Anglicans' Crisis Expected To Lead Many Back To Fold

Card. Bourne Makes Special Plea For Catholic Converts' Aid Society, Saying Its Resources Are Destined To Be Taxed To Limit As Results Of Prayer Book Dispute

By George Barnard,
(London Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service).

London, July 7.—In view of the likelihood of a considerable increase in the number of conversions of Anglican ministers and Sisters on account of the Prayer Book crisis, Cardinal Bourne made a special appeal for help at the Converts' Aid Society's annual meeting here last week.

Experts Many Conversions.

His Eminence referred to the fact that the recent Prayer Book debates in the House of Commons emphasized the control which Parliament holds over the Anglican Church and said:

"It seems to me that there must be many who realize now that independence of the spiritual authority from the control of the State is to be found only in the Catholic Church.

"Many, realizing this fact—for which our martyrs died—will no doubt be moved to make their submission to the Holy See, and the moment will come when the resources of this society will be taxed to the uttermost."

Convert Aid Funds Increase.

Justifying the enlarged expenditures of the Society, His Eminence said:

"The Catholic Church in this country has entered into a much larger field, and where formerly we spoke in hundreds of pounds, we now have to think in thousands of pounds, and tens of thousands, and even hundreds of thousands."

It was reported that the society's income last year was about $60,925. Six years ago it was under $1,000.

Bethlehem Witnesses Rare Sight of Public Catholic Procession

By Dr. Alexander Mombelli,
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Jerusalem, June 30.—At Bethlehem there has just been held a great and solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament, attended by the municipal authorities, the Consul of Peru, many other notables and a large outpouring of the faithful.

Public demonstrations of the Christian Faith are quite rare in Palestine, despite the fact that 10 years ago the Holy Land was delivered from the Turkish regime. The brilliant procession at Bethlehem, however, has led many to ask the question: When will it be possible to hold such impressive ceremonies in Jerusalem, the city of the Eucharist?

Father Villa, Superior of the Institute, celebrated the Mass at the church of the Catholic orphanage of the Salesian Fathers in Bethlehem, early in the morning. Later, there was celebrated a Pontifical Mass, sung by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. Fellinger, Vicar General of the diocese.

The Rt. Rev. Aurelio Marotta, O. F. M., Franciscan Custodian of the Holy Places, presided over the procession held in the afternoon. Numerous representatives of various religious orders participated in the procession, which traversed the principal streets of the city, and which lasted more than two hours. People of all classes, races and creeds maintained a most respectful attitude toward the demonstration.

Orthodox Sect Strife So Bitter Premier of Egypt Takes A Hand

Jerusalem, June 30.—A serious dissension, which for some months existed among the members of a Christian Orthodox community of Egypt has been settled, but only through the intervention of the Egyptian Premier, who dictated the terms of settlement.

The breach occurred months ago when Monsignor Torkhom, Armenian-Orthodox Archbishop of Egypt, dissolved the Council of his Community, replacing it with another one. This led to the establishment of two factions among the faithful of the small dissident church in the Valley of the Nile—one supporting the Archbishop and the other opposing him and the new Council.

After several violent quarrels, the matter was denounced to the Egyptian Parliament as a menace to public order in the country. The Government concerned itself with the situation, and the Premier, Mustapha Nahas Pasha, has given his judgment to both parties, as follows:

1. The dissolution of the former Council was effected in an illegal manner. 2. A new Council is to be appointed under the control of a special commission, consisting of eight members (four from each party), presided over by a high official of the Ministry of Interior, and 3. In the meantime, the actual Council will continue provisory in its functions.

The solution was acceptable to [illegible] factions, which became reconciled in the presence of the Prime Minister, pretending to do their best [illegible] for the common wel[illegible]

Can Simple Bachelor Be a Patriarch? Copt Sect Arguing Matter

(Jerusalem Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Jerusalem, July 12.—The appointment of a new Copt Orthodox Patriarch becomes more and more difficult, and while it waits the fight over who is eligible becomes bitter er and bitterer.

Some months ago a commission was nominated charged with the preparation of a future Patriarch the election of the future Patriarch. Another commission also was appointed to establish eligibility requirements for the head of the Copt Church.

But the members of this latter commission are vigorously fighting each other. Some among them contend that the candidate to the patriarchal See must be a bishop. Others, on the contrary, insist that it is enough that he be a clergyman. Many demand that he be a monk who has never made a contract of marriage. Then there are at least some who affirm that even simple members of the laity may be prompted to the patriarchal dignity provided they be bachelors.

Arab papers of Egypt are devoting numerous articles to this question, which shows how profound is the dissension among the different parties of the Copt Church.

At the same time a contest has broken out between the Patriarchate and some monasteries, because the superiors of the latter are charged by their subjects with wasting the goods of their communities. An attempt is being made to settle this public scandal in a friendly manner.

In addition, a question has just arisen again between the Copts and the Abyssinians about the ownership of the convent Deir-el-Sultan at Jerusalem. Each of these churches claims to be the only proprietor of the convent, but the contest has never been settled. The necessity of repairing the building has brought the problem again to the fore at this time. The Jerusalem municipality invited the tenants of the convent, the Abyssinians, to provide the money for the work. But the Copts, fearing that this might be regarded as proof in favor of the claims of the Abyssinians to the ownership of the convent, decided to undertake all the necessary repairs at their own expense.

Rabbi Calls Bigotry In Presidential Race "Red Herring" Device

San Francisco, July 12.—Commenting on the spasmodic outbursts of bigotry and intolerance characterizing the present presidential campaign, Rabbi Louis I. Newman says in The Call:

"A favorite political device is to draw 'red herrings across the trail.' Emotional issue and prejudices can be cultivated which distract attention from the basic interests involved.

"For example, the so-called religious question might quickly become a football of politics in this campaign. Both candidates are masterful and independent men who have a right claim upon the confidence and affections of the American public. One is a Catholic and the other a Quaker. The Quakers during the World War were conscientious objectors; the Catholics have long been the target of sectarian hostility in this country.

"The religious issue should play no role whatsoever in the competition of Mr. Hoover and Mr. Smith for leadership of the nation. If any of their followers intentionally or otherwise inject this question, they will be doing the candidates and the American people a grevious disservice.

"Demagoguery and appeals to class and race prejudice should also be kept from the campaign. The fundamental points which must be analyzed and estimated center about the economic, sociological and international activities of the United States. Which party is better fitted at this moment to rule? Which candidate can serve the interests of all Americans best? Which platform holds most promise for the citizenry?

"These are a few of the major queries which the voters must answer. Let there be no whispering attack, no hidden slander, no irrelevancies in the struggle! Let there be healthy, vigorous, sharp jointing of the issues, but let it be a clean and fair fight."

Birthday Party for Supreme Councilor

Supreme Councilor James A. Flaherty of Philadelphia, on July 3rd, celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday at his summer home in Atlantic City. A large party of friends gathered to felicitate him.

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Virginia Fourth Degree Members Honor Master

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of the District of Virginia recently paid tribute to the Master of the Fourth Degree of their district—Joseph W. McManus—by having a banquet and pledging their continued support of the Master's program to continue each year the prize essay contest which has been carried on successfully since the Master assumed office.

At this banquet the Master appointed a Historian for the District, Brother Maier of Roanoke Assembly, who will keep the membership of Virginia advised of the importance that Catholics played in the making of Virginia history.

At this banquet, which paid honor to the successful administration of the Master who relinquishes office on September 1st, the following clergy were present: Rt. Rev. A. J. Brennan, Bishop of Richmond, who asked that the Assemblies continue the program of progress as outlined by the Master; Rev. Father Walter J Nott, Director of the Propagation of Faith; Rev. Father F. Joseph Magni, Diocesan Historian; Rev. Father Gill, Secretary to Bishop; Rev. Father E. A. Brosman, Diocesan Spiritual Director of Holy Name Society of Richmond, and Rev. Father Francis Byrne, Director of Parochial Schools of Virginia.

Brother John J. Milan of Norfolk presided as toastmaster at the banquet.

Unveil Statue to Memory of Detroit Knight

The memory of the late James J. Brady, Detroit Council No. 305, Knights of Columbus, organizer of the Old Newsboys' Association, was perpetuated in bronze on Belle Isle when, in the presence of religious, civic and club officials, a huge statue commemorating the work of the former Detroit "boy of the streets" was unveiled in his honor recently.

To solemn words and sonorous, to the music of a band and to the bowing of heads of a multitude, a little girl drew away the flags that hid the figure of a man who had passed, a simple man to whom was erected a monument, not because of great deeds in war or in statesmanship, but because he loved little children.

The presentation speech was made by David A. Brown, on behalf of the Old Newsboys' Association, whose gift it is. It was accepted by Mayor John C. Lodge, who declared it was his first public appearance away from the city hall since he took office.

Archbishop Shaw Commends Membership Extension

In a letter to State Deputy T. M. Callahan of Louisiana, Archbishop Shaw of New Orleans, after congratulating Brother Callahan on his elevation to a position of such distinction in the Order and extending to him greetings and best wishes, writes:

"I avail myself of this favorable opportunity to express my hearty approval and to give my blessing to the selective membership program that has been recently launched to attract to the Order the best of Catholic manhood in every state of this country. The strength of the Order and its drawing power must be based upon the caliber of the men in every walk of life who will be deemed worthy of being admitted to the ranks of an Order which stands for what is best in devotion to God, Church and Country. There are many excellent Catholic gentlemen in this Archdiocese and indeed throughout the state who are not members, but who should be, as their adhesion and membership would mean a great deal for the future of the Order. The Order, henceforth, must be tireless, in season and out of season, in its zeal to make known to all Catholics of good will its high ideals, and this especially necessary, to illustrate in their religious, social, business and civic lives all that Catholicity, personal integrity, righteous business relations, disinterested patriotism and love of their brethren in every walk of life imply. While we would wish that all Catholic men were worthy of being admitted to membership, still the goal of your Order must not be quantity so much as quality. The numbers will come from the humblest as well as the highest ranks of society when you have stood the test of devotion to your noble ideals and principles in your daily life, for then, and only then, will men realize the great honor of belonging to your Order."

Massachusetts Has First Circle of Squires

Worcester was well represented at the installation of the first circle of the Columbian Squires in Massachusetts in the Springfield Municipal Auditorium on Sunday, June 24. Grand Knight Frank A. Champagne, Dr. Joseph A. Smith, scout master of Troop 88 of the Boy Scouts, Eugene Collins, an officer in the same unit and John Powers, scout master of Troop 41, were on hand for the impressive exercises.

Reading Council Celebrates Silver Jubilee

Opening a recent two-day celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Reading Council No. 793, Knights of Columbus, 400 members of the Council attending a jubilee Mass, initiated a class of 60 candidates in the Third Degree, and held a luncheon and an entertainment. The celebration closed with a banquet and dance.

Three hundred and fifty Knights and a class of 60 candidates attended a special jubilee Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Father Thomas Harron, Chaplain of Reading Council was the celebrant. He was assisted by Father William Grubb, a member of the Council. The candidates received holy communion in a body.

State Deputy Lawrence G. Dana, Bradford, assisted by officers of Councils in Philadelphia, Pottsville, Mahanoy City, Frackville, Shenandoah, Bethlehem, Lancaster, and Lansdowne, initiated the candidates.

Former Assistant United States District Attorney William J. Brady, Philadelphia, was the principal speaker at the banquet. Addresses were also made by E. J. Morris, first Grand Knight of the Reading Council; J. M. Kase, former District Deputy; J. B. McDonough, Past State Deputy, and George Prendergast, Grand Knight of Reading Council.

Reception to Archbishop

San Francisco Council recently tendered a reception to His Grace Most Rev. Archbishop Edward J. Hanna of San Francisco. In his address to over five hundred members of the Order His Grace warmly commended the Knights of California for re-electing Robert A. MacKenzie, State Deputy, for the coming year, stating that the record of his administration had received nation-wide attention, and the foundation upon which the State Deputy's program had been built insure success far beyond our expectations.

California Knights Hold Pageant at Loyola

Following a meeting of the heads of the thirty-one Councils forming the Southern California, chapter of the Knights of Columbus, announcement is made by Charles J. O'Hara that plans for an industrial pageant and Mardi Gras to be held on Loyola College Campus the week of July 23 have been definitely approved. Seven Councils in Los Angeles pledged the participation of their full membership and many outside communities, as represented by their Council leaders, gave a similar pledge.

A resolution of thanks to the Rev. Joseph Sullivan, S. J., president of Loyola College, for his contribution of the campus grounds as the site for the exposition was adopted. It was announced that already sixty firms in Los Angeles and vicinity had agreed to arrange exhibits.

As the funds to be raised are to be used to assist the employment division of the Knights of Columbus, each of the 8,000 members within the jurisdiction of the Southern California chapter has been assigned a task to make the affair a success and thus carry out the recommendations of the state convention held a few weeks ago in Hollywood.

Supreme Director Swift Reelected

Supreme Director John E. Swift was reelected to State Deputy, and associated with him will be the new State Secretary Joseph M. Kirby of Fr. John B. DeValles Council, No. 213. Brother Kirby has been a District Deputy for four consecutive terms. Francis P. McKeon, State Advocate, Charles F. Bartick, State Warden, and Thomas F. McGrath, State Treasurer, were also reelected, and District Deputy Joseph H. Martin has been elected State Auditor.

Father Campbell Chosen N. Y. State Chaplain

The Rev. Dr. Francis C. Campbell, pastor of St. Jerome's Church, Alexander Avenue and 138th Street, The Bronx, has been appointed New York State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus. His appointment is the first announced by Walter A. Lynch, the new State Deputy, since he assumed office on July 1.

Father Campbell succeeds Msgr. Edmund J. Britt of the Diocese of Buffalo. The new Chaplain was born in Manhattan. He was educated in the College of St. Francis Xavier and in the North American College, Rome, and was ordained in Rome in 1908.

For the first three years of his priesthood Dr. Campbell was an assistant at St. Mark's Church. He was then appointed to the faculty of Cathedral College. He also served for some years as assistant chancellor of the archdiocese. After ten years he was, in 1921, chosen president of the college, the first head of which was Cardinal Hayes.

The chaplain has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for many years.

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