

Bishop P. Diaz, Safe After Exile From Mexico

First Definite Word of Prelate's Whereabouts Comes In Special Cable Dispatch to N. C. W. C. News Service

Fears For Life Dispelled
(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, Jan. 25.—The N. C. W. C. News Service has definite and official cable assurances that Bishop Pascual Diaz, secretary of the Mexican Catholic Episcopate who was exiled and whose whereabouts have been unknown for two weeks, is safe in Central America.

Moreover, it is informed that Bishop Diaz is sailing today from Costa Rica for Havana, Cuba. This, the first definite word of the heroic Mexican prelate in a fortnight, sets at rest very grave fears for his safety, and even for his life which have grown greater in both Mexico and the United States as the days have gone by.

The assurance comes after numerous indefinite reports, some of them conflicting, as to Bishop Diaz since he was suddenly arrested January 10, whisked away by the Government and ordered deported. Since that time mystery had enveloped him. He was first reported on his way, under strong Government guard, to Vera Cruz and it was expected that he would be sent to the United States.

Reported in Guatemala. Next came word that traces had been found of him on the way to Guatemala. There followed a report that he had been denied admittance to Guatemala, then later a despatch that he had been admitted. There was no confirmation of any of these reports. Whether or not it was by way of Guatemala that he finally left Mexico will become known only when he reaches Havana with the story of his wanderings.

Mexico City, Jan. 24.—President Calles on Friday issued a new decree on religious worship in Mexico. Notably it carries out the decision reached some time ago to permit Americans and other non-Spanish speaking foreigners in Mexico to have their own clergy for a limited period.

In addition, however, it reaffirms the sternest terms of the previous Calles decrees against religion in Mexico, placing churches under the complete domination of Government agencies. These deny to the churches the right to own property or carry on educational or charitable work, disfranchise the clergy and subject it to the strictest Government control, forbid even discussion of Government acts by religious or the religious press, and take away the right of free assembly.

Strict penalties are provided for failure to carry out provisions of the decree, responsibility being placed particularly upon local authorities.

Censorship Vets Conditions. Meantime, so sternly has the censorship been clamped upon the entire country that news of the revolutionary activities still continuing throughout the country is obtainable only through Government sources. Official announcements, as in the past, fail to report anything but successes by Federal forces against revolutionaries. Nevertheless, significant admissions may be gleaned from these reports.

For instance, the Government admits that half a dozen military engagements have taken place in the last few days in the State of Jalisco; that fighting has been going on in Guerrero; that there has even been a clash at Apasco, in the Federal District itself; that railroad tracks have been torn up and a train looted in Durango; that three groups of revolutionaries are active in Puebla, and that a clash has taken place in Vera Cruz. It is impossible to estimate the outcome of these engagements, since only Government reports, notoriously untrustworthy, are available.

Another instance of the unreliability of Mexican Government announcements has just come to light. It was given out here that a large majority of the oil companies operating in Mexico had submitted to the new oil law which the United States Government holds to be confiscatory. An examination, the results of which were given out formally in Washington Monday, has shown that many of the companies which have yielded are Mexican concerns, that still others have acquired their oil rights since 1917 and hence have no ground for protest, and that the big American, British and Dutch companies which control 88 per cent of Mexican oil production continue to refuse compliance with the confiscatory regulations.

Eleven Scotch Boy Scouts Make Ready To Become Priests

London, Jan. 24.—Eleven members of the Boy Scout troop at St. Mary's cathedral, Edinburgh, have agreed to try their vocations for priesthood. Two of them have just gone and the other nine have made various stages of advancement. The first to leave the troop to enter the priesthood is now a deacon, the Rev. Father and hopes to be ordained in the near future.

'Awful' Campaign Against Women's Chastity Is Seen

Cardinal Hayes Warns Girls Of Carroll Club Of Dancers In Plays and Literature

New York, Jan. 23.—There is an awful campaign, that is, awful in the proper sense of the word, against the chastity of women today, Cardinal Hayes admonished two thousand business girls, members of the Carroll Club, a Catholic business girls' club of this city, at their annual corporate Communion breakfast at Hotel Astor this morning. In his plea for the young women present to uphold the standards of womanhood, the Cardinal said that such Catholic organizations as the Carroll Club are one of the surest means to protect, defend and uplift the banner of chastity among women.

"The campaign expresses itself through the archdiocese of New York most powerfully," the Cardinal declared. "Our literature, our novels, our dance halls or dance floors, our recreational centers, they are not at the moment so informed and so inspired with regard to the uplift and elevation of the highest and noblest and best in womanhood," the Cardinal said.

His Eminence then paid a glowing tribute to the women of Mexico, who, he said, possessed the faith and fortitude of sterling Catholics. "The strength of the Church in Mexico today lies very much in the fact that the Catholic women of that country are splendid. Where men weaken women are full of faith and fortitude," he proclaimed.

Mexican Women's Zeal. He told of the valor and perseverance of a group of Mexican Catholic women in a recent desire to distribute a message to all the women of Mexico, as told to him by a person who had just arrived in New York from that country. He related the story of the attempt to distribute that message; how the women secured thousands of small balloons, and placed thereon prepared leaflets containing the message. On each balloon was placed also a fuse cap. After the balloons had ascended, the cap exploded, releasing the leaflets, spreading them throughout the community, so that each person was able to read the message.

Proceeding the breakfast the members of the club attended 9 o'clock Mass at St. Patrick's cathedral, and received Holy Communion in a body in honor of Mary Carroll Garvan, Mrs. Brady, after whom the Club is named. The Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Hayes, assisted by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Stephen J. Donahue, secretary to the Cardinal.

The Rev. Robert Fulton Keegan, director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, was the first speaker at the breakfast. He was followed by Lady Armstrong, wife of the Consul General of England in New York, and Mrs. Padric Colum, celebrated critic, and wife of the Irish poet. Miss Ann Hynes, director of the club, presided.

Urges Women Help Charities. Father Keegan urged the girls to participate in the work of the charitable organizations in this city, and expressed a wish that each of the members would use her particular talent to direct work among Catholics not so favored as they. There is an opportunity for every Catholic girl in New York to do a useful work in a good, big way, he declared, and Catholic Charities was only one agency for that opportunity.

Lady Armstrong told the girls that as Catholics they should set an example for other girls and in their associations with the business men of New York they must put their Catholicity forward. "A good Catholic girl need not be a prig, nor a snob," she said.

She also paid a tribute to Mrs. Nicholas P. Brady, president and founder of the Carroll Club. She told the members that it was out of Mrs. Brady's love for her mother that she erected a beautiful monument in her memory, in the Carroll Club. It was this example of mother-love that she hoped the girls would acknowledge and gain inspiration.

'Traveling Priest' For Rural Groups In English Diocese

London, Jan. 24.—A traveling priest has been appointed in the Southwark diocese and equipped with an auto to cover a large district in which groups of Catholics are isolated in scattered villages out of touch with the Church. This is the first appointment of the kind in this country, and the task has fallen to Father Arthur Dudley, who will for the present make his headquarters at St. John's Seminary, Woner.

On his journeys around the territory assigned to him, Father Dudley will carry a portable altar. He will arrange Mass at convenient points and make a survey of the area with a view to future development for them. Father Dudley will endeavor to find capable laymen or women to supervise catechism classes in the order to keep the little colonies of Catholics together in the absence of the priest between his periodical visits.

Church Of England Is Facing 'Greatest Crisis In History'

London, Jan. 22.—The heads of the Anglican Church are engaged at this moment in trying to find a solution to what has been described by one newspaper here as "the greatest crisis in the history of the Church of England."

On January 12 at Lambeth Palace the Bishops began a conference which is scheduled to last till today with the purpose of making definite decisions regarding the new Prayer Book. Anglo-Catholics, who claim that they include one-third of the total membership of the Church of England, are in serious conflict with the Evangelicals, who themselves admit that the Anglo-Catholics total at least one-fourth. On each side responsible leaders are speaking of a breakaway if the Bishops fail to take cognizance of their demands when revising the Prayer Book.

The Bishops will, of course, try to devise a middle way to save a definite split. So far, their efforts in this direction appear to have been fruitless. The Archbishop of Canterbury may be expected to put his whole energy into the quest of a compromise.

The Anglo-Catholics have a fair share of the Bishops on their side, including the Bishops of London, Truro, St. Albans, Southwell and Chester. Those who are uncompromisingly Evangelical include the Bishops of Birmingham, Ripon, Worcester, Durham and Norwich.

The secretary of the Church Association, an evangelical body, issued a statement on the eve of the meeting declaring that if the Church sanctioned the practices demanded by the Anglo-Catholics "there will be no alternative but secession."

"A number of clergy," says Capt. J. W. D. Barron, the secretary, "have expressed themselves as unable to hold office in a Church which permits those things that were put out of the Church at the Reformation."

"The Church would be speaking with contradictory voices if on the one hand she were to permit the use of Mass vestments which are corollary to the Mass, and on the other in her fundamental articles of religion denounced the Mass as 'blasphemous fables and dangerous deceits.' Such contradictory teaching could only perplex anyone wishing to enter the ministry or to worship in the Church."

The contradictory voices have existed in the Established Church for some time. One Bishop teaches what another denies; one Bishop forbids practices which his predecessor encouraged.

It is probable that the open clash of church leaders on vital matters of belief will continue to drive individuals into the Catholic Church. But it should be understood that as a body the Anglo-Catholics have no banking after Rome in many individual Anglican recitatives one comes across pictures of the Holy Father, but in the main the Anglo-Catholics want Catholicism with the pope left out.

Three Cities Present Pastoral Ring To Msgr. Costantini

Flume, Jan. 18.—A magnificent pastoral ring has been presented to Msgr. Celso Costantini, recently appointed by Pope Pius XI as Apostolic Delegate to China. The presentation was made in the name of the three Deputy Secretaries of the city of Flume.

Sugar Mill Built By Bishop's Work Helps Irish Town

Dublin, Jan. 22.—Carlow's celebration of the first anniversary of the beginning of work on the new sugar factory there, recalls the town's indebtedness to the late Bishop Foley of Kildare and Leighlin. He is credited in Carlow with having been the moving spirit that brought the sugar factory, and with prosperity, to Carlow. His subsequent death is still mourned by people of all denominations.

The importance of Bishop Foley's work will be understood when it is realized that the factory in Carlow is the first in Ireland for the manufacture of sugar. In Ireland factories of any sort are few. The advent of any new factory is an event of vast importance to an Irish town. This factory now gives employment to six hundred operatives, while the population of the whole town is only six thousand five hundred.

In Carlow and the surrounding counties, 10,000 acres of beet were harvested at a good profit this year, bringing untold relief to impoverished farmers. The factory uses about 1,400 tons of beet, and produces over 200 tons of high grade sugar daily. Since the builders began work on the factory, Carlow has felt a wave of prosperity, while other Irish towns are still deep in post-war depression.

Move To Canonize B. Thomas More And B. John Fisher

London, Jan. 22.—The Bishop of Southwark announces that he has taken up at Rome the cause of Blessed John Fisher and Blessed Thomas More, and has disclosed the fact that he was requested to do so by the Bishops of England and Wales.

On his recent visit to Rome, Bishop Amigo had a conversation with the Holy Father about the matter, and the Pope expressed his interest in the cause.

Bishop Hinsley, rector of the English College, Rome, has been named a postulator. "The chief difficulty," said Bishop Amigo this week, "is that so far as I know no miracles have been wrought by either of these two Beati, and miracles are required for canonization even in the case of martyrs."

"The Pope may graciously dispense, especially if we can prove conclusively that they were put to death for the Faith and for no other reason. I have no doubt myself that these two great men died for the supremacy of the Holy See, as they refused to acknowledge Henry VIII to be the supreme head of the Church in England."

Blessed John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, was made a cardinal some six weeks before his death. Blessed Thomas More was once Chancellor of England. Both martyrs were beheaded on Tower Hill after many months' imprisonment in the Tower of London.

They were beatified by Leo XIII forty years ago, together with 52 other English martyrs.

In the Westminster diocese a cause is in progress for the beatification of 252 martyrs, and it was to avoid confusion with that cause that the Bishops requested Bishop Amigo to take up the cause of St. John Fisher and Thomas More, who each had connections with the territory that is now the diocese of Southwark.

Methodist Minister In China Is Saved By Catholic Native

Shanghai, Jan. 23.—A Methodist missionary, the Rev. A. G. Simon, has arrived here as a refugee from the Province of Hupeh with a stirring story of how he and three others escaped from their mission when it was attacked by a Chinese mob and how a native Chinese convert to the Catholic Church kept them alive by surreptitiously giving them food.

When the mob broke in with axes, said the Rev. Mr. Simon, the missionaries fled, without even sufficient clothing. They wandered about till dawn, when they came upon the Chinese Catholic. He brought them food that was Sunday and they hid and fled until Thursday before they were taken over by an official and later rescued.

The missionary also reported that two Catholic priests were driven from Tanch, where their mission was situated, and two others from Hwang-Shi-Chang, their missions being looted.

New Jersey 'Passion Play' In Thirteenth Year, Opens Feb. 12

Union City, N. J., Jan. 28.—"The Passion Play," called "The World's Divine Tragedy—America's Only Oberammergau," enters upon its thirteenth consecutive season at the Passion Play Auditorium here February 12 and continues until April 13. The Rev. J. N. Grieff is director of the play.

A schedule including both matinee and evening performances and special performances for children has been worked out and announced. It is estimated that nearly 500,000 persons have seen the Passion Play during the last twelve seasons.

The auditorium is 15 minutes from Journal Square tube station in Jersey City and 30 minutes from Times Square, New York City. The auditorium is vastly found because of the four great illuminated crosses which surround it and which are visible from all directions.

Catholic Churches, Hospitals In N. Y. Bequeathed \$25,000

New York, Jan. 25.—Several Catholic institutions will benefit by the will of George Ehret, for fifty-four years one of the leading brewers of the United States, who died of pneumonia at his home in this city last Thursday.

With the exception of bequests aggregating \$105,000 to public institutions and a legacy of \$50,000 to the sister of his deceased wife, the entire estate, estimated at approximately \$250,000 by Edmund L. Mooney, attorney for the executors who filed the instrument for probate, is left to the testator's six children and a grandson.

The charitable bequests in Mr. Ehret's will are: Isabella Home, \$5,000; St. Joseph Hospital, \$5,000; St. Francis Hospital, \$5,000; Seton Hospital, \$5,000; Foundling Hospital, \$5,000; Kinderhelm, a nursery in Germany, \$10,000; United Old Fellows Home and Orphanage, \$10,000; Lenox Hill Hospital, \$50,000; and St. Joseph's Catholic Church, at 408 East Eighty-seventh Street, \$10,000.

Dames Of St. Joan Choose Officers

London, Jan. 24.—The Dames of St. Joan, the new Catholic Order for women, the English counterpart of the Daughters of Isabella, have chosen the titles of their officials and held the election of officers for their first council. The officers will be known as Dame Principal, Deputy Principal, Dame Scrivener, Dame Depositor, the Janitor, Dame Almoner, Mistress of Ceremonies, and Mistress of Robes.

Calles Condemned By Belgian League

Louvain, Jan. 22.—The General Board of the League of the Sacred Heart in Belgium has taken the initiative of furnishing speakers to the associations who desire to hold protest meetings against the persecutions in Mexico. Twenty-seven lecturers of the League, several of whom use lantern slides to illustrate their addresses, have thus far offered their services for the Flemish provinces alone.

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