Knights of Malta To Have a Branch In United States

Rome, Dec. 4.—A branch of the Knights of the Sovereign Order of Malta, one of the most ancient and revered Orders in Europe, has been authorized in the United States through bulls issued by the Grand Master, resident in Rome.

The aim is to carry forward the charitable and hospitable traditions of the Order. Among other functions, the branch will gather offerings from its members to help the charitable works of the Pope.

First members of the branch, who have been nominated by bills issued by the Grand Master, are: James J. Phelan, baner, of Boston; Nicholas F. Brady, financier, of New York; Edward F. Carry, president of the Pullman Company, of Chicago; Patrick E. Crowley, president of the New York Central Railroad; James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation, of New York; James A. Fayne, banker, of New York; Edward N. Hurley, manufacturer, of Chicago, formerly head of the United States Shipping Board; Morgan J. O'Brien, former Justice of the Supreme Court of New York; John J. Raskob, financier, of Wilmington, Del., and John D. Ryan, chairman of the board of the Anaconda Copper Company, of New York.

The branch will communicate with Rome through Edward L. Hearn, European Commissioner of the Knights of Columbus, who is a Papal Count. Upon the proposal of the ten charter members, and in agreement with Mr. Hearn, new members may be nominated and the honors of the Order may be granted to other American citizens.

Great importance is attached in Rome to the founding of this new branch of the Order, since on the one hand it gathers together eminent Catholics of the United States who have brilliant records of achievement and positions in the world, and on the other hand it makes them representatives in the United States of the sole knightly Order having the title "sovereign," and on which enjoys the greatest prestige with the Pope himself and in other circles.

St. Mary's College Of San Francisco Seeks Half Million

San Francisco, Dec. 3 —The drive to raise $500,000, San Francisco's quota, toward the $3,000,000 building program for St. Mary's College, started to-day with R.E.Fisher, vice-president and general manger of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co., as general chairman.

An appeal will be made to every man and woman in San Francisco to assist the famous old college which was founded in 1863. Thirteen new buildings contemplated in the plans for the college will occupy a picturesque site of 225 acres in the East Bay foot-hills. The present site of the college in Oaland will be sold.

Behind this appeal for funds are some of the best known men in San Francisco's business, professional and civic life. The Christian Brothers have charge of St. Mary's.More than half the students are from San Francisco.

British Minister Continues Policy On Birth Control

N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, Nov. 27.—The Minister of Health, Neville Chamberlain, has declared that he has not altered the the policy adopted by his predecessors in office on the question of birth control. His statement was made to St. Joan's social and political alliance, a Catholic women's organization, which drew Mr. Chamberlain's attention to a newspaper report which seemed to imply that the Ministry of Health had reversed the policy followed by Sir Alfred Mond, Mr. Wheatley and other ministers.

Mr. Chamberlain's policy is stated as follows in a letter from his private secretary:

"I am desired by Mr. Chamberlain to say that he has not altered the policy adopted by his predecessors with regard to birth control. He has, in reply to inquiries, explained that while it is not the function of an ante-natal centre or a maternity and child welfare centre to give advice in regard to birth control, in exceptional circumstances, in which the avoidance of pregnancy seems desirable on medical grounds, women may be referred, but only by the medical officer of the centre, for particular advice to a private practitioner or hospital. This reference of exceptional cases is not to be made by voluntary helpers or nurses on general social grounds.

"And he has pointed out that as the infant welfare centres are maintained out of public funds to which people of all opinions are required to contribute, he considers that without the express authority of Parliament he would not be justified in assenting to the use of the centres for a purpose on which public opinion is so acutely divided."

Youthful Pilgrims Of San Francisco Leaving For Rome

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

San Francisco, November 24. —A pilgrimage of young men and boys who will spend Christmas and New Year's in Rome will leave here on December 5.

This pilgrimage is to be but a section of a world-wide pilgrimage of young men from every quarter of the globe at the very special request of the Holy Father. The event is to close the Jubilee Year with impressive ceremonies of pomp and splendor and at the same time to commemorate the bi-centenary of the canonization of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, the special patron of youth.

The party is under the spiritual direction of the Rev. Richard Gleeson, S. J.

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Vocation Record For Holy Cross

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 3.—A religious vocation survey just completed at Holy Cross College here has demonstrated that no fewer than 190 Holy Cross men are now preparing for Holy Orders, a larger number than is shown by any previous record. The results of the survey are particularly interesting because of the constantly recurring assertion that religious vocations are not as abundant as in former years.

Of the 190 men now studying for Holy Orders, 103 are Holy Cross graduates and the others attended the college for one or more years.

It is further shown that in the last three years the number of vocations rose successively. In the last three years 18 of the class of 1924, 26 of the class of 1925 and 30 of the class of 1926 began their religious life. Last June 16 men were ordained for 9 dioceses. They were members of the classes of 1920, 1921 and 1922. There are now 695 Holy Cross graduates in religious work, besides the many non-graduates.

Eighteen dioceses and four religious orders are represented by the 190 now training for the priesthood. They are in the following seminaries: Brighton, 14; Niagara, 3; Emmitsburg, 5; Maryknoll, 4; St. Bonaventure, 3; Seton Hall, 2; Louvain, 2; Dunwoodie, 9; Montreal, 17; Rochester, 21; Baltimore, 51; Sulpician (Washington, D. C.), 7; Beatty, Pa., 1; Little Rock, 1; Orchard Lake (Mich.), 2; Innsbruck, 1; Rome, 9; Jesuit, 33; Dominican, 1, and Passionist, 4.

ARABS ASSAULT JEWS AT THEIR WAILING WALL

By Dr. Alexander Mombelli

Jerusalem, Nov. 17.—For some weeks past there have been a series of insulting incidents at the Wailing Wall, the sole remnant of the Jewish past that is held in veneration the world over. Stones have been thrown, insults have been hurled, aged worshippers have been assaulted and other hooliganisms perpetrated by Arab people.

The police arrested an Arab girl of twelve years of age who had thrown stones at and wounded an elderly Jewish woman proceeding to the wall. The girl was sentenced to a month's imprisonment. Another person, an Arab, was fined three hundred and forty piastres for attacking a young man.

The Jews here believe that such minor penalties, inflicted probably upon persons the least culpable, are not sufficient to check the tide of hooliganism that is rising. They claim that it is against the apparent organized attempt that the authorities must act. It is indeed lamentable that in Palestine, cradle of the religious, the land of the most lofty national and religious ideals, the symbols of a religion are not sufficiently protected.

At a general meeting of the Council of Jerusalem Jews resolutions were adopted as follows: (a) The Council of Jerusalem Jews expresses the protest and resentment of the Jerusalem Jewry against the frequent desecrations at the Wailing Wall; (b) demands that the Government issue a special ordinance against the desecration of the Wall; (c) that the Government appoint a special commission to raise a public movement against these incidents and to secure the issue of such an ordinance; (d) that the Government appoint a commission of lawyers to Pius XI:

Notre Dame Squad Climaxes Season With Big Victory

Washington,Dec.6.—The game in which Notre Dame defeated the University of Southern California, 13 to 12, at Los Angeles Saturday was, according to all reports, a fitting climax to a season of remarkable football. The two teams were evenly matched throughout the struggle, it was said, and the Catholic team from South Bend, Indiana, won by virtue of its ability to kick a goal after one of its two touchdowns while Southern California failed in both instances.

Notre Dame showed by its splendid performance that its team was a worthy one and added further mystery to its unexpected defeat by Carnegie Tech on the Saturday before.

Among the members of Rockne's team who played their last game of college football Saturday are:

Arthur Boeringer, centre who has been picked for nearly all of the All-American teams; John Wallace, Joe Benda, John Roach and Joe Maxwell, ends; Frank Mayer, another prominent All-American selection,and Ray Marelli, guards; Tom Hearndon and Ray Dahman, halfbacks; Gene Edwards, Vincent McNally and Chas. Riley, quarterbacks; Harry O'Boyle and Elmer Wynne, fullbacks, and John McMannon, tackle.

Russian Baroness' Lecture Attended By Card. Dougherty

Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—Baroness Catherine de Hueck, Russian refugee, who is lecturing under the auspices of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 480 Lexington Avenue, New York City, was greatly honored by the presence of His Eminence Cardinal Dougherty at the lecture delivered Saturday night at Ravenhill Academy here. She drew a realistic picture of Russian life during the war and revolution.

The Baroness, who was on her honeymoon when the war broke out, promptly became a nurse after her husband's departure to join his regiment at the front. For her services she was decorated. She was in Petrograd when the first revolution broke out, but, despite the upset condition of the country, she went back to her work on the firing line. The Bolshevik upheaval found her on the borders of White Russia.

The story of her sudden return to Petrograd and her flight with her husband to Finland, after both their lives had been threatened by the "Reds", was related with a vividness which brought home dramatically to her hearers the perilous quality of life for people of her rank in those days.

While the Baroness's narrative was personal, she managed so to relate it to the public events of those disturbed years that it took on the broader aspects of national history. Her experiences and those of her family were like a vivid thread running through the tapestry of the great Russian tragedy.

Though she escaped herself, her people were not so fortunate, for her brothers were shot by order of the Soviet, and her father died under tragic circumstances.

The Baroness with her husband went eventually to Canada after a long and weary journey through Norway, Sweden, and England. The baron, an invalid as a result of his war wounds, is still in Canada.

Her lecture concluded, the Baroness made a plea for the support of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. She explained the work done by Catholic authorities abroad on behalf of the refugees in Asia Minor and the Balkan countries, a work which the Association is aiding. She also described the student exchange plan, by which the Association hopes to place in American colleges a number of Russian boys whom conditions in their own country have deprived of formal educational facilities.

At the conclusion of the lecture His Eminence, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, expressed himself as greatly pleased with the Baroness's portrayal. She is delivering a number of the lectures in and around Philadelphia in the interests of the same cause.

Gonzaga College's Team Is Champion Of Washington, D. C.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The football team of Gonzaga College High School an institution conducted by the Society of Jesus here, defeated Devitt Preparatory School by the score of 33 to 0 Saturday and won the scholastic championship of the District of Columbia for the second straight year. The team is also recognized as one of the best, if not the best, of its kind in the entire East.

By defeating Devitt Saturday Gonzaga ran its total of season's scoring up to 279 points for six games. No points were scored against the purple team this year and no opponent penetrated its 10 yard line. Gonzaga has not been beaten in two years having scored 14 straight victories.

Extension Society Meeting Attended By Twenty Bishops

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2.—Cardinal Mundelein was host to four archbishops, fifteen bishops and scores of priests and laymen at the Twenty-first annual meeting of the Catholic Extension Society at the University Club, here, yesterday. The Eucharistic Congress held here last June was given credit for the most successful year the Society has yet enjoyed.

The archbishops present were the Most Reverend A. T. Daeger of Santa Fe, the Most Rev. J. W. Shaw, New Orleans, and the Most Rev. J. T. McNicholas of Cincinnati. Among the bishops attending were Rt.Revs.E.C. Kelley, of Oklahoma; P. J. Muldoon, Rockford; D.M.Gorman, Boise; J.F. McGrath, Baker City; J. B. Morris, Little Rock; J. B. Jeanmard, LaFayette; J. R. Crimont, Alaska; Jos. M. Schrembs, Cleveland; J. F. Noll, Fort Wayne; E. B. Ledvina, Corpus Christi; R. O. Gerow, Natchez, Miss.

Edward Hines of Chicago, John J. Fleming, Burlington, Iowa; Micheal F. Girton, Austrian Consul at Chicago; Charles N. Niezer, Fort Wayne, Ind.; John A. Lynch, Chicago and Warren A. Cartier, Ludington, Mich., were among the laymen at the meeting.

Lay Apostolate Shows Remarkable Growth In England

London, Nov. 24.—Nearly 500 lay speakers occupy Catholic Evidence Guild platforms at street corners and in public parks up and down the country, the Guild's annual report discloses.

Twenty-one new pitches were taken up during the year.

The most famous of the Guild's pitches is that at Hyde Park, where relays of speakers hold forth for 27 hours each week. Every evening during the working week, except Tuesday, laymen and laywomen give out Catholic doctrine from 7 to 10 p. m. On Saturdays the hours are 5 to 10 p. m. The big effort comes on Sundays, when people throng the park. Speakers then occupy the platform continuously from 11 a. m. till 10 p. m.

The Guild's report embraces the whole country and shows that Catholics everywhere have respounded to this remarkable lay effort to spread the truths of the Church.

In Birmingham the starting of a pitch at Perry Common was actually responsible for the formation of a new parish, the interest aroused being so great.

Thirteen members of the Westminster and Southwark Guilds spent their vacation in North Wales carrying on the work, holding meetings on the promenades at coast resorts.

Several boys of Stonyhurst College where a Guild has been established, spent their vacation speaking from street-corner platforms.

The Brentwood Guild reports that as many as 60 penny catechisms were sold at a single meeting.

Manchester Guild has acquired a six-room house which was formerly used as a Protestant Sunday school.

French Art Panels For Rhode Island Church Extolled

Paris, Nov. 29.—The most important exhibit of the "Salon d'Automne," the Exposition of the Beaux-Arts now open at the Grand-Palais here, was removed after the first few days and is now on its way to America, where it will adorn the church of Saint John Baptist at Pawtucket (Rhode Island). The work is executed by Georges Desvallieres, one of the masters of the younger French School.

The work, begun in June, was completed by Desvallieres in four months of desperate effort. In the opinion of many critics, the speed with which the work was done was largely responsible for the unusual character of the paintings, of which one writer says that they show "a depth of feeling, a breadth of conception and an understanding of color which Desvallieres has never surpassed nor perhaps even equaled."

The paintings are to occupy four divisions of the church ceiling. The division over the choir will represent "The Triumph of the Eucharist," showing the Host, in a radiant monstrance, adored by angels. The three following compositions represent "God the Father and the Holy Ghost in their Glory," "Christ the Mediator," leaning down from Heaven to bless humanity, and "The Apostles" symbolizing the whole Church Militant aspiring to Heaven.

The religious art section of the Salon d'Automne contains about fifty other works by various artists.

Dominican Priests Make Important Finds at Neirab

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

Jerusalem, Nov. 17.—The Rev. Fathers Carriere and Barrois of the French Biblical and Archaeological School here have just returned from Syria where they led important excavations in the region of Neirab, near Aleppo. They have succeeded in making several very interesting finds. They unearthed a rich necropolis, a large number of little statues of terra cotta and bronze, pottery, jewels and arms of all kinds. These objects make it possible to follow the evolution of the numerous civilizatiosn which have succeeded each other since the first Assyrian dominations until the Hellenic period in Aeli-Neirab.

But the most valuable discovery consists of 27 tablets of cuneiform writing and three Egyptian scarabees which very probably were part of the funeral equipment of a tomb. The excavations will be resumed again by the learned Dominican Fathers next Spring.

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The second annual convention of the Federated Colored Catholics of the United States was held in Washington the last week.

DEATHS OF THE WEEK

Funeral services were held from the respective churches on dates given. May their souls rest in peace.

Glavey—Miss Kathryn E. Glavey of No. 69 Woodward street, died at St. Mary's Hospital. Funeral from Corpus Christi Church, December 13.

Mathes—Henry G. Mathes died December 9, in New York city, aged 64 years. Funeral from St. Joseph's Church, December 11.

Schreier—Elizabeth Schreier died at her home, No. 20 Murray street, aged 77 years. Funeral from Holy Family Church, December 11.

Schalber—Mrs. Ellen F. Schalber formery of Rochester, died December 9, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Frank Freer, No. 411 South Main street, Canandaigua, N. Y. Funeral from St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua, December 11. Burial in Rochester.

BOTT—John A. Bott, died December 7, at No. 76 Orchard street, aged 81 years. Funeral December 10th, from SS. Peter and Paul's Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Dovidio—Sam Dovidio, died December 6, at No. 1582 Lexington avenue, aged 46 years. Funeral December 9 from St. Anthony's Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Esser—Mrs. Katherine Fitzgerald Esser, died December 7 at her home, Long Meadows, Pittsford. Funeral December 11 from St. Louis's Church, Pittsford. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Haefner—Agnes Mary Haefner, died December 7, aged 26 years. Funeral December 11 from No. 40 Lyndhurst street, and from St. Joseph's Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Smith—Mrs. Beulah Forest Smith, died December 6. Funeral December 10 from No. 840 Jay street, and from Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Zurn—Frances Estelle Zurn, died in Philadelphia. Funeral December 7 in. Rochester. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Ludwig—Mrs. Katherine Hart Ludwig, died December 4 at No. Plymouth avenue south. Funeral December 7 from Immaculate Conception Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Kennedy—James H. Kennedy, died December 3. Funeral December 7 from No. 25 Wooden street, and from St. Patrick's Cathedral. Interment in Holley, N. Y.

Knobles—Miss Anna Knobles, died December 3, at No. 125 Murray street. Funeral December 7 from Holy Family Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetay.

Spacher—Dora Munding Spacher, died December 3 at No. 297 Knickerbocker avenue, aged [illegible] years. Funeral December 7 from Sacred Heart Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Theis—Frederick J. Theis, died December 3, aged 13 years. Funeral December 7 from Willowbrook road, Greece, and from St. Charles Borromeo Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Murray—Mrs. Sarah Murray, died December 5. Funeral December 7 from St. Boniface Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Renaud—Magdalena Renaud, died December 5, aged 80 years. Funeral December 9 from No. 4[illegible] [illegible] street, and from SS. Peter and Paul's Church. Interment in Holy [illegible] cemetery.

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