

BISHOPS' PASTORAL TO MAKE MEXICAN SITUATION CLEAR

Washington, Sept. 24.—The Bishops of the United States who recently closed their annual meeting at the Catholic University of America dispatched to the Archbishops, Bishops, priests and laity of Mexico a message pleading their prayers and deepest sympathy and declaring that "with God's blessing, we shall be with you to the end and to victory."

The Bishops also announced that in the near future they will issue a Pastoral Letter which will be the first public expression by the Hierarchy of the United States on the situation in Mexico. The Letter will have no bearing upon the Mexican policy followed by the United States Government, but will deal essentially with the principles of international and constitutional law involved in the controversy.

One of the first achievements of the meeting was the adoption of the plan for a single organization to conduct the welfare work in Russia and the Near East, as outlined in the letter sent out by the Holy See through the Apostolic Delegate here. It also discussed ways and means of sustaining and extending interest in the Home Missions.

The meeting re-elected the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, which met at the Conference headquarters and reviewed the reports of the organization's several departments.

It also elected a committee which will nominate 30 Bishops, priests and laymen for membership in the new governing body of Catholic University of America. A reorganization of the University's Board of Trustees is necessary because a new Constitution has been granted the school by the Holy See. The new Constitution increases the board to 45 members, 15 of whom are Archbishops serving ex-officio.

The committee which will frame the Pastoral Letter is headed by His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes of New York who was elected chairman of the committee which is to draw up the Pastoral Letter, which is to be submitted to all the Bishops for their approval and comment. His associates in this work are the Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis; the Most Rev. Austin Dowling, Archbishop of St. Paul; the Right Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland; and the Rt. Rev. Francis C. Kelley, Bishop of Oklahoma.

The issuance of the Pastoral Letter is being prompted, it was said, by the feeling that the people of the United States, Catholics as well as non-Catholics, are not acquainted with the philosophy of the Mexican situation. The Bishops hope to call attention to certain fundamental principles that have not been brought sufficiently to light and to give a real, clear statement of the status of the Catholic Church in the matter.

In adopting the plan for unification of agencies working for the welfare of Russia and the Near East the Bishops adopted the following resolution: "The Bishops of the United States in conference assembled express their full approval and adoption of the program of the Holy See providing for the unification of all societies now working in the United States of America for Russia and the Near East. The resultant organization, The Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Inc., shall be the sole instrumentality authorized to solicit funds for Catholic interests in those regions and shall be recommended in all dioceses, on a given Sunday, the date to be arranged in consultation with the respective Ordinaries."

The Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S. J., of Georgetown University, formerly head of the Papal Relief Mission in Russia, has been appointed by the Holy Father as president of the new organization which will combine the activities of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association founded by Monsignor Barry-Doyle and the Catholic Union founded by Father von Galen. The new organization has been named in appreciation of the work of these and other priests, engaged in the work of administering temporary relief to the stricken populations and in erecting orphanages, schools and refugee settlements.

Cardinal Hayes has been appointed Protector of the new body, which will be under the direction of the four American Cardinals, serving as a Board of Governors. Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, will be chairman of the board. The board will be assisted by an executive committee, composed of Bishops, priests and prominent laymen.

Joseph F. Moore, who was general secretary of the work carried on by Monsignor Barry-Doyle, will have charge of the business administration and the Association will, according to present plans, be divided into the following sections: Russia and Asia Minor; Greece and the Balkans; Welfare; Student; Exchange; Domestic Interests; and Business Administration. Each section will be headed by a competent executive and by coordination of these several departments it is felt that the important work of permanently assisting Catholic interests in every way will be greatly advanced.

In addition to the present work for orphans and others suffering want, the plans of the Association call for a widespread campaign to place Oriental students in American schools, colleges and universities. There will also be a study of religious conditions in Russia and the Near East where, due to political disturbances, the Churches of those lands have been greatly harassed and hindered in their efforts.

Home Missions Report His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago and President of the American Board of Catholic Missions, presented the report on Home Missions. It was discussed by Archbishops Curley and Dowling and Bishop Kelley of Oklahoma. The discussion centered around rural missions and work among the colored people. Suggestions were made as to ways and means of bringing the missions more definitely to the attention of the dioceses and parishes.

A representative of the United States Bureau of Census addressed the Bishops briefly concerning the Census of Religious Denominations which is made every 10 years and is being made this year. He asked the prelates to request their priests to make quick returns on the questionnaires which will be sent them in connection with the enumeration.

The Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, was re-elected by the High ops. It is constituted of the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, who is chairman, the Most Rev. Austin Dowling, Archbishop of St. Paul, who is Chairman of the Department of Education of the Conference; the Rt. Rev. P. J. Muldoon, Bishop of Rockford, who is chairman of the Department of Social Action; the Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, who is Chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations; the Rt. Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, Bishop of Harrisburg, who is Chairman of the Department of Press and Publicity; the Rt. Rev. Edmund P. Gibbons, Bishop of Albany, who is Chairman of the Legal Department; and the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Lillis, Bishop of Kansas City.

Archbishop Curley, of Baltimore, and Archbishop Daeger, of Santa Fe, were re-elected members of the American Board of Catholic Missions. Their terms are for three years. The committee which is to nominate the members of Catholic University's new governing board is composed of Archbishop Messenger, of Milwaukee; Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis; Archbishop Curley, Bishop Kelley, of Oklahoma and Bishop Boyle of Pittsburgh.

To Improve Catholic Directory Bishop Kelley, Bishop Walsh of Trenton, and Bishop Noll of Fort Wayne were appointed a committee to confer with the publishers of the Catholic Directory with the view of improving the publication. Trustees of the American College in Rome, who were in the city to attend the meeting, met during the gathering and discussed plans which are being carried out for the development of the college.

Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston; Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia; Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, and Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago attended the Bishops' meeting. Cardinal O'Connell presided. In addition there were eight Archbishops and 53 Bishops in attendance.

Feast of Jesuit Martyrs Sept. 26

New York, Sept. 24.—September 26 was set as the date for the feast in this country of the blessed martyrs Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brebeuf and their six companions. The feast is what is known in the liturgy as a "duplex majus," greater double. Instead of being confined to churches and chapels of the diocese, all clergy, secular and regular, observed. In fact it was designated as one of the specified feasts in the Calendar for all the dioceses in the Province of New York, since three of the martyrs died in this State.

Exceptions granted the feast by the Holy See, in addition to enhancing its importance, are taken to show how deeply the Holy Father and the Congregation of Rites are interested in the veneration paid the martyrs and in the prospect of their speedy canonization. The special Mass and Office of the martyrs are now in the hands of lectors in missals and breviaries. As feasts of the saints and blessed are not observed until a year after their canonization or beatification, Sunday, September 26, saw the first celebration of the feast of these first holy persons to be entered on the roll of the blessed in the United States. Since the day falls on Sunday this year, the Mass and Office will be of the Sunday, with a commemoration of the martyrs in the Mass, at Lauds and at Vespers.

New Constitution And Scholarships For Catholic U

Washington, Sept. 24.—Provisions of the new Constitution of Catholic University of America and the establishment of 10 new scholarships by John K. Mullen of Denver were revealed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University held here.

The new Constitution, which was approved by the Holy See on July 24, last, contains 23 chapters and 109 articles and will remain in force for seven years. After that time it will be the subject of amendments. The most important change it effects is a revision of the Board of Trustees so as to increase its membership to 45. The board now numbers approximately 30 members. The fifteen Archbishops of the United States are members of the board ex-officio and the Constitution now provides that in addition to these there shall be 10 Bishops, 10 priests and 10 laymen.

It also adds a board of consultants composed of prominent Catholic clergymen and laymen. Mr. Mullen, who donated the Mullen Memorial Library, a \$750,000 structure being erected on the campus has now established 10 scholarships which will be for the exclusive benefit of students from the State of Colorado. Five of the scholarships will be for room, board and tuition, while five will be for tuition alone.

At the same time it was announced that the faculty of the University will number 115 professors. The new appointments to the faculty are Dr. Fulton J. Sheen in Apologetics, Dr. Francisco Lucidi in Moral Theology, Dr. Joseph T. Barron in Philosophy, Brendan Brown in Civil Law, Francis L. Talbot in Physics, Eugene R. Mittinger in English Literature, and the Rev. August Holdus in Semitic Languages. Father Holdus, it was announced, will replace temporarily Dr. Román Butin, S. M., Professor of Hebrew and Custodian of the Museum, who has leave of absence for a year to act as Director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem.

The University, it was also announced has recently acquired a life-size portrait of the late Archbishop Williams of Boston, by de Henwood a large Saint Jerome by an unknown master of the Bologna School, and a fine copy of Tintoretto painting his dead daughter, obtained in South America, and donated by Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia.

Irish Priests Sail To Serve In U. S.

Dublin, Sept. 24.—Twelve Irish priests recently ordained have left Cobh (Queenstown) on the North German Lloyd Liner Stuttgart on their way to California, where they will undertake parochial duties. They are the Revs. Anthony Kelley, Castlebar, Mayo County; David J. Reidy, Thurles, Tipperary County; Martin Quinn, Roscommon; James Landers, Annascaul, Kerry County; John Clarke, Cavan; Vincent Flynn, Newport, Mayo County; Daniel Sweeney, Kilworth, Cork; Thomas Lehane, Birr, King's County; Joseph Flynn, Allihies, Cork County; John F. Purcell, Limerick; M. Byrne and James McGovern, Cavan. The party is in charge of the Rt. Rev. John J. Cantwell, Bishop of Los Angeles and Monterey.

Card. Hayes Plans Sojourn on Pacific Coast Next Month

New York, September 27.—His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes will leave October 3 for the Pacific Coast. On Columbus Day, October 12, he will preside at a celebration to be held by the Knights of Columbus in San Francisco in commemoration of the 700th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi, for whom San Francisco, the city, was named. Enroute His Eminence will stop off at Salt Lake City, where on October 7 he will preside in the Cathedral of the Madeleine at the installation of the Rt. Rev. John J. Mitty, whom he consecrated Bishop of the Diocese, in New York recently. About 20 priests will be in the group making the trip.

Calles Policy Being Denounced By Secret Radio

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Mexico City, Sept. 24.—Agents of President Calles are working day and night to discover the whereabouts of a secret radio broadcasting plant which has begun sending out daily attacks on the anti-religious policy of the Government. Sufficiently powerful to reach all parts of the Federal District, the hidden station opens up at varying hours. It employs letters not registered in the Government offices. Police have been listening in on every scrap of radio broadcasting day and night in an effort to find the secret broadcasters, but their efforts so far have been futile. They have visited every known station and watched it closely, but have not even obtained a clew as to the course of the attacks on Calles.

Mexican Teachers Resign, Resisting Calles' Tyranny

(Special Mexican Correspondence, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Mexico City, Sept. 24.—The Calles Government's brutal alternative to public school teachers of Mexico, to endorse its anti-religious policies or resign, is spelling disaster to what remained of an educational system in Mexico following the suppression of the Catholic schools.

The net result of the edict, coupled with other indignities of the Government against teachers, has been that in the larger cities of the country—Vera Cruz and Puebla, for instance—the schools, which were scheduled to open September 1, were not able to do so for lack of teachers.

While this destruction of education goes on, there come in reports of further steps with Government assistance to sovietize industry in Mexico. These reports tell of a Government-sanctioned project for the Crom, radical labor group, to take over and operate industries whose owners are aiding the economic boycott of a proposal to organize a Government-protected corps of spies to ferret out such owners; and of Government approval of the Crom sending forth groups of armed vigilantes to seize promoters of the boycott.

Hundreds of Teachers Dismissed Dismissal of teachers because they refused flatly to endorse Calles' religious persecution had the greatest effect in bringing about the chaotic school situation. All over the country the teachers defied the Government and were dismissed. In the State of Jalisco alone, 400 teachers were lost to the State through the ultimatum.

However, there is another cause for the dearth of teachers—the failure to pay their salaries. In some instances these salaries are in arrears four months, and in Monterey the pay is now regularly overdue from 10 to 12 months.

It will be remembered that the Jalisco teachers, from the city of Guadalajara, upon receiving the ultimatum from the Government bravely defied Calles' agents, pointed out that they had infringed no law of the country, and invited the Government to dismiss them if in its opinion constant devotion to duty merited such treatment. The Government hesitated some time, and finally issued the order of dismissal. To this order the teachers, all of whom are women and girls, have issued a reply equally as bold as their first statement. In it they say:

"As a protest against the discharge of more than 400 teachers, we advise you of the following: "Our reply could not have been more categorical. NEVER will we accept orders which vilify us in our own eyes and in the eyes of the people, and you must have realized this, since you have believed yourself authorized to dismiss us. "We are glad that the Directors finally have defined their attitude by asserting that a declaration of faith makes it impossible for those who make it to work with the Government.

"We find it strange that this Board, which shows itself so jealous of constitutional precepts, should evade the charges based on this Constitution which we made with regard to their procedure. We find it even stranger that, in your opinion, respect for freedom of conscience consists in dismissing us. We regret the latter for the sake of the teachers who remain at their posts.

"Did you weigh the scope of your assertion upon declaring that we are managed by extraneous elements? (Extraneous to what?) Can you prove it? You do not even have a right to believe it, for we have shown that we are conscientious and free beings, something which the teachers who continue in service cannot be, since, according to you, we may have freedom of action only in return for our dismissal.

"Out of respect for our principles, our dignity and the sacred duties of the parents, we have sacrificed our material welfare; society as a whole will appreciate the illegal and arbitrary character of our deprivation." Despite the censorship and the strict vigilance of the police, this circular has been widely distributed, creating an impression of indescribable enthusiasm and doing much to raise the morale of the people.

The teachers of Chihuahua, it is now announced, have issued a reply to the Government ultimatum equally as courageous as that of the teachers of Jalisco. As did their confreres, they reject flatly the Government's demand that they endorse its anti-religious policies, assert their innocence of any offense, and refuse to yield. They say in part:

"Whether this present disturbance be termed social or political, our judgment as energetic and conscientious teachers forces us to protest categorically against such a circular, to which we can not reply as is desired without diminishing our dignity, honor and professional rights, which we are not disposed to abdicate for anything or anybody." Not only is the Government endeavoring to coerce the teachers of the country into endorsing its campaign against religion; it is bringing the same coercion to bear in all Government departments, always with the virtually open threat of dismissal from employment.

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