whole civilized world."

Catholics Celebrate Anniversary Of Old Pennsylvania Church

Ortanna, Pa., August 5.—Thousands of people motored into Buchanan Valley last Saturday to participate in the observance of the 100th anniversary of the Old Jesuit Mission Church. The Rev. Will Whalen, pastor of the church, celebrated a Mass.

In his sermon Father Whalen praised the homely virtues of the pioneers of the Valley. He contrasted their lives with modern circumstances, declaring that "The Wages of Sin is Death" cannot be improved upon. Following the Mass there was a picnic in White Square Grove.

Irish Technical Education Being Pushed In Cork

Dublin, Aug. 2.—The end of the scholastic year brings hope-inspiring messages from the extreme South of Ireland to those who believe that the future of the country lies in proper education. The Very Rev. Canon O'Sullivan, Administrator of Cork Cathedral, declares that the school attendance statistics for the Cork primary schools show that children are attending the schools as regularly as can be desired. The average attendance for the concluding months of the scholastic year has been eighty-seven per cent.

The Cork County Technical Instruction Committee, which is a mixed body of clergy and lay, also reports favorably on the interest shown in technical education by the people for whom it is intended. A feature of the attendance at the technical schools during the year was the number of students studying motor and electrical engineering. The Rev. R. McCarthy, Administrator of Skibbereen Cathedral, who is a member of the Committee, points out that apprentices to the engineering trades find it hard in Ireland to obtain proper instruction, and that the Technical Schools of the Committee provide almost the only facility for those wishing to obtain proper scientific instruction. Father McCarthy also notes that the farmers are introducing machinery on their lands and in their dairies, and are making increased use of the technical schools to acquire the skill to keep their new machinery in order. He also refers to the industrial and technical development expected in the county on the completion of the Shannon hydro-electric scheme.

The want of technical skill among the Irishman employed on the Shannon scheme is confined to the artisan class. The chief officer in charge of the whole organization is a Catholic Irishman, Dr. Thomas McLaughlin.

Libertinism Of Stage Rebuked By Bulletin Of Catholic Society

New York, August 6.—What has been called the "reckless libertinism" of the stage has confronted the Christian public with a "very real emergency," the current issue of the Bulletin of the Catholic Theatrical Movement declares. Furthermore it says that the public has been given "a responsibility from which no action of the law or of citizens' committees can absolve them."

The Bulletin calls attention to the fact that 27 plays that were reviewed in the closing weeks of the theater season, and had not been previously reported upon, developed only six which could be put on the "white list" of clean and wholesome plays, while seven were put into the third class, which leaves little doubt as to their evil tendencies.

"These plays call for no extended comment," says the Bulletin of this latter group. "In one way or another they are studies in degeneracy, they are three of them called 'doublet' for want of punch in their wickedness. It is inconceivable that any of them should continue to flourish in a decent community. The Evening Post has this pertinent comment upon the support given to what it styles 'blatant enterprises': 'Those who buy dirt frankly at the box office deserve what they get and get what they deserve.'"

More Rigid Training Of Catholic Scouts Is Urged By Priest

London, July 21.—Catholic boy scouts should undergo additional tests before qualifying for the "missioner" and "pathfinder" badges of the scout movement, in the opinion of Father Westlake, of Worthing, who asks Catholic scout troops to introduce the idea.

Father Westlake suggests that before becoming a "missioner" a Catholic scout should have a thorough knowledge of sick-calls, should know how to prepare the room for the priest, when to send for him and how to serve Mass.

For the "pathfinder" badge Father Westlake, writing in the "Scouter," says Catholic scouts should know the locations of Catholic churches.

Mgr. Mitty's Consecration

New York, Aug. 5.—The Rev. Dr. John J. Mitty, Bishop-elect of Salt Lake, will be consecrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral here September 3. It has been announced Bishop-elect Mitty is at present pastor of St. Luke's church in the Bronx.

Protestants Pray For the Persecuted Catholics of Mexico

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

Providence, R. I., Aug. 4.—Five thousand Protestants, attending an open-air religious service at Peoples Park, Pawtucket, were asked to pray for the persecuted Catholics of Mexico. The plea was made by the Rev. Arthur J. Watson, Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Pawtucket.

Describing the plight of millions of Catholics in Mexico who are now without priests and deprived of religious services by order of the Mexican Hierarchy as a result of the new regulations issued by the Mexican Government against religion, the Rev. Dr. Watson urged his congregation "to offer prayers for the persecuted Christians in the country south of us."

The preacher expressed "astonishment and surprise that in this day and generation of civilization, amidst any nation selling their souls for a few dollars, there should be 900 or more of the citizens of the United States who are not willing to do according to the dictates of their consciences."

Protestant Hecker Of Catholic Guild In London Fined

London, Aug. 1.—A Protestant Alliance hecker, George Henry Watson, was fined £50 for contempt of court on his own admission. The hecker was fined for contempt of court on his own admission. The hecker was fined for contempt of court on his own admission.

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Third Order Will Present Demands To St. Patrick's

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