

Christian Century Favors Commission On Mexican Crisis

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Commenting on the suggestion of Michael Williams, editor of the Commonweal, that American newspapers unite in a dispassionate investigation to discover whether or not the Catholic Church is suffering persecution in Mexico, The Christian Century, undenominational journal of religion, in this week's issue, says in part: "He (Mr. Williams) proposed that a commission representing many American newspapers be sent to Mexico to learn the truth. Why cannot agencies such as recently combined to sound a commission of inquiry to Roumania to investigate the treatment of religious minorities, Jews, Catholics and other bodies, also investigate the much graver situation existing not in Europe but in America, at the very doors of the United States?"

Mostly Guess Work Says Jesuit Teacher Of Modern Eugenics

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 6.—Much of the so-called science of modern eugenics was characterized as mere guess work in an address which the Rev. Thomas Egan, S. J., delivered yesterday to students of Creighton University here. Father Egan is professor of sociology at the University. "Like the vendors of fictitious values," said Father Egan, "or the circus barker, the protagonists of this modern error are continually shouting, hoping to catch the unwary. Now, everybody admits that the poor helpless babe has the right to be born without handicap. Outside of Catholic philosophy there is no strong champion of the infant's rights, paradoxical as it may seem to the uninitiated. Catholic philosophy goes further than any of these blatant enthusiasts, for it alone demands in the face of all the sob-sister ethics of maudlin physicians that there are times when the birth of the child must be considered of equal value as the life of the mother. "Is it not astounding that the modern eugenicist so seldom hesitates to take the life of the baby unborn, not only to save a mother's life, a thing rarely necessary, but to prevent a little suffering, or to avoid a small added expense in the family? By their fruits you shall know them. Much of this eugenic nonsense is mere haphazard guessing."

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Cardinal Hayes Endorses Membership Extension

Cardinal Hayes of New York, has given strong endorsement to the Selective Membership Extension program of the Order. In a letter to Supreme Knight Carmody, His Eminence writes: "I am very much pleased to learn that you are launching a movement throughout the country for larger membership. I commend this appeal of the Order to our Catholic men in the Archdiocese of New York. "The Knights of Columbus has proved itself not only an outstanding benevolent, fraternal association, but one thoroughly Catholic in spirit and intensely loyal in attachment to Mother Church. The cordial attitude of the Holy See towards the Knights is only too well known. Their work in the Eternal City has been very consoling to Our Holy Father. "Devotion to Church has not interfered, but on the contrary, has sanctified and intensified the loyalty of the Order to our beloved country. The Knights of Columbus have served nobly and intelligently the Nation in war and in peace, at home and abroad. There is a record of splendid achievement. "Because of all this I earnestly invite the attention of our good Catholic men to the call to Knighthood in this very worthy Order. "With a blessing on the movement of all the officers and members, I am, "Sincerely yours in Christ. "P. CARDINAL HAYES, "Archbishop of New York."

Ohio Knights Helping Strike Sufferers

Because of a strike beginning last April, and still unsettled, there is much suffering among Southern Ohio miners. Women and children especially are in dire want. State Deputy W. E. Haas has requested all officers to make announcement of this situation at all meetings and in other ways to convey the information to the Catholic people of Ohio. Donations of money, shoes, clothing and dry groceries are needed. Contributions should be directed to Adjutant General Henderson, Columbus, Ohio. The Governor has placed the Ohio National Guard in charge of relief work.

First Council Observes Order's Anniversary

The 46th Annual Dinner of San Salvador Council, No. 1, New Haven, Conn., was held Monday, February 6, and was attended by more than 400 members of the Council, including the surviving founders of the Order. Rev. John L. McGuinness, of Litchfield, Conn., delivered a moving address on "The Insignia of Knighthood." The principal speaker was the Hon. Arthur J. W. Hilly, Corporation Counsel, New York City, who spoke on "Our Country and Our Order." His talk was rendered especially significant by his references to the duties of Catholic citizenship, just now so generally, and often unfairly, discussed.

Rhode Island Active in Membership Extension

Rhode Island State and Council Officers are doing their share in the launching of the nationwide selective membership extension program. State Deputy Edward P. Quigley is supervising the distribution of the literature, application cards and blanks to be used in connection with the work. Personal letters are being sent to all pastors in the Providence Diocese asking their co-operation with the State officers and Councils in arranging meetings of the Catholic men within their respective jurisdictions. A corps of clerical assistants is tabulating the membership reports to the State Council and nearly all subordinate councils have elected the four special committees as requested by the Supreme Council.

Knight Robbed—Watch Traveling Card

On the night of January 23, Brother Paul Gillingham, of Youngstown Council, No. 274, stayed at the Hotel Nelson, Rockford, Illinois. Leaving the hotel next morning, he discovered that his pocketbook containing his Knights of Columbus traveling card for the year 1928, his Youngtown Automobile card and \$130 in cash and checks was missing. There is a possibility that the theft or loss of the pocketbook may be traced through the fraudulent use of the traveling card and all Financial Secretaries are asked to be on the lookout for any person attempting to use Brother Gillingham's credentials. New York City Has 11 Degrees When the 28th day of this long February has rolled around, New York City will have seen 11 exemplifications of the various degrees of Knighthood. Six have already taken place since the first of the month. The remaining five will be a First Degree by Greenwich Council on February 15, a First Degree by Myrtle Rose Council on February 20, a Third Degree by Vera Cruz Council on February 22, a Second Degree by St. Raymond Council on February 24, and a First Degree by Veronica Council on the 28th.

What to Do on Feb. 29

If you are in or near New York City on February 29, you need have no difficulty in deciding what to do with the extra day this Leap Year has pushed into the calendar. Go up to Madison Square Garden to the Knights of Columbus games. This isn't any exhortation to help a "good cause." The quality of this meet which brings together the best track and field athletes in the country, is quite sufficient reason for attending. At this writing, it appears fairly certain that Dr. Feltzer, of Germany, conqueror of Nurmi and Wide in European races, will be the mark with Lloyd Hahn, of Boston, in the greatest mile race ever run. If you can get to New York on February 29, you can look in on this stirring tussle for as little as one dollar.

Horses! Horses Horses! Cincinnati Has Two

Cincinnati Council, No. 373, has a fine site for a clubhouse. Just now, the site lacks a clubhouse. But that condition will be changed when the Council has gathered the wherewithal. One of the Brothers in the Council, a native of Kentucky and a lover of fast thoroughbreds, got a notion that a pair of good horses might help the clubhouse project along. It so happened that he got Mr. Edward B. McLean and Mr. Harry F. Sinclair, two of the foremost breeders of fine stock in this country, to agree with him. Mr. McLean and Mr. Sinclair did their part by giving the Council two beautiful colts, descendants of famous Kentucky Derby winners. Next summer, these horses will be worth at least \$10,000 each. Any Council that would like to know what is to become of the horses is advised to communicate with Cincinnati Council, at 105 Central Parkway West, Cincinnati, Ohio. It's an interesting story. The plugs—if we may be disrespectful—haven't been named yet, and your Council may win a prize.

Boy Work Notes

A most successful Boyology course closed in San Francisco on Tuesday evening, January 17, with a banquet and the awarding of diplomas. District Deputy Grover O'Connor, Chairman of the San Francisco Chapter, presided. A permanent organization was formed to foster boys' work in general throughout the city and the Chapter is undertaking to establish a unit of the Order's own boys' society, the Columbian Squires. Frank Murray is the chairman of the organization and it is expected that much activity will soon be seen in this live group of California men who are joined together in the interest of the boy.

Fourth Degree at Philadelphia

Master John V. Loughney, of the First District of Pennsylvania, will conduct an exemplification of the Fourth Degree, April 25, at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia. Preparations are already being made to assure the success of the affair in every detail.

Bay City to Have "Carmody Class"

Bay City Council, No. 414, Bay City, Michigan, is preparing a class of candidates for an early exemplification of the Third Degree. The class will be known as the "Carmody Class" and the Supreme Knight has assured the Council that he will be present to confer the degree.

Observe Porto Rico Anniversary

On the 15th of January, 1928, the San Juan Bautista Council, No. 1543, celebrated the seventeenth anniversary of the coming of the Order to Porto Rico, with a solemn open-air Mass at 10 a. m. At noon, a sumptuous banquet was given, attended by a large number of brothers from all the Councils of the Island; at 2 p. m., a General Assembly was held. All the Councils were represented thereat, in which several resolutions favoring the Church and the Order in Porto Rico were adopted and approved. At 9 p. m., a full-dress ball was given in honor of Edna First, Queen of the Carnival, who is a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, Court of Granada. All the events of the day were attended by State Deputy Brother J. J. Ortiz Albray, District Deputy Brother Angel Rengel, and the Grand Knight of San Juan, Bautista Council, No. 1543, Brother Ramon Montañer, as well as many other brothers.

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Notre Dame Sisters Purchase Women's College Location Milwaukee, Feb. 8.—The Sisters of Notre Dame have announced the purchase of a seventy-four-acre tract of land at Wauwatosa as the initial step towards the erection of Milwaukee's first Catholic college for women, and in fulfillment of the decision reached last year that St. Mary's college, Prairie du Chien, should be moved to Milwaukee. The site was selected after several available locations, including some in the city, had been considered. The Wauwatosa location was chosen, however, because of its size and suitability for a boarding school. It is partly wooded and slopes gently toward the Menominee river, along which the county parkway is being constructed. It is planned that the principal buildings shall face the parkway. The Sisters of Notre Dame hope to open their college here within the year, and building operations will begin in the near future, with the most needed structures to be erected first.

Rich Monstrance Made For Sisters San Diego, Calif., Feb. 9.—A large gem-studded monstrance, which took four months to complete and made entirely by hand by the A. Musgrave Company of San Francisco has been placed in the chapel of the Sisters of Mercy Convent here. It is made almost entirely from jewelry and plate donated to the Sisters. On the back of the monstrance is a lavalliere SUGAR CURED HAMS AND BACON And All Kinds Of SAUSAGE Hugo Schriener 25 Front Street Main 1265

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Shrine Dynamited, More Arrests in Mexico

Fifteen men and twenty-one women were arrested in Mexico City on February 5, and were jailed on charges of having attended Mass in private houses. Three days before, Elena Chacon and Maria Mendosa Chacon, relatives of the late Generalissimo, were arrested in Chihuahua, and charged with being Catholic propagandists. In San Luis Potosi, a score of nuns have been jailed. Long-delayed reports from Silao, State of Guanajuato, say that a statue of Christ on a hill near the town, a monument dear to Mexican Catholics, has been destroyed by dynamite. The statue was paid for by subscriptions from the Catholic people of Mexico. Federal military authorities are accused of instigating the vandalism. Two airplanes, purchased in the United States, are bombing so-called "Catholic rebels." Catholics hope that, on his way back to the United States, Lindbergh may be induced to stop over again at Mexico City. Calles' attention may thus be diverted temporarily from the persecution that again goes on in full fury. As Ambassador Morrow so graciously said, "Everything will be all right." When?

Refusal Of French League To Condemn Calles Criticized

Paris, February 6.—Speaking here before an immense crowd of men, M. Philippe de Las Cases and Canon Desgranges pointed out that the League of Rights of Men had failed in its mission by not supporting the cause of those suffering from religious persecution. M. de Las Cases called attention to the fact that the aim of the League is the redress of all injustices. It extends its influence beyond the boundaries of France, and condemns persecutions everywhere. Yet it has overlooked the religious persecution now going on in Mexico, and has declared perfectly legitimate the French laws which deny to members of religious orders the same rights enjoyed by other citizens. Canon Desgranges rendered homage to the high ideals of the League, but expressed his regret that it had not lived up to these ideals. In answer to the complaint that the religious congregations are international rather than national, he replied that instead of harming the Republic they serve France through the entire world. Both speakers received enthusiastic approval and the closing of the meeting. The Order of the Day was read, and the League declared that in case of the equality of all men, no one being above the law, the religious orders, with their members for all, wherever they may be, are equal.

American Catholics Responding To New Near East Appeal

New York, Feb. 6.—Early returns from the churches which took part in the first annual roll-call of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association indicate that there is no decrease in the interest of American Catholics in the Pope's plan for providing relief for the peoples of the Balkans, Russia and Asia Minor. It is stated by the Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S. J., president of the Association. "Eminent and people everywhere are cooperating splendidly in responding to the Holy Father's request that this Association be placed on a permanent basis." Dr. Walsh said, "and although many parishes remain yet to be heard from, the early returns indicate that the record set last year will not be lowered. The magnificent response made by our Catholic people last year has given the officers of the Association every reason to feel encouraged, and the means which they placed at the disposal of the Holy See at that time have made possible the assurance of support for the orphanages, refugee settlements, and educational institutions in Greece, Palestine, the Balkans, and other parts of the Near East. These are now, since the merger of all organizations working Catholic interests in these regions, utterly dependent upon this Association for their maintenance, and the measure of their growth is contingent upon what we can do for them during the coming year. "Although much immediate suffering has been relieved, there is still much to be done, and emergencies, such as the Turkish Government's requirement that all Russian refugees in Constantinople be evacuated at an early date, are constantly arising. It was a pleasure to the officers of the Association that they were able to contribute the sum of \$10,000 towards this worthy cause, and their ability to meet similar emergencies in the future will depend upon the number who renew their memberships this year," Father Walsh declared.