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Administrative Committee Of N. C. W. C. Meets

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 2 — The Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference met here at the residence of His Grace the Most Rev. Austin Dowling, Archbishop of St. Paul, and at Nazareth Hall, the preparatory seminary, July 28 and 29.

Ordinarily, the Administrative Committee meets in September just before the General Meeting of the Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C. This year, however, the General Meeting was postponed to November because some of the Archbishops and Bishops will attend the Eucharistic Congress at Sydney in September.

At the St. Paul meeting there were present Archbishop Dowling, the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Illits, Bishop of Kansas City; the Rt. Rev. Joseph Schombs, Bishop of Cleveland; the Rt. Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, Bishop of Harrisburg; the Rt. Rev. John G. Murray, Bishop of Portland; and the Rev. Dr. John J. Burke, C.S.P., General Secretary of the N. C. W. C. His Grace the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, the Chairman of the Administrative Committee, was unable to attend because he was about to start for Australia for the Eucharistic Congress. The Rt. Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, Bishop of Albany, the other member of the Committee, was ill.

The Administrative Committee reviewed the work which it directs of all the Departments of the N. C. W. C., the religious situation in Mexico, and the number and religious care of Mexican refugees in the United States; the promotion and defense of Catholic education; protection of the immigrant and the entire question of immigration, including allied matters particularly the reuniting of separated families as cared for and promoted by the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Immigration, activities of the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women in their zealous labors for Catholic unity, the protection of common Catholic interests, and the defense and propagation of fundamental moral principles in public life and in national and State legislation, latent in and aid to the Church in Haiti and in the Philippines, promotion of the Catholic press through the Press Department of the N. C. W. C., and many other matters.

These questions and the care of them by common Catholic action were the subjects of the Administrative Committee's deliberations for two days.

A special committee of the Bishops was appointed to prepare the program for the coming General Meeting of the Bishops in November.

Mrs. Belmont Gives Statue of St. Joan To Catholic Church

Paris, July 30. — A statue of Saint Joan of Arc, a gift from Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, president of the National Women's Party, to the church in the village of Augerville-la-Riviere, has just been blessed by the Bishop of Orleans, Monsignor Courcou.

A corps of children carrying flowers to be piled about the newly installed statue passed through streets decorated with French and American flags on their way to the old church, which has celebrated its fifth centennial. Many people from neighboring towns attended the ceremony.

Mrs. Belmont spends a part of each year in the chateau of Augerville, near Orleans. She is a Protestant.

Farewell To Jesuit Missionaries Aug. 30

San Francisco, Aug. 6. — A special ceremony of farewell for five Jesuit missionaries who are going to China will be held at St. Ignace church here August 30. The Jesuits who are to leave for the missionary fields are the Revs. Plus L. Moore, S. J., John A. Lennon, S. J., Cornelius Lynch, S. J., and Charles Simons, S. J.

The ceremony in St. Ignace church will consist of a sermon, the giving of the Missionary Cross by the Rev. Joseph M. Piet, S. J., provincial of the California province, the Society of Jesus, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

HOLY FATHER ONCE LEANED SERIOUSLY TOWARD ART CAREER

Rome, July 30. — During a visit to an exhibition of drawings and paintings produced by the pupils at the Oratorio di San Pietro, the institution established and supported here by the Knights of Columbus for the Holy See, Pope Pius XI revealed that in his youth he displayed a decided leaning toward art, and seriously pursued its study for some years.

The Holy Father was standing before a group of exhibit pictures when he recalled this early inclination. His taste for art, he said, manifested itself in his youth and his study was serious. During his early adolescence, boxes of paints, brushes and other materials for drawing and painting were his favorite presents, he added.

PROTESTANT SCOTS WANT IRISH BARRED

London, July 30. — Scottish Protestants have become seriously perturbed about the progress of the Catholic Church in Scotland that they have just sent a deputation of representatives of their churches in Scotland to call on government officials to see what can be done about the system.

It was suggested that a quota system, such as is in use in the United States, should be introduced to stem what is called "the Irish invasion," and a big point was made by the deputation that the influx of Irish settlers was changing the whole character of the Scottish people.

The deputation pointed out that between 1881 and 1901 the increase in the Irish population was 234 per cent, compared with an increase of 18 1/2 per cent of native Scotsmen, and that between 1901 and 1921, the increase in the Irish population in Scotland was 39 per cent, compared with 6 per cent of native Scotsmen.

The Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, and the Secretary of State for Scotland Sir John Cilmour, received the deputation at the Home Office. Accompanying the Ministers were the Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr. Walter E. Elliot; the Lord Advocate, Mr. William Watson, K. C., and Sir John Lamb, Permanent Under-Secretary for Scotland.

The deputation included representatives of the Church of Scotland, the United Free Church of Scotland and the Free Church of Scotland. It was stated on behalf of the deputation that the Irish constitute 26 per cent of the population of Glasgow, and an effort was made to represent them as furnishing the bulk of the criminals and of the class dependent upon public funds for their maintenance.

Prizes In Brooklyn Contest Announced

Brooklyn, N. Y., August 4. — Winners of prizes in the essay contest on religion conducted by the Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of Brooklyn, and open to the pupils of Catholic high schools of the borough, have just been announced through The Tablet.

Miss Rita McGuire, a pupil in the Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, won the first general prize, and Miss Mildred T. Palmer, also a pupil at the Bishop McDonnell High School, won the second general prize. There were eight other "Grade" prizes.

ORDAIN TEN NATIVE CHINESE

Siensien, China, July 30. — Mgr. Leopold, Vicar Apostolic of Siensien, China, recently ordained ten Chinese priests, the greatest number ever ordained at one time in this vicariate. Other seminarians who entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus will be ordained later.

Prominent Catholic First Administrator of New Slovaek Area

Prague, July 28. — The appointment of Dr. Drobny, a Slovak Catholic, as Administrative President of the eastern portion of the Czechoslovak Republic has marked the first step toward complete autonomy for Slovakia. On the occasion of his installation as the chief administrative official, Dr. Drobny issued a statement which has been received with no little surprise in many quarters.

In the future, the statement said, he would strive to imitate Saints Cyril and Methodius, and he prayed God that He would support him in this aim.

A writer in Czech, Catholic daily newspaper here, commenting upon Dr. Drobny's statement, declares that it is a striking departure from utterances usually made on such occasions by eminent politicians and administrative officials, who, as a rule, are reluctant, for some reason or another, to make clear their Christian point of view.

Catholics, the article continues, are proud of these heroically religious words of the new chief official. He has been chosen for his post, it says, from the ranks of the Popular Party, whose members form a majority of the Slovak people, and it is quite in order that he come forward with a pronouncement so impressive because of its purely religious character.

Dr. Drobny is to be in charge of the whole Slovakian administrative area. His appointment is a conspicuous success attributable to the Catholic Popular Party, Ludova Strana, and its leader, Monsignor Andrew Hlinka.

The Slovaks are jubilant over this achievement of their party, and it is felt that further arrangements can be made in the near future looking toward autonomy that is complete, in keeping with the wishes of the majority of Slovaks.

Fr. Henry Back At Santa Clara

Santa Clara, Calif., Aug. 6. — Father James B. Henry, S. J., following a year's study in the East, has resumed his work as assistant to Father Jerome Ricard, S. J., at Santa Clara University. He will serve as professor of mathematics.

PROTESTANT MINISTER'S BOOK HOLDS DEVOTION TO HOLY MOTHER NECESSARY

Cologne, July 30. — The Rev. T. Lortzing, a Protestant pastor of Goettingen, in Hanover, has published a book entitled "Spiritual Lectures for Christmas," in which she sets forth new and original proofs that "Christ's mother is our mother," and that he that would honor Our Lord must also honor His mother.

The book bears the approbation of the Paderborn Vicar General and the warm approval of the Ordinary, Cardinal Bandenbacher, C.S.S.R., in the Regensburg Correspondence, have praised it highly.

"Christian worship," says the author, "is adoration of Christ, but if we adore Him it is impossible for us to neglect His mother. . . . It is her Son, the Son of God and Mary-Immanuel—who is adored on the Christian altars. She remains the one body worthy of receiving Him—the one worthy tabernacle in which He dwells. She is the mother of Christ, and the mother of the Eucharistic Christ. The Holy Body we receive in the Holy Eucharist is the body—though the glorified body—which the Holy Ghost formed in Mary, flesh of her flesh, Crib and altar—Bethlehem and Eucharist—cannot and are not to be separated. Whoever tears one from the other will lose them both."

The heroic period of the Church, the author continues, was really a Marian period. We seek to recall that time, and it will come again, he said.

"Show you the character of the child," he asks. "I'll tell you: show me the mother. We look into the eyes of the child, and we look at the mother. The sight is the same. The mildness and kindness in the eyes of the mother are also in the eyes of the Christ Child. The light of the Marian family is shining in His eyes, and in the eyes of His servants. Has there been one Saint who was not also a servant of Mary? I know of none."

"How is it possible," continues on earth, the Protestant pastor, "for millions no peace of Christ, 'as to come to the crib and must seek and not alone the Child, but the Child with Mary, and a motherless Child, but the mother."

New Geneva Catholic Circle Opens Its Own Information Bureau

Geneva, July 30. — The new Catholic Circle of Geneva has opened a Bureau of International Information here, which has as its purpose the guidance of foreign Catholics, especially those who are interested in the international conferences, instigated by the League of Nations. The office is at 2, rue des Alpes, in the heart of the city and near the railway station, and services are gratuitous to all.

The necessity for such a headquarters is evident. For some years past, similar non-Catholic offices have been instituted which were sometimes scarcely favorable to Catholics. At the new bureau, Catholic tourists may find very useful information, particularly concerning the activity of international organizations at Geneva. The multiplicity of such societies and diversity of their aims is rather puzzling to the uninitiated. In addition to receiving local information, tourists will find the Catholic publications of their native land available at the new office. American names were among the Catholic leaders who recently established the Catholic Circle here. It is a non-political organization.

Convert Bishop Will \$420,000 to Missions

London, July 30. — Bishop Algron Charles Stanley, Titular of Emmons, left property valued at \$420,000, and bequeathed the bulk of it for the foundation of new missions in the dioceses of Westminster and Shrewsbury. At one time an Anglican minister, Bishop Stanley was the fourth son of the second Baron Stanley of Alderley.

Bulger (Pa.) Church Damaged By Fire

Washington, Pa., Aug. 6. — St. Anne's church at Bulger, Pa., here, was burned today, causing damage estimated at \$15,000. The fire started about noon, almost an hour after the last Mass of the day. Firemen and apparatus were called from several towns near Bulger, but by the time they arrived, the blaze was beyond control. The church was insured for \$10,000.

Charge Of Jesuit Political Stand Shown Untrue

Italian Paper That Printed Article On American Candidate Not the "Jesuit Organ" As Stated—Holy See's Aloofness On Political Campaign Noted

Rome, July 30. — The assertion which has appeared in many leading papers of the United States that the "organ of the Jesuits" in Italy expressed the hope that Gov. Alfred Smith of New York would be elected to the Presidency of the United States, is false. The paper in question is not a Jesuit organ at all.

This partisan statement was attributed to the American paper, *Unita Cattolica*, which was described as "an incidental Catholic paper of Florence and an organ of the Jesuits." The writer of the article, circulated by the American news agency, after quoting this statement in question, devoted a half-column to speculation on the possible effects of this "Jesuit" stand on political conditions in the United States. He referred several times to "the Jesuit paper."

The author evidently has committed the mistake of confusing two publications of somewhat similar names, *Unita Cattolica*, to which the political statement is attributed, is a daily paper printed in Florence and has nothing to do with the Jesuits, except for those ordinary relations of friendship and reverence which every Catholic newspaper has for all from a Jesuitical point of view. *Unita Cattolica*, on the other hand, is a Jesuit organ, but it is not a daily paper. It is a weekly, nightly periodical printed at Rome and directly dependent upon the Holy See.

The article relative to the candidacy of Governor Smith was published in *Unita Cattolica*. It was written by the director of the paper, this son of seventeen was carried on the *Advocate* "Bureau" of Florence. He is an excellent Catholic journalist, but represents rather the old of the school of thought and doctrine in Italy. His articles have only a personal authority and cannot be considered as the expression of the Holy See, with which the author cannot even have direct contact, since his paper is not in contact with the Holy See.

Indeed, his attitude, partially in the morning and in the afternoon. On Friday, his articles have been contrary to the views of the Vatican. This, however, does not detract from the absolute moral rectitude of the writer and his journalistic value, which is recognized without dissent, even by the outside of the Catholic field. With regard to the article in question, however, all those who really know the opinion of the Vatican will know that the Holy See has, as a fundamental principle, kept itself aloof from political matters. The Blessed Virgin remains that forever. It is like the act of incarnation. It began once in time, but to continue and never to cease. So Mary once became the Mother of Christ, and her motherhood continues like incarnation.

"There is no honor to His mother," says St. Paul, "it is pointed out, was truly a child of Mary, and in that he was truly great. Whoever would be a priest after the heart of God, says the author, must be a disciple of St. Paul.

"All the peoples will come to adore the Christ, the King of Israel, the Heir of David," he continues, "and to venerate Mary as the mother of United States.

Millionaire's Estate To Catholic Hospital

Chicago, Aug. 1. — St. Francis Hospital of Peoria, Ill., has been named ultimate beneficiary of the estate of the late Thomas H. Webb, millionaire sportsman, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident recently. The value of the estate is not a matter of record, but according to business associates of Mr. Webb, it probably would be appraised at \$1,500,000. At the death of the last Court of Peoria in celebration of the income of the estate, the income of the hospital. Among the executors and trustees of the will is Bruce B. Dunne, the Rt. Rev. Edmund M. Dunne, his Bishop of Peoria, or his successor F. de Anagnostis, O.S.A., or successors as head of the diocese. Romanigeros.

MODERN WOMEN'S GARB RUINS RESERVE OF HOLY CITY ARAB

Jerusalem, July 28. — The Zionist movement, which has brought to Jerusalem great numbers of Jewish girls and women dressed in modern European fashions which to the Arabs are scandalous, threatens to ruin the traditional public reserve of the native population of the Holy City.

For some months now the city has witnessed a series of modifying habits to public dress. In some quarters it seems young girls no longer can venture forth modestly.

The Jewish press, taking full note of the alarming incidents that have begun a violent campaign against the police and the Government, charging them with indulgence in the suppression of public disorders. It constantly blames the Arabs for the toward incidents and represents Jews as the victims. It is interesting to note, however, that the conditions began to exist only with the Zionist movement and the importation of modern European styles in women's dress.

Girl, Seemingly Dying, Revivors On Lourdes Visit

London, July 30. — A girl, who had been seemingly dead for several days, was revived after a visit to Lourdes. The girl, who was named Marie, had been in a state of unconsciousness for several days. Her parents, who were from the village of Lourdes, had taken her to the shrine in the hope that she would be cured. She was revived on August 1st.

The girl's recovery was attributed to the power of the Lourdes waters. Her parents were overjoyed and expressed their gratitude to the Virgin Mary. The incident was widely reported in the local press.

Annual Field Mass Near Ontanna Aug. 15

Ortanna, Pa., Aug. 6. — The annual field Mass will be celebrated at the Old Jesuit Mission in Buchanan Valley near here on August 15. This makes the tenth anniversary of the service on the Blue Ridge mountains. Pilgrims come to the spot from great distances, and yearly the crowd grows larger and larger. Many non-Catholics have attended the Mass in previous years.

Porto Rico C. B. of A. Effort

Porto Rico, P. R., July 27. — Delegates of the Catholic Daughters of America courts from all parts of Porto Rico have just taken part in a silver jubilee pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Monserrat in Hortaigueros, organized by the Shrine.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Monserrat is a place of great devotion and pilgrimage. It is located in the town of Hortaigueros, in the province of Ponce, Porto Rico. The Shrine is dedicated to the Virgin Mary and is one of the most important places of worship in the island.

The pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Monserrat is a very important event in the life of the Catholic community in Porto Rico. It is a time of great prayer and devotion, and is attended by thousands of pilgrims from all parts of the island.

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