

Gov. Smith's Letter

Continues To Bring

Message Of Praise

New York, April 22.—Governor Alfred E. Smith's answer to Charles C. Marshall's open letter...

Outstanding among the communications that have poured in upon the Chief Executive of the State of New York...

Word has come from London that the Daily News has just commented editorially upon the Smith reply by saying:

"Governor Smith's stinging reply is a sincere and reasoned defense of the right of a Catholic to enjoy full privileges and duties of citizenship...

Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, speaking last night before a Democratic rally in Baltimore, said in reference to the Smith-Marshall letter that he would "proclaim and insist that religion shall not be a factor in determining any man's right to hold office..."

"There is just one word I would like to say in regard to the kind remarks of your chairman on my Presidential prospects. I have said this word before, but in view of the interchange of letters in New York, I say it again with greater emphasis."

"In speaking this sentiment, I believe I represent the people of Maryland, and I am hoping that this sentiment will reflect throughout the land. Religion must never be a factor in the field of politics, and from now until the close of the Democratic convention in 1928 my voice will be the first to proclaim and insist that religion shall not be a factor in determining any man's right to hold office..."

Chauncey Dewey who will be 93 years old tomorrow, made the following individual observation:

"In the next Democratic national convention, the heckler or the fool may ask whom and what other candidates represent, but no such inquiry will be put out either by the heckler or the fool in regard to Mr. Smith."

Walter E. Edge, United States Senator from New Jersey, a Republican, declared that: "Irrespective of any political aspect, I believe it will have a splendid effect in bringing about greater religious tolerance."

C. S. Thomas, former United States Senator from Colorado, in a letter to the New York Times, says that Governor Smith's letter merits "the applause of all thinking men and women, both because of its substance and because of the rare courage which the Governor has displayed in meeting and disposing of the alleged inconsistency between the assumptions of the Catholic Church and the Constitutional obligations and responsibilities of America's Chief Magistrate."

He says that a point everyone seems to have overlooked is that the President's duties are entirely administrative and confined almost solely to executing the laws which he neither enacts nor finally construes.

"Fundamentalism," he continued, "which assumes the prerogatives that it charges Rome with harboring, and whose fanaticism is sadly out of proportion to its stock of common sense, seems to know at least that it must proceed with the legislatures of the States, not the President or the Congress. Yet it is in common with other intolerant attitudes and bitterly asserts that the mere choice of a Catholic for the Presidency would transform our whole scheme of government, reduce the Congress to impotence and permanently paralyze the functions of the judiciary."

"The son of a Methodist preacher, from Tampa, Florida, sends this message: 'I had rather have written that letter than be President.'"

Patrick Henry Callahan of Louisiana has lately been operating in the New York Herald Tribune. It is quoted as saying that the letter had observed:

"with growing alarm the deliberate efforts of certain New York papers and other well known Republican papers to insist that Governor Smith be nominated for the reason that he is a Catholic." Mr. Callahan pointed out that the Commission on Religious Prejudice several years ago declared that "it is just as reprehensible for Catholics to vote for a Catholic merely on account of his religion as it is for any group of non-Catholics to vote against a Catholic for the same reason."

The procedure of the Smith campaign, he said, "constitutes, in my opinion, a direct disservice to the Catholic Church, and is a menace to the future political destinies of our country."

NEW HOSPITAL AT FRESNO. San Francisco, April 13.—Plans for the erection of a new \$100,000 hospital in Fresno to be conducted by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, are being prepared under the supervision of Mother M. Frances Clare, superior general of the Order which is here at St. Charles convent directing activities. The hospital will accommodate 75 patients.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross conduct two schools in Fresno: St. Augustine's grammar and high school and St. Alphonsus' grammar school. St. Charles school in this city is also under their care.

Gives Description of

Anti-Foreign Riots in China

April 25, 1927

(Special to The Catholic Journal) The Journalists of St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Md., keep the American Sister of Charity in China in touch with home activities. The following letter addressed to Miss Margaret M. Marks, a Rochester student at the College, tells of cruel warfare against religion:

Saint Margaret's House, Kannewa, Ki, China, Feb. 20 1927

Senior Journalists, St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Md. My dear Miss Marks:

Your interesting letter of November 30 was most welcome and much enjoyed by your Sisters in China. The description of your outings was so realistic we could almost see the dear 'Blue Ridge Mountains' and enjoy your little parties the proceeds of which were to help us in our work with these poor people. Only in eternally will you know how many souls you have brought to the dear Master's feet by your labors for the Missions.

At present poor China is facing a crisis, the result of which God alone knows. The Southern Government led by Soet lei propaganda is spreading its poisonous doctrine far and near.

Everywhere Christians are being persecuted, churches desecrated and occupied by soldiers. Here in Kannewa the Church is used for sacrilegious comedies and theatricals, lectures. Over the Tabernacle is a picture of their General, thus our Sacramental Lord is insulted in His own little home and the clergy are powerless to prevent it.

Thank God our work goes on the same. Although a number of officers are quartered in our men's building, they do not interfere with us. Our little hospital is well filled and many a poor pagan while on his bed of suffering hears for the first time that there is One True God. As a rule these people easily embrace the Faith, and once baptized are most zealous in informing their pagan friends and relatives of the treasure they have found. Yes, the zeal of these Christians is truly marvelous. Father McGillivuddy, C. M., gave a Retreat to our help who are nearly all new Christians and it was truly edifying to see their fervor in attending all the exercises. It closed yesterday with a general Communion.

Before closing, may I ask you to offer each day, a little act or prayer of reparation to Our dear Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the insults offered Him in this pagan land. With love and sincere good wishes for a Happy Easter to you all, I remain,

Sincerely and gratefully, Sister Pauline.

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CATHOLICS FORM AN ASSOCIATION FOR WORLD PEACE

Washington, April 21.—The Catholic Committee on International Peace adopted a constitution, by which the permanent name of the Catholic Association for International Peace at a two-day meeting which closed here yesterday.

Immediately following this action, which gave a permanent organization to the committee, founded in Cleveland in October, 1925, the Association elected the following officers for the coming year:

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University of America, honorary president; Martin T. Manton of New York, president; the Rev. Moorhouse X. Millar, S. J. of New York, William Franklin Sands of Washington, the Rev. Charles Miltner, C. S. C. of Notre Dame, Ind., Frederic P. Kunkel of St. Louis, Dr. Herbert F. Wright of Washington, Miss Anna Dill Gamble of York, Pa., the Rev. Dr. John A. Ryan of Washington, P. H. Callahan of Louisville, Ky., vice-presidents, and E. Francis Biggs of Washington, secretary. The office of treasurer was created but no one elected to fill it.

Objects of Association Set Forth.

The constitution set forth that the objects and purposes of this association shall be to study, discuss, and apply the principles of natural law and Christian charity to international problems of the day, to consider the moral and legal aspects of any action which may be proposed or advocated in the international sphere, to examine and consider issues which bear upon international peace, to encourage the formation of conference centers and study circles with the view of educating Catholic opinion upon the subjects relating to international morality and of acquainting, as far as possible, the general public with the Church's teachings upon these matters, to issue reports on questions of international importance, to consider and arrange for the publication in the Catholic and secular press of selected articles by Catholic writers of different countries, and to further, in cooperation with similar Catholic organizations in other countries, in accord with the teachings of the Church, the object and purposes of world peace and happiness.

The ultimate purpose shall be to promote, in conformity with the mind of the Church, the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of God.

The Committee on Procedure which was continued as a standing group took occasion in this connection to emphasize the spiritual nature of the movement, its aims and its methods, pointing out the close adherence by the organization to the ideas expressed by the Holy Father in his memorable encyclical.

The meeting in Cleveland on October 2, 1926, which gave rise to the organization from which the association has been developed, was called by a committee named by the National Council of Catholic Men, the National Council of Catholic Women and the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The two-day meeting was divided into four sections. The first three were devoted to hearing and considering the reports of the "Subcommittee on International Ethics," the "Subcommittee on Sources of International Emity" and the "Subcommittee on Conditions and Means of Furthering International Friendship."

The fourth session was the business meeting. Bishop Shahan's Address of Welcome. Bishop Shahan welcomed the gathering to the Catholic University where the first two sessions were held on Tuesday. He told the members that "there is in the world today no power more ardently devoted to peace than the Catholic Church."

"Peace is her atmosphere, so to speak," he said. "She is primarily a spiritual power, and as such is ever hostile to war and all its causes and conditions. Her Founder is the Prince of Peace. His gospel of charity, unity and peace is her charter through the ages, as it is the world's first and last guarantee of peace. Her history is a long assertion of the duty and benefits of peace. She has been ever ingenious in creating a spirit of peace and means by which it may be secured and maintained. Arbitration, in all its forms and phases, was her work for a thousand years."

Mr. Callahan, who served as chairman of the meeting, introduced Bishop Shahan. He then introduced Dr. Ryan, who reported for the Subcommittee on International Ethics, of which he was chairman. Other members of this group were the Rev. Dr. Charles Bruhl, the Rev. J. P. Donovan, C. M., the Rev. Cyriac Emanuel, O.F.M., the Rev. Leo Charles Galtor, O. F. P., the Rt. Rev. Magr. Michael J. Gupa, the Rev. Linus J. Lilly, S. J., Father Millar and Father Miltner.

All reports read before the body were in tentative form and, in accordance with a recommendation of the Committee on Procedure, will be put into final form and submitted as reports of the subcommittees to the Executive Committee. Dr. Ryan's paper enthruses delegates. Dr. Ryan's paper was received enthusiastically. It dealt with the rights of States, their duties toward

one another, their moral personalities and duties, war and its justification, the principles requiring the promotion of peace and the adoption of the moral law as the basis of international intercourse.

In the absence of Dr. Parker T. Moon, chairman of the group, Mr. Sands read the report of the "Subcommittee on the Sources of International Emity." Other members of this group were Frederic R. Couder, Mr. Kenkel, Edward Keating and Dr. Gustave Kosik.

This, it was explained, was a field of defined exhaustion and the committee did not pretend that the study was complete. The report, which was highly praised by the entire body, was divided into the following large sections: "Fundamental Moral Causes of International Emity," "Political and Economic Sources of International Emity," "Negative Sources of International Emity," and "Conclusions," which dealt briefly with the failure of mankind to obey the laws of God.

CATHOLICS GAIN IN POPULATION

There are 19,483,296 Roman Catholics in the United States, according to the Official Catholic Directory for 1927, published by P. J. Kennedy & Sons, New York.

The directory shows an increase of 664,574 over the Catholic population given by Kennedy in 1926.

The Diocese of Rochester has a Catholic population of 205,901, a gain of 4,505 over 1926. The diocese, established in 1868, includes the following counties, with an area of 7,981 square miles: Monroe, Livingston, Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, Cayuga, Yates, Steuben, Chemung, Tioga, Schuyler and Tompkins.

The diocese has one bishop, 247 priests, of whom 236 are secular and eleven regular, 117 churches with resident priests, thirty seven missions with churches, twenty nine chapels, 125 students in preparatory seminaries, seventy-two pupils in college for women, 2,491 pupils in four high schools, thirty-seven parishes with parochial schools, 214 students in theology.

Total number of young people in Catholic institutions is 36,183. There are 450 children in three orphan asylums, 150 inmates of the Home for the Aged.

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DEATHS.

TIMOTHY BERGIN

Funeral services for Timothy Bergin, who died Thursday afternoon, of last week took place Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home at No. 82 Manhattan street, and at 9 o'clock at St. Mary's Church. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Simon Fitz Simons, assisted by Rev. Edward O'Brien as deacon and Rev. John A. Guy as subdeacon. Interment was made in Livonia cemetery, where the final blessing was given by Rev. Simon Fitz Simons.

CHARLES W. O'BRIEN

Funeral services for Charles W. O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien, took place Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home at No. 369 University avenue, and at 9 o'clock at Corpus Christi Church. Solemn mass of requiem was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Mons. J. Francis O'Her, assisted by Rev. Emmett Magee as deacon, and Rev. John McMahon as subdeacon. The bearers were: Richard Holahan, John O'Brien, Gerald Kenny, Harold Rogers, Kenneth Costich, and Kenneth Curran, all former classmates at Corpus Christi school.

MRS. MARY HEMPEL

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary M. Hempel, who died Friday, took place Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home, at No. 48 Alliance avenue, and at 9 o'clock at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. Solemn mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Thomas F. Connors, assisted by Rev. Arthur Florack as deacon, and Rev. William Killacky as subdeacon. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, where the final blessing was given by Rev. William Killacky.

MRS. OTHILIA HAHN

Funeral services for Mrs. Othilia Hahn, who died Thursday evening at the Highland Hospital, took place Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Weis, at No. 74 Field street, and at 9:30 o'clock at St. Boniface Church. Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. John F. Hoppel. The children's choir sang under the direction of Philip Kreckel. Interment was made in the family lot in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, where the final blessing was given by Rev. John Hogan.

MRS. ROSE MINGES

Funeral services for Mrs. Rose T. Minges took place Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home, No. 205 West avenue, and at 9 o'clock at St. Joseph's Church. Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Leopold Obrecht, C. S. R. In the sanctuary were Rev. F. William Stauffer, Rev. Albert J. Geller, and George and Joseph Vogt, students at St. Bernard's Seminary, nephews of Mrs. Minges. The bearers, nephews of Mrs. Minges, were John Cullen, Jr., Fred Cullen, Charles Zimmer, Jr., Carl Vogt, Robert Vogt, and William Kelly. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, where the final blessing was given by Rev. John Hogan, chaplain of St. Ann's Home.

MRS. ELISA DE GRAEVE

Funeral services for Mrs. Elisa de Graeve, wife of Gustave de Graeve, who died Saturday afternoon, took place Tuesday morning at 8:15 at the home in the Stone road, Greece, and at 9 o'clock at the Church of Our Lady of Victory. Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Camiel A. Van Der Meulen and interment was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, where the final blessing was given by Rev. John Hogan, chaplain of St. Ann's Home.

SWEETZ - Mrs. Mary Sweetz, 47 years old, of No. 76 McArdle street, died April 27, at St. Mary's Hospital. Funeral from St. Joseph's Church, aged 45 years, wife of Gustave de wife of Andrew Hempel, died April Mary's Church, April 25.

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DEATHS OF THE WEEK

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

De Graeve—Mrs. Elisa De Graeve, aged 45 years, wife of Gustave De Graeve, recently of Newark, N. Y., died April 23, at the home on the Stone road, Greece, N. Y. Funeral from Our Lady of Victory Church, April 25.

Hempel—Mary Magdalen Wolfort, wife of Andrew Hempel, died April 22, at the home, No. 48 Alliance avenue, aged 67 years. Funeral from Blessed Sacrament Church, April 25. Bergin—Timothy Bergin died at the family home, No. 82 Manhattan street, April 21. Funeral from St. Joseph's Church, April 25.

Hahn—Mrs. Othilia Hahn, died at the Highland Hospital, April 21. Funeral from St. Boniface Church, April 25. Di Ponzio—Dominic Di Ponzio, aged 42 years, died April 27 at his home, No. 523 State street. Funeral from St. Anthony's Church, April 30th.

Greuve—Charles F. Greuve died April 26, at his home, No. 19 Avenue C, aged 70 years. Funeral from St. Joseph's church, April 29. Marino—Raffaele Marino of No. 178 Davis street, died suddenly April 25. Funeral from Mt. Carmel Church, April 29.

Matthes—Mrs. Louisa F. Matthes, aged 60 years, died at her residence, No. 105 Fairview avenue, April 26. Funeral from St. Monica's Church, April 29th. McMahon—James McMahon, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carl Auer, No. 817 Glade street, April 27. Funeral from Holy Apostles Church, April 30.

Meyers—Mrs. Mary Meyers, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. Galen, No. 25 Willie drive. Funeral from St. Andrew's Church, April 30. Doyle—Mrs. Luke J. Doyle died at her home in Macedon April 24. Funeral from St. Patrick's Church, Macedon, April 27.

Farrell—Mrs. Anna Farrell, aged 63 years, wife of Thomas Farrell, died at her home in Scottsville, N. Y., April 26. Sullivan—Mrs. Mary Crown Sullivan, of No. 23 Howell street, died April 25, at Genesee Hospital. Funeral from St. Mary's Church, April 28.

Nichols—Martin K. Nichols, daughter of C. A. and Catherine Schwind Nichols, of Hill Road, Chill died April 23 at St. Mary's Hospital, aged 10 years. Funeral from St. Monica's Church, April 27. Minges—Mrs. Rose T. Minges died suddenly at her residence, April 22. Funeral from St. Joseph's Church, April 26th.

Huff—Lewis Huff died at the family residence, 350 Clay avenue, April 24. Funeral from St. Joseph's church, April 27. Harrison—Anna Burke Harrison of No. 23 Parkdale Terrace, died at the General Hospital, April 22. Funeral from Sacred Heart Church, April 26.

Greer—William H. Greer died at the family residence, No. 82 Denton street, April 26. Funeral from the Blessed Sacrament Church, April 27. Interment in St. Columbkille cemetery, Seneca Falls, N. Y.

Carusone—Domenic Carusone, aged 55 years, died at the family residence, 362 State street, April 25. Funeral from St. Anthony of Padua Church, April 28. Courneen—Sarah Courneen died at her residence, No. 75 South street, April 28. Funeral from St. Mary's Church, April 30. Interment at Lizza, N. Y.

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