

Sen. Heflin Scored By Press Of Own State For Outbreak In Senate Against Church

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

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 20.—Senator Heflin, by its recent speeches in the Senate and his challenge of his party leader, has standered his own State of Alabama and betrayed his people who have heaped honors upon him...

"If the American people cannot and will not consent to put a Catholic in the White House lest he mark the harsh word, there is no other that expresses the fear under notice—lest he betray his country—something that no American Catholic office holder or soldier has ever done—Is it not worth while to find out once and for all whether this fear is well founded?"

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Supreme Board Reports Fourth Degree Gives Aid to Catholic Sailors On Membership Ext.

At the recent regular quarterly meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors, with every member present and reporting on the Selective Membership Extension program, it was clearly indicated that the movement is being organized very generally throughout the Order and is going forward with very promise of success.

The Fourth Degree Assembly of St. John, New Brunswick, has opened a Catholic Sailors' Club at West St. John for the benefit of seamen arriving in that port. The first Mass in the clubroom was celebrated by Father Lockery and was attended by 43 sailors, 21 of whom received Holy Communion.

Knights Yawns Mightily, Jaw Slips Slightly

Brother Leo V. Leahy is a member of Isabella Richard Council No. 2463. He is a hardy seaman and doesn't mind telling a little experience that had him open-mouthed with wonder—or something like that—when Brother Leahy was down in Norfolk, Virginia, conscientiously performing his duties of a seaman.

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Bishop Hafey Endorses Membership Extension At a meeting of District Deputies and other officers in Crossboro, North Carolina, on January 16, Rt. Rev. William J. Hafey, D. D., Bishop of Raleigh, commended the program and pledged the hearty cooperation of the clergy of the State. The movement in North Carolina is being carried on with energy and efficiency. The Council's splendid start in 1928 gave the Council a splendid start in 1929. The recently instituted selective membership extension program.

Christian Brothers Of Memphis Receive Large Benefactions

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 20.—The college of the Christian Brothers here has received two magnificent gifts from Miss Mary M. Solari, one of the South's most famous artists. She lives here.

Religious Ceremony Marks Anniversary Of Haiti's Freedom

Port-au-Prince, January 16.—An impressive part of Haiti's celebration of its National Independence Day was a Te Deum sung in the church of Notre Dame, which was attended by the President of Haiti and the important officials of the country. The President, on his arrival at the church, was received by the clergy.

Children's Pennies For U. S. And Polish Scholarship Fund

New York, Jan. 20.—School children and school officials, in private and parochial as well as public institutions, all over the country are contributing pennies for the endowment of a George Washington Scholarship of the Kosciusko Foundation dedicated to the friendship between George Washington and Thaddeus Kosciusko, the great Polish soldier who lent his genius to the gainers of American freedom.

Plain Chant Is Sung By Dublin College Choristers On Radio

Dublin, Jan. 16.—Father John Burke, dean of residence of University College, Dublin, conducted a choir recital at the Dublin broadcasting station a few days ago. The pieces rendered were extracts of plain chant, in the popularization of which Father Burke has worked with great success.

Church For French Workers In Britain

London, Jan. 18.—French workers who have gone to the new Michelin tire factory near Banford, Staffordshire, have just had a church especially built for them there by Madame Michelli, wife of Edouard Michelli. It was opened by Archbishop McIntyre of Birmingham.

Boy Work Notes

St. Louis Chapter Boys' Work Committee under the direction of Reverend Father Maxwell is planning an extensive program for the Catholic youth of the city and for some time have been seeking a Boyology Course. Brother Barnabas is endeavoring to accommodate the St. Louisians because of the fact that such a large number of boys will benefit from the leadership they will be given by those who follow the course.

Knights' Basketball Team Wins

The Knights of Columbus basketball team of Cumberland Council, No. 2531, is another New Jersey Council that is planning a comprehensive program for the Catholic boys of the city. Brother Henry Durand is the leader of the movement and is being advised with and assisted by the State Executive of the Columbus Cadets, Brother E. F. McVeigh. The objective of this council is a Circle of the Order's own boys' society, the Columbian Squires.

Buffalo Council Gains 50 First Degree Members

Buffalo Council No. 184 fired the first gun in its Selective Membership Extension program on Monday evening, January 16, when the First Degree was exemplified with a class of fifty candidates. This is State Deputy John V. Naber's home Council and, with many other Councils throughout the Empire State, is well organized to carry out a membership extension movement that will result in a membership increase of many thousands.

The Great Silence

Since Lindbergh left Mexico that country has been pretty much out of the picture. There is a general lull in talk of the religious situation and the brutalities of Calles. Optimists hope that out of all the "good will" operation, there may come, in some miraculous manner, a cessation of the persecution which has made life a horrible nightmare for the Catholics of Mexico. On January 10, the New York World plausibly published an editorial citing precedents upon which the difficulties between the Church and the Mexican Government might be adjusted. On January 15, Will Rogers, in a syndicated article, suggested that Governor Smith, of New York, be called upon to arrange a settlement. Will probably means well. The Catholics of Mexico—and that means 90 per cent. of the population—have suffered more than enough. Everybody hopes that their condition will be speedily improved. Such improvement, however, will not change our opinion of Calles and his associates, nor will it arouse in us any extraordinary gratitude toward the gentlemen who trade in principles as they would in cheese. We know little about the handling of large affairs, but we read somewhere—possibly it was in the Constitution of the United States—something about human rights. That, however, was written long ago, when injustice was not a "problem," when it was not the fashion to send a tyrant a stuffed turkey and a bottle of wine and a good joke and a suggestion that it might be nice for him to throw his victims a bone just to keep them quiet. We shall be very happy to see the opportunity to practice their religion restored to the Mexican people, but talk of having that opportunity restored as a favor, and not as a right, makes us just a little sick.

Information for Travelers To Eucharistic Congress

Vancouver Council, No. 1081, Vancouver, British Columbia, has established an information service for the convenience of travelers to the 1928 Eucharistic Congress in Sydney, Australia, who may embark from that port. They will answer all inquiries as to sailing dates and will furnish whatever other data may be requested. The bureau is already under operation and prepared to answer all inquiries. Joseph E. Willett is secretary, and he may be addressed at 635 Richards Street, Victoria, B. C.