Benedictines Start Monastery In China For Native Priests

Bruges, Belgium. Aug. 2.—Two Belgian Benedictine monks from the Abbey of Saint Andrew at Lophem, near this city, have sailed for China, and after spending some months at the Catholic University of Peking with the American Benedictines, to acquaint themselves with the language and customs of the country, will proceed to the province of Szechwan, where it is their purpose to found a Chinese Benedictine monastery in a new Chinese Vicariate. Meanwhile, some European and Chinese monks are being specially trained at the Abbey of St. Andrew for the new Chinese foundation.

Dom John Jollet, one of the two pioneers already in China, gives some specific details concerning the aims of the projected monastery:

"The monastery in preparation will be a thoroughly Chinese foundation," Dom Jollet says. "There will be only as many European monks as shall be necessary to implant genuine monastic traditions and to educate the Chinese novices. These European leaders will loyally endeavor to adopt Chinese culture and to attune themselves to the Chinese mentality. We shall gradually train a body of Chinese monks equally versed in Chinese culture and theological studies. These men will be able to expound the truths of Christian theology in a manner adapted to the genius of their race.

"A generous hospitality will be accorded to Chinese pagans, as well as to the native Christians. All will find in this monastery a sympathetic understanding of the Chinese nation. The foundation will include an extensive library, where not only Chinese Christian writings, but also the classical products of Chinese culture will be available."

Meeting of Central Verein August 21, 700 Delegates Due

Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—More than 700 delegates are expected to meet in the annual convention of the Catholic Central Verein which assembles here August 21. The Central Verein is a national organization of Americans of German descent and of naturalized Germans of the Catholic faith.

The Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland and episcopal chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, will Pontificate at High Mass and preach the sermon at St. Peter's Church on Sunday, August 21, in connection with the convention. The sessions of the convention will be held in St. Peter's parish hall, while a mass meeting will be held in the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday afternoon.

Mass In Churches Of Two Ohio Cities For Card. Csernoch

Cleveland, O., Aug. 4. Solemn Requiem Mass was offered in St. Elizabeth's church here today for the repose of the soul of His Eminence John Cardinal Csernoch, Prince Primate of Hungary, who died a few days ago. The Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, D. D., Bishop of Cleveland was the celebrant of the Mass.

Msgr. Charles Boehm, pioneer Hungarian priest to the United States and a classmate of Cardinal Csernoch during their college days in Vienna, is pastor of St. Elizabeth's.

Cardinal Csernoch visited Cleveland for three days in July, 1926, when Msgr. Boehm observed his fiftieth anniversary as a priest.

Toledo, O., Aug. 2.—Solemn requiem Mass for Cardinal Csernoch of Hungary was offered in St. Stephen's church here today by the Rev. E. G. Eordogh, pastor. The Rt. Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Bishop of Toledo, attended the service, and the sermon was by Msgr. John T. O'Connell, vicar general of the diocese.

Cardinal Csernoch laid the cornerstone for the new cathedral that is now underway here, during a visit to this city in July, 1926.

"Callahan-Murphy' Film Causes Loss To One Movie House

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 5.—Following protests by the Pittsburgh Council of Catholic Women and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians against the showing of the motion picture film "The Callahans and the Murphys" in a local theater, last week, the box office receipts of the theater fell off $750 in two days, a motion picture representative has disclosed.

Mrs. Thomas P. Horan, national president of the L.A.A.O.H., was told by a representative of the motion picture company that the producers were greatly concerned about the protests received against the film; that about 800 feet of the story had been deleted; that the receipts had fallen off and that the film would not run another week.

Mrs. Jean A. McGlamphy, president of the Pittsburgh Council of Catholic Women, also addressed protests against the film to Will H. Hays, czar of the motion picture company, at New York.

K. of C. Convention Condemns Mexico For Persecution

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

Portland, Ore., Aug. 5.—Approval of the action of its Supreme Board of Directors in carrying out its Mexican policy was voted by the Knights of Columbus assembled in national convention here this week.

The resolution approved did not urge United States governmental action, but called upon all citizens in the United States and Canada, "of all faiths and of no faith," in the name of humanity to "observe the pathetic plight of millions of men, women and children groaning under the heavy hand of oppression, murdered, robbed and outraged by a military oligarchy" in Mexico; and to take cognizance of and "realize before it is too late" the anti-social anti-religious force at the doorstep of the United States.

Consideration of the Mexican situation was an outstanding feature of the convention, which opened Sunday and which drew to this West Coast city more than seven thousand persons.

The convention further was marked by the retirement from the office of Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty of Philadelphia, after eighteen years of service at the head of the order. Martin H. Carmody of Grand Rapids, Mich., was chosen Supreme Knight when Mr. Flaherty declined to stand for reelection

New Office for Flaherty

Thereupon Mr Flaherty was made Supreme Counsellor, a newly created office, in tribute to his long service to the order, which under his leadership has grown from 106,000 to 700,000 members.

Refusal of Mr Flaherty to stand for reelection was one of the surprises of the convention.

"I feel that it is time for me to step out and give the younger men a chance," said the veteran Supreme Knight, who is seventy-four years old.

There were two contests in the election. John F. Martin of Grand Rapids was chosen Deputy Grand Knight, succeeding Mr. Carmody, after William Prout of Boston had contested for that post. David F. Supple of San Francisco was elected Supreme Warden after two ballots, defeating P. J. Hanley of Portland and Edward McCann of Pittsburgh. Two new directors were elected—William J. Guste of New Orleans and Dr. Claude A. Brown of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. The other officers were reelected.

Just as the convention was about to adjourn a wire from Boston told of the death of Mr. Prout, who was a Supreme Director and whose friends had sought for him the office of Deputy Grand Knight. Resolutions of regret were passed.

In other resolutions the order unanimously approved the program for boys which, under the direction of Brother Barnabas, F. S. C., has become a major project of the Knights, and continued the laymen's retreat movement. A resolution to limit the tenure of office of supreme officers to three terms of two years each and of supreme directors to two terms of three years each, was defeated, 140 to 113.

Holy Father's Message

The Apostolic Delegate to the United States, the Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, celebrated a Solemn High Mass at the opening of the convention and addressed the convention at its first session. The following message from the Holy Father was read:

"On the occasion of the opening of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus with the solemn pontifical Mass celebrated by the Apostolic Delegate, the August Pontiff turns his thoughts to the meritorious works which the Knights of Columbus, not only in America, but also under the eyes of His Holiness in the Eternal City, have so well begun of their own accord with an example of living faith in defence of Christian principles for the benefit especially of the youth.

"Therefore, His Holiness charges your Excellency to convey to the Knights of Columbus in his name his keen pleasure and fatherly wishes that the activities of this beloved and well-deserving society, ever being inspired by its noble traditions and holy purposes may, through the friendly encouragement and the advice of the American episcopacy be more widely diffused and bear greater fruit for the welfare of religion and country. And as an earnest of divine favor, His Holiness imparts to the Knights of Columbus the Apostolic Blessing."

Cardinal Bourne To Give Priests' Retreat On Aug. 8

London, Aug. 1.—Cardinal Bourne will conduct a retreat for the clergy of the Nottingham diocese beginning on August 8 at Ratcliffe College, Leicester. Bishop Dunn of Nottingham, who was formerly a priest in His Eminence's diocese of Westminster, will be one of the retreatants.

Rarely does a Bishop in this country conduct spiritual exercises for priests. This office is usually performed by a member of a religious order.

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School or Work?

The following timely editorial appears in the August issue of the Columbus Blade, published by Columbus Council, No. 126:

"Fast approaching is that time of the year when many parents will make a decision of great concern to the son and the daughter who, last June, received a diploma from grade school or from high school. Shall he or she go back to school? Where the parents have enough of this world's goods to enable them to send their son or daughter to high school, training school or college, and the son or daughter will profit by the higher education, there is no good reason why the child should be deprived of the opportunity, nor is their any reason why the child, filled possibly with the ideas of the street, should be permitted to deprive himself or herself of the benefits of high school or college To the parents in comfortable circumstances, there should be no difficulty in deciding the boy or girl must go to high school or college, and, of course, to a Catholic high school or to a Catholic college.

"The parents, however, who must feed, clothe and educate five or six and who find it difficult to make ends meet, are facing a problem. Staunch, true Catholic men and women never solve a problem by avoiding it. No, they will face it and weigh the contending thoughts One of those, of course, may be their own comfort, present or future. With John or Mary going to business, it may be possible to put a little aside for a home, or even to buy an automobile Yes, some of our Catholic people choose the easy way for themselves and, quite satisfied with the impression they will make on their friends and neighbors, will better their own conditions at the expense of the education of their children.

"After all, life is but a few years, but toward the end of it, in those declining years, when one lives in the past, the thoughts of sacrifice for the children, their successes in life, the fact that with the aid of higher education they are accomplishing more for society and for themselves and for the parents, that higher education is leading them to a better appreciation of the reason for their existence and of their responsibilities as men and women, will be worth more than all the houses and all the automobiles to the parents who have made the effort and put their children first. And so the good father will put aside himself and the good mother will make even greater sacrifices than the father, that their boy and their girl may be able to take their places in the world.

"Parents, thoughtlessly, are often guided by the advantages they have had—'I did not go to high school—I did not go to college.' This is not fair Today there are more high schools and more colleges in and about Brooklyn than there were fifteen or twenty years ago and they are conveniently located Today the lack of high school and college training is a greater handicap than it was fifteen or twenty years ago.

"Knights of Columbus, who are fathers, should realize more than others that they serve their Country and their Church best when they equip their boys and their girls to be better citizens. It is, of course, understood that every member of Columbus Council, whose boy or girl is ready to go to high school, training school or college, will see that he or she gets there."

Texas State Council Boy Course Closes

The third annual Boy Guidance course given under the auspices of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus this summer at St. Edward's University was closed with an exhibit and the awarding of certificates as Scout Masters in the Boy Scouts of America and Counselors in the Columbian Squires.

The course was conducted by W. P. Knox of Beaumont, Tex., one of the veteran Boy Scout executives of Texas. In awarding the certificates Mr. Knox pointed out that the Boy Scouts seek not only to provide spare time activities for boys but that they also aim to lessen among boys such deficiencies as illiteracy and physical defects.

The exhibit included different types of camp fires used by the Scouts on their hikes, packs, tents, bridges, handicraft work, knives, hatchets, bows and arrows and similar articles. A feature that attracted much comment was a totem pole made by the men taking the course. Following Indian pictography, the totem pole bears a legend commemorating the holding of the scout course.

Columbian Squire and Scout Master certificates were awarded to the following: Frank A. Konczak of Abilene; Arthur O'Connor, Marshall; Otto J. Blazl, Fort Worth; Francisco Ramirez, El Paso; Jos. H. Campbell, Tyler; Wm. O. Parr, Fort Worth; Thos J. Steele, El Paso. Nolen Landry, of Port Arthur, completed the work successfully, but because of his youth the awarding of certificates to him wos postponed until he reaches the required age. One non-Catholic, John A. Christie, of Irene, also took the course and received the Scout Master's certificate.

Professor Sees Order Loyal to Church

Professor Robert Granville Caldwell, of Princeton, in his "A Short History of the American People," the second volume of which has just been published by Putnam, manifests a pleasing understanding of Catholicism and a disposition to deal with it fairly. Professor Caldwell sees clearly and states without reservations that Catholicism in the United States has adapted itself to American life, preserving at the same time questionable loyalty to the Holy See.

"The Catholic Modernist movement", he writes, "has had no representatives in this country. The American tendency for the laity to assume a large and important part in church affairs has not taken the form of the early days, when the struggle known as 'trusteeism' was prominent, but has found expression in the organization and growing power of such thoroughly loyal movements as 'The Daughters of Isabella,' 'The Knights of Columbus,' and 'The Holy Name Society'."

Boy Work Notes

The Boy Leadership School conducted by the Supreme Council Boy Life Bureau opened on Monday, August 1, with a class of 26 high grade and representative Knights in attendance. Amongst those enrolled were representatives from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont and Ontario McKeesport, Pennsylvania, Council sent a delegation of 8, which included the Grand Knight; the Chairman of the Boy Work Committee, Joseph P. Stein, and the Chief Squire and Notary Squire. Maryland Council No. 370 sent the counselors of the Circle, as did Jersey City. Reverend Doctor Francis P. Duffy, President of the Catholic Summer School, gave a very inspiring address of welcome at the opening session.

Why Not "Columbia"?

Many State Councils have outlined excellent programs of activity for the Order. These programs include mention of retreats for members, adult education for members, parish cooperation and other praiseworthy features. But mention of "Columbia," the Order's official publication, is strangely lacking. The reason for this omission is not easily understood. The publication of this magazine is one of the Order's most important works. It represents a not inconsiderable outlay of money and labor. By its editorial excellence, it enhances the Order's prestige. By the nature of the articles published in its pages, it has established itself as an educational force powerful for the spread of Catholic truth. A resolution to boost "Columbia" should be included in every program of Knights of Columbus activity.

Knights Honored in Canada Jubilee

Medicine Hat Council, No. 1732, Alberta, Canada, entered a float depicting "The Landing of Columbus" in Canada's Diamond Jubilee of Confederation. The float was built by members of the Council and parts of the characters were taken by members and their boys and girls. On the same occasion, in competition for the prize to be awarded the school children most appropriately dressed for the patriotic occasion, a Catholic school was given first honor. State Deputy J. M. Gilmour delivered the patriotic address during the celebration.

Columbus Council Forum

Columbus Council, No. 126, Brooklyn, New York, reports that it has arranged a forum which will be conducted by clerics of national reputation. The initial series will begin October 9, 1927, under the able direction of Rev. James M. Gillis, C. S. P. The meetings of the forum will be broadcast through radio station WLWL operated by the Paulist Fathers.

The Public Speaking Class conducted by the Council is continuing its sessions throughout the Summer. The results achieved from this Summer session have been uniformly satisfactory.

Plan Fourth Degree In October

Exemplification of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus on a class which is expected to include 500 members is planned for Sunday, October 16, at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis. The event will be in charge of J. M. Nurre, of Fourth Degree Master of Indiana.

Hosts To French Students.

Eleven French college students, accredited messengers of good will from France, were guests recently of New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus.

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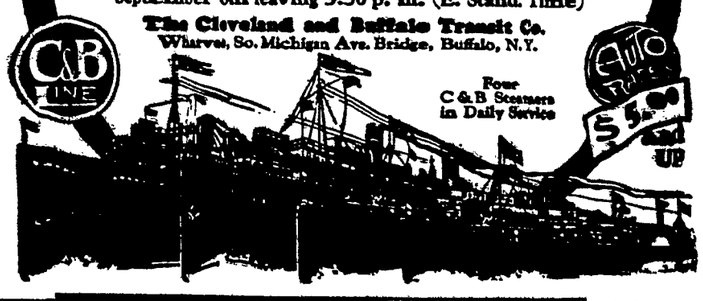

Loan of Eucharistic Film Given Pastor By Card. Mundelein

London, Aug. 1.—To help the struggling new parish of Christ the King at Broad Green, Liverpool, Cardinal Mundelein has given Father P. McCauley the free use of the Chicago Eucharistic Congress film when it goes to Liverpool.

The Cardinal's generosity is the result of his meeting with Father McCauley during the congress. His Eminence showed keen interest in the first English parish to be dedicated to Christ the King.

Up to the present the parish has no church, Mass being celebrated in the priest's house. Owing to the poverty of the district, Father McCauley has to give lectures to pay his household bills.

Priest of London Go To Philippines

London, Aug. 1.—Three students raised to the priesthood Sunday at St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary College, Mill Hill, have been appointed by Bishop Biermans, Superior-General, to the Philippines. They are Fathers H. Jonkergouw, A. Spath, and J. Sweere.

Twenty-one other students were ordained priests at the same ceremony, and twelve received the subdeaconate.

Announcing the appointments, Bishop Biermans also states that the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda has erected into a new Prefecture the part of the Prefecture or Sarawak is situated in British North Borneo, and that the Right Rev. F. Wachter has been appointed first Prefect Apostolic of British North Borneo.