

Power of Political Methodism Waning, N. Y. World Asserts

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, N. Y., July 28. — Differences between two official groups of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with respect to the propriety of that sect's participation in partisan politics is made the subject of a long editorial in the New York World of today.

The editorial contrasts the statement of Bishop Warren A. Canfield, who deprecated partisan activities, with that of Bishop Edwin Morrison, John W. Moore, James Cannon Jr. and Horace M. DuBoise, who advocate such activities.

The movement headed by Bishop Cannon and others, living and dead, the editorial contends, had for its purpose the establishment of a State Church. From the controversy between Bishop Canfield and his associates over the proper attitude of their Church in political matters, the editorial draws the following conclusion:

"The break-up of this clerical attack upon the American doctrine of separation between church and state is probably well under way. The Klan is distinctly weaker, and no reputable man will be associated with it. The Anti-Saloon League no longer exercises the dictatorial power it once did. . . . And political Methodism is challenged in the South both by the older generation, of whom Bishop Canfield is the spokesman, and by the young men and women of the South who are in touch with modern liberalism. . . . The leadership of Bishop Cannon is challenged on every hand and many precipitate a very serious dispute within the Methodist Church South. The movement is disorganized and demoralized, and in all probability it will die in this campaign."

"The alleged attempt of 'Fundamentalist' Churches to control political, educational, and legislative action by the State, the World's edition attributes the heavy losses in membership they have suffered. On this point the editorial continues: 'It has turned away thousands of the best young men and women from the churches, convinced that the political methods of the Anti-Saloon League represent neither the moral standard nor the spiritual enlightenment of the human wisdom which men look for in religion. It is no accident, but a matter of cause and effect, that the period in which the churches have become most political and most fundamentalist and most intolerant has also been the period in which they lost their hold upon the younger generation.'

Days' Work Notes

A very enthusiastic group of Knights of Columbus attended the Boy Leadership course closed at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, Tuesday, July 30. Professor R. A. Hoyer represented the Boy Life Bureau and delivered a series of lectures on the Columbian Squares. Professor Hoyer also assisted in the presentation of practical activities of various kinds which the embryonic leaders of boys could pick-up readily and use in their own programs.

Invitation to Montreal

Knights visiting Montreal are cordially invited to visit the following: No. 1351, The Council, at 440 Sherbrooke Street, west. Visitors are assured a warm

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Unusual Features Appear in September "Columbia"

Those who know James B. Connolly for his stories of the sea can look forward to a surprise—and a treat—in his article "The Free Olympic Days," which appears in September "Columbia." Representing the United States in the first modern Olympic at Athens, in 1896, Mr. Connolly won his event. He was again a member of the Olympic team at the Paris games that he writes in "Columbia"; how he went to Europe in the steamer, how he lived on bread and tonic wine for days; how he walked seven miles to the field to compete at Paris in 1900. It is of the Paris games that he writes in "Columbia"; how he went to Europe in the steamer, how he lived on bread and tonic wine for days; how he walked seven miles to the field to compete at Paris in 1900.

Methodist Denies Religion Obregon Death Cause

The New York World, on July 20, said: "The theory that President-Elect Obregon was assassinated for religious reasons was discounted yesterday by William F. Jewell, Secretary of No. 68 Robert Avenue, Port Chester, who was for eight years Secretary of the American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico City. Mr. Saunders believes the crime was instigated by Obregon's personal enemies, acquired during his long career as a soldier and militant leader of the social revolution."

"Obregon had many enemies," said Mr. Saunders, who came out of Mexico in May, 1927, after he had been warned of the impending Gomez revolution of a year ago. "Throughout his career, he was utterly ruthless in his treatment of his political opponents, and as a result, he was a thoroughly hated man in some quarters."

Have You Seen This Missing Brother?

The state headquarters of the Knights of Columbus at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been asked to locate Brother Albert A. Thele of Middletown, Ia., who has been missing since July 9. He is 19 years of age, height about 5 feet 8, weight 166, with brown hair, blue eyes and wears a No. 8 shoe. When last seen he was wearing a blue shirt, light tan striped Palm Beach trousers and a gray felt hat.

Cincinnati "Compass" Has Lay Retreat Pamphlet

This is the season of lay retreats. Everywhere the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring these gatherings of small groups of laymen for spiritual exercises in seclusion from the things of the world. The Order is behind the movement in being given it by officers. In continuing its co-operation with the movement, "The Compass," official paper of Cincinnati Chapter, has issued a pamphlet of vest pocket size on the "Value of Lay Retreats," an examination of the movement by Rev. Father Peter Weyland, S. V. D., who has graciously permitted "The Compass" to use his splendid exposition of the subject.

Think This Over

Writing to the officers and members of Wells, Austin, Owatonna and Albert Lea Councils, Minnesota, I, District Deputy George W. Bogan make some interesting observations on the cost of Knights of Columbus Insurance. He says: "Analyzing the Supreme Council's assessment for June, 1928, brings out some interesting points. There were 140 members who died that were carrying \$165,200.00 worth of insurance. These 140 members had paid to the Supreme Council \$40,855.13, or an average of \$299.03. 'Forty-one members, or 29.28%, paid less than \$100 each. Twenty-five members, or 17.85%, paid between \$100 and \$200 each. Forty-one members, or 29.28%, paid between \$200 and \$500 each. Twenty-four members, or 17.85%, paid between \$500 and \$700 each. Eight members, or 5.71%, paid between \$700 and \$1,000 each. One member on \$1,000.00, paid more than \$1,000.00."

Massachusetts Knights Plan Convention Tour

Arrangements are practically complete for the journey of the Massachusetts delegates and other Knights to the Supreme Convention which will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, on August 21, 22, 23. Many Knights are expected to join the delegates at Boston and at points along the route. Following the Convention, there will be a trip to Buffalo, a night sail on Lake Ontario and a day trip through the Thousand Islands, a visit to Montreal and Quebec, with a brief visit to Ste Anne de Beaupre. Apparently, the entire trip will take about 10 days including four days at Cleveland. Those who are interested may secure further information from the office of Brother Joseph M. Kirby, State Secretary, 110 Boylston St., Boston, or Brother M. F. Drummer, 600 Washington Street, Boston.

Hoover, In Church, Hears Prayer For Religious Liberty

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Palo Alto, Calif., July 28.—Attending the college church on the university campus yesterday, Herbert Hoover, Republican presidential candidate, listened to a sermon by Dr. Doyce Cupper, Presbyterian minister from Los Angeles, who said in part: "God keep America, the land of unlimited opportunity and freedom. God keep our land the place of freedom and above all keep this a land of unrestricted religious and personal liberty."

Washington Knights Help Catholic Boys' Club

In a little more than a month the Catholic Boys' Club of Washington, D. C., sponsored and maintained by the local Councils of the Order, has grown to a membership of more than four hundred. Membership in the club, which is restricted to boys between the ages of ten and eighteen, entails little or no expense to the boys or their families. The club has the use of the Knights of Columbus gymnasium and of the swimming pool at St. John's College. Several civic leaders have complimented State Deputy Charles W. Darr on this activity of Washington Knights.

U. S. Catholics Represented at Paris World Conference On Social Welfare Work.

Paris, July 25.—American and European Catholics were delegates and speakers at the International Housing and Town Planning Congress, the International Child Welfare Congress and the International Congress on Statutory and Voluntary Assistance.

Catholic representation at the Conference on Social Work, held in the Salle Pleyel, was so organized that the Catholic viewpoint was ably presented in each of its five sections. The Rev. C. Hubert LeBlond, director of Catholic charities and hospitals in the Diocese of Cleveland, represented the National Catholic Welfare Conference. Miss Sarah Weadick, assistant to the director of the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Immigration, and Miss Mary W. Carey, representative of the Bureau at Ellis Island, represented the Bureau of Immigration of the Conference. Miss Carey represented also the National Council of Catholic Women and the National Catholic School of Social Service, as well as the Alumnae Association of the latter. Miss Carey is a graduate of the Social Service School, and was at one time President of its Alumnae Association.

Miss Weadick outlined the work done for the immigrant in this country by the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Immigration. In an address before the section discussing "The Need for International Case Work for Immigrants," she described immigration work. "Those of us," she said, "who are interested in this international aspect of migrant aid are convinced of the necessity for co-ordinated assistance for immigrants if any intelligent and worthwhile help is to be really given. We who are in Catholic immigrant aid work believe that there is in addition to the technical and material assistance to be given to the immigrant at all points of his journey, a necessity for spiritual understanding and help which is just as great and even more important."

"It is for this reason that the N. C. W. C. has devoted all its efforts since 1921 to furthering the coordination of Catholic immigrant aid activities so that from the time the immigrant leaves his native village till the time he arrives in his new country, and as long as he continues to reside among us, he may be able to turn not only for material and technical assistance but in his spiritual needs as well to those who will understand what they are. "Our Bureau's assistance," she continued, "is given on a non-sectarian basis to those who wish it up to the point of follow-up at destination, at which point it relinquishes its interest in the non-Catholic immigrant and refers him to an organization of his own faith. Feeling that he will more deeply appreciate the assistance and interest of his own co-religionists in like manner we are chiefly concerned in promoting Catholic assistance for Catholic immigrants on the basis that at a time when the immigrant is most in need of consolation and advice he should be able to turn for help to the source of all consolation on which he has always counted, that is, the Church."

"Service School's Purpose. Miss Carey, speaking at the section dealing with "Training for Social Work," outlined to the delegates the work and objectives of the National Catholic School of Social Service at Washington, saying that it seeks "to set forth as its contribution to social service a training school program which will enable its graduates to appreciate the best results of modern thought and practice in the fields of social work."

"The School endeavors," she said, "to interpret the spiritual as well as the social content of modern problems. Students from various parts of the world are drawn together to develop a broad outlook on their work and their residence in the School during the entire course helps to make them more appreciative of their responsibility towards the individual, the family, and the community."

"The Catholic social worker so trained can the more readily contribute the Catholic interpretation of social problems to city, State, national and international gatherings of welfare organizations. Her Catholic heritage inspires and sustains her in the work of rehabilitation and enables her to share with those whom she serves in material things a deeper insight into the Christian interpretation of charity."

Professor Sophonisba P. Breckinridge, speaking before the Conference on social work in the United States, dwelt at some length on the social welfare work of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, calling special attention to the Bishops' program of Reconstruction and the Civic Moale made from the Pastoral Letters issued between 1792 and 1919, and published in the N. C. W. C. Bulletin. Speaking of "Social Research Applied to Community Progress," Dr. Paul Kellogg, editor of The Survey, several times quoted the N. C. W. C. for its value research conducted by the field of social science. Other important addresses setting forth practical solutions of social problems based on Catholic teachings were given by Abbe Viollet of Paris, Father Belgrave of Brussels, and Mlle. Chaptal of Paris.

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