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## MEXICAN SITUATION IS CONCERN OF U. S. N. C. C. M. DECLARES

Cleveland, Oct. 29.—Action in six different directions on the Mexican situation climaxed the sixth annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Men as it came to a close here.

The Council sent to the Catholic laymen of Mexico a message assuring them they were fighting for "the common principles underlying human dignity" and renewing "our promise of encouragement and support."

Issued a statement to the American press asserting that a "minority government with military power" is seeking "to drive God and Christ out of government, school and conscience" in Mexico; vigorously condemning this campaign, and asking non-Catholic citizens to join in the protest.

Called upon the President of the United States to take steps to end propaganda in this country in favor of Mexican policies opposed to American principles, conducted by Mexican diplomatic agents in "abuse and violation of diplomatic privilege."

Pledged itself to study and distribute the forthcoming Pastoral Letter of the American bishops on the Mexican situation.

Sponsored a great banquet at which Judge Morgan O'Brien, New York authority on international law, declared that the Mexican situation is an American, not only a religious question, and that action on the part of the American Government is imperative.

Following the convention proposed its officers into a conference where they helped to complete the organization of a National Committee for the Protection of Religious Rights in Mexico.

Messages From His Holiness

As the convention closed it was brought to a high pitch of enthusiasm with the reading of the message from Pope Pius XI in which he conferred his Apostolic Blessing. Its text, as read by Bishop Schrembs of Cleveland, Episcopal Chairman of the N. C. C. M., was as follows:

"The Holy Father, learning with gratification of the approaching convention of the National Council of Catholic Men, and with fond expectation of the fruitful results of the meeting, sends with paternal affection his Apostolic Blessing."

This message, despatched by Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, was in reply to one sent by Bishop Schrembs in which he said: "The National Council of Catholic Men are about to hold their annual convention in the city of Cleveland. In their name as well as in my own, I send to Your Holiness the expression of our sincere, wholehearted devotion and earnestly implore your Apostolic Benediction upon their labors."

At the election, on the final day of the convention, Walter T. Johnson of Kenton, Ohio, was re-elected national president. Joseph M. Tally of Providence was re-elected vice-president and James E. Deery of Indianapolis again was chosen secretary. Francis R. Lowther of St. Louis was elected treasurer to succeed Charles I. Denechaud of New Orleans, who is to spend much of the next year in Europe and hence did not feel that he should accept reelection.

James J. Murray of Cleveland was elected a member of the Executive Committee to replace T. J. Cahill of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Michael J. Slattery of Philadelphia was elected to the committee of all a vacancy. Mr. Lowther, Martin Conboy of New York and Joseph H. Reisman of Pittsburgh were re-elected to the committee. Other members did not come up for reelection.

A telegram of sympathy and regret at his inability to attend the convention was ordered sent to Bishop Russell of Charleston, S. C., who is ill.

Other resolutions passed expressed filial affection and loyal solicitude toward His Holiness Pope Pius XI and pledged support to the work of the reorganized Near East Relief; pledged observance of the new feast of Christ the King; pledged anew "our loyalty and never-failing devotion" to the nation on its 150th anniversary; pledged the Council to "a concerted effort in favor of the Catholic press," praised Catholic papers and called upon all Catholics to subscribe to and read their diocesan papers; reaffirmed the Council's faith in Catholic education, asserting that never before was it so urgently needed; again voiced opposition to the federalization of education; condemned the new "racial origins" immigration quota system and resolved to petition Congress for a lifting of assigned quotas and a full study of the entire immigration question; asked its units to fight improper literature and improper stage and screen entertainment by withholding their patronage, and endorsed the efforts of the Catholic Theater Movement and the N. C. W. C. Motion Picture Bureau; endorsed and pledged support to the Bureau of Historical Records of the N. C. W. C. and to the "N. C. W. C. Bulletin"; and warmly thanked Bishop Schrembs, Archbishop McNichols of Cincinnati and the clergy and laity of Cleveland for their splendid assistance in making the convention a success.

Six hundred attended the banquet which brought the convention to a close and at which Judge O'Brien and others spoke. Those who came overflowed the large banquet hall of the Hotel Hollenden, and regrettably in other rooms and returned to hear the speakers.

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After outlining the attack of the Mexican Government on the Catholic Church, which he said was an attack on all religion, Mr. Goldstein bitterly assailed President Calles and his regime. "If one wants proof that the Calles regime is a menace to America he should find it in the unanimous support given to it by all the Soviet groups in our country," he declared. "Hands off Mexico," cries the Socialist Party. "No, we will not fight for 'piety or for petroleum.' Neither would they fight for America during the war."

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**Trying Difficulties Of Missionaries**

London, Oct. 29.—A Pontifical mission in a lonely mission station at which the thriller was a cocoa tin was cited by Bishop Biermans here as an instance of the exceptional difficulties missionaries meet in the wilds.

Bishop Biermans, who is Superior General of St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary Society, told the Association of Work for Poor Churches that one little church he visited had a soap box for its tabernacle. The wall around it was made by pinning red handkerchiefs on the sides.

The missionary's great enemies, he said, were the white ants and other vermin, which eat away the vestments and altar linen.

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**Last Of American Banks In Mexico Driven To Failure**

Mexico City, Oct. 29.—Reports from Tampico state that the Tampico Banking Corporation, the last American Bank in Mexico, has closed its doors. It is only two weeks since another American institution, the Mexico City Banking Corporation, suspended activities.

Many Americans had all their savings in the Tampico Bank which is the tenth to close since 1913.

The American Chamber of Commerce is calling a meeting to discuss the situation and will forward a resolution to Secretary Hoover asking him to cooperate with Americans having business connections in Mexico in an effort to secure banking facilities for them.

**Japan Aids Church In Manchuria City**

Maryknoll, N. Y., Oct. 29.—The Japanese Government at Daini has given a grant of land to its Catholic subjects in that city and a small church is in process of erection. Both Daini and Port Arthur, it is learned, will be included in the territory which is being set aside by the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda for American priests of Maryknoll, N. Y.

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