

Syrian Fanaticism In Politics Stirs Christian Alarm

By Dr. Alexander Mombelli (Jerusalem Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Jerusalem, Oct. 28.—Recent developments in Syria, indicating that the ancient religious fanaticism of the Turkish regime is still alive and that the Moslem leaders are inclined to inject it into politics, has caused widespread alarm among the Christians of the Near East countries under French Mandate.

The controversy stirred by the third article of the draft of the Syrian Constitution, which provides that the country should be a republic, stipulated that the president should always be a Mohammedan, has led to an open revelation by a Moslem member of the Syrian Legislative Assembly of the reviving hatred of Christians in the French Mandate territory.

"It is necessary," said the legislator's statement, "that the Christians be convinced for once and all that in the East they cannot be and will never be anything but foreigners. We are the masters of the land, and we alone have the right to impose our will. If they are not satisfied, they may go away; there are already so many thousands that emigrate every year."

The Christians protested against this provision of the draft when it became known. They were answered sharply by the Moslems, and one Christian member of the provisional legislative assembly in Damascus was dared to call attention to this contradiction in the measure was roundly denounced and accused of endangering the national unity by insisting in his "sectarian prejudices and scandalous intolerance."

Moslem deputies sought to justify the provision by saying that the majority of the population is not yet sufficiently mature civilly to permit its representatives to put aside religion even when discussing questions of a merely political nature.

Two other recent events also have indicated the extent to which this fanaticism of the Moslems is finding its way into the affairs of every day life. The Damascus Government had worked out a plan establishing a country residence in the region of Rudane. The Moslem press immediately and violently opposed the plan, and for the reason that the majority of the families living in the region were Christian. The project was dropped.

Lewis, when Premier Taj-el-Din wished to take a brief vacation, he went to Lebanon and thereby raised the cry from the Moslem Nationalists of treachery against his country. The Moslem indignation was stirred because the inhabitants of the area visited are Catholics, and the president of the Syrian Ministry must always stay at hotels managed by Moslems.

Mrs. M. H. Smith Mother of Four Dominicans, Dies

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

South Orange, N. J., Nov. 9.—Mrs. Michael H. Smith, mother of the Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O. P., Prior of the Dominican House of Studies at Washington, D. C., and of three other sons who are members of the Order of Preachers, died at her home here yesterday.

Headed Father Ignatius Smith, who is one of the country's best known pulpit orators, the following are sons of Mrs. Smith who are Dominicans: Father Innocent Smith, a professor at Providence College, Providence, R. I.; Father Ambrose Smith, who was ordained Thursday of last week and said his first Mass the following day, and Brother John Christy Smith, a student of philosophy in Saint Rose's Priory, Spring Hill, Ky., who will be ordained to the priesthood next June.

When Father Ambrose Smith celebrated his first Mass last week his three brothers assisted him.

Funeral services for Mrs. Smith will be held at St. Antoninus' Church, Newark, tomorrow. Father Ignatius Smith will be celebrant of the solemn Mass of requiem. His three brothers will assist him.

In addition to the four sons who are members of the Order of Preachers, Mrs. Smith is survived by three other sons and a daughter.

Famous Observatory to Pass into History

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

St. Charles, Mo., Nov. 9.—One of the oldest landmarks on the University of St. Charles campus soon will pass into history. It was announced by the Rev. C. J. McCoy, S. J., president of the university, that the observatory, which has been in the possession of the university since 1862, will be dismantled and its instruments removed to the observatory of the University of Notre Dame, Ind., where they will be used for the purpose of the observatory.

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German-Vatican Concordat Prospect

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine, (Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cologne, Nov. 5.—Articles carried recently in newspapers antagonistic to the Center party, with regard to the proposed Concordat between the German Republic and the Holy See, have caused no little stir in political circles. However, such a situation has always arisen whenever a Concordat was under consideration. Non-Catholic journals always look with suspicion upon such a move and may be expected to make certain objections and protests until the contents of the Concordat have been definitely and officially made known.

Organs of the National People's party declare that a Concordat at this time is "absolutely impossible for the welfare of present political and ecclesiastical conditions." The Socialists, on the other hand, who are as a matter of fact, in the majority in the present Government, seem more willing to accept a new Concordat, providing that it does not conflict with their ideas of school regulation. The Democrats and members of the People's party have the same opinion regarding the school question but are more or less favorable to the Concordat.

Despite present protests, the general feeling is that conditions are not unfavorable to the new Concordat and that the Holy See will find ways and means to regulate ecclesiastical problems in Prussia to the reciprocal satisfaction of Church and State. Both the Chancellor of the Reich, who is a member of the Socialist party, and the Democratic Minister of Culture have declared it necessary to reach some settlement of the school problem in conformity with the lawful demands of Catholics. Even the Prussian State recognizes the mutual need for solution of the school question.

A recent rumor to the effect that eight new bishops would be established in Prussia was responsible for many articles attacking the proposed Concordat, since the feeling is that the establishment of the bishoprics would occasion certain encroachments or demands. The anti-Center press also demands that any new bishops must be appointed by the Holy See, after it has reached an understanding with the Government and not elected by the chapters.

Noted Girl Swimmer Enters N. Y. Convent

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 9.—Miss Mollie Conneally, former life guard at the beach at Whitestone and noted long-distanced swimmer, has become a nun. Recently she took the veil of the Sisterhood of St. Dominic at Amityville, L. I., and is now Sister Mary Frances Regis of Christ the King.

Just two years ago, at the age of 16, Miss Conneally, braved the treacherous cross-current of the Sound to swim the six miles from Whitestone to Great Neck. Last year she became a member of the life-saving squad at Bostra's Beach. She aided in the search, June 23 last, for the body of William Bell, a resident of Woodside, who was drowned near the beach. For two hours she persisted in her futile efforts, diving and swimming about the spot where Bell had fallen from an improvised raft. When finally she was taken from the water against her will, she had been severely scratched by the sharp rocks along the bottom of the Sound.

Miss Conneally is the daughter of John B. Conneally, a retired police sergeant.

St. Mary's Magazine Wins National Honor

St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., Nov. 9.—St. Mary-of-the-Woods College publication, The Aurora, is the cup winner of the senior division of the magazine contest conducted last June by the National Scholastic Press Association. The decision of the judges was made public this week.

Hundreds of Universities, colleges and high schools participated in this contest, the first to be conducted by the National Scholastic Press Association. The movement is one that is expected to encourage greater literary efforts among students of Journalism.

Marquette Debaters Will Invade Canada

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

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 9.—Marquette University debaters will invade Canada and the eastern states on their 1928 inter-collegiate journey. It has just been announced by Professor William R. Duffy, head of the school of speech. The contemplated tour of the south has been abandoned.

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Noted Jesuit Author Dies at Cincinnati

News of the death of Rev. Francis J. Finn, S. J., will be received with deep regret by Knights of Columbus throughout the country. Father Finn died November 1 at St. Xavier Rectory, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he has for many years been in charge of the parochial school connected with that parish. He was the author of a number of books, most of them dealing with juvenile characters, but widely read by old and young alike. Among them are "Tom Playfair," "Claude Lightfoot," "The Fairy of the Snows," "Best Foot Forward," etc. Through his writings and his contacts, he has won the affection of thousands of people throughout the nation. Father Finn was also well known in the field of Catholic education, and in civic enterprises. Extensive plans for a city-wide celebration of the golden jubilee of his entrance into the Jesuit Order were in the making at the time of his death.

Father Finn has been a member of Archbishop Elder Council, No. 1195, Cincinnati, for a number of years, and during the time of his membership has always been an interested and helpful participant in all the worth-while activities of the Order in his locality. He was formerly Chaplain of Ohio State Council.

Solemn funeral services took place at St. Xavier Church, Cincinnati.

District Deputy Biele, of Cincinnati, Dies Suddenly

District Deputy C. Frank Biele, of Cincinnati, Grand Knight of Archbishop Elder Council, died suddenly on the morning of November 5 after an operation for appendicitis. A few days before his death, he had been appointed an honorary pall-bearer to represent Cincinnati Chapter at the funeral of Father Finn. Brother Biele was well known throughout the entire country and by his untimely passing the Order loses one of its most valued members.

Ground is Broken for Toledo Council Building

Ground has been broken for the new building which will be erected for Toledo Council, No. 386, at a cost of approximately \$285,000. The building will be eight stories high and will be a center for Catholic activities in the city. It will house a swimming pool and gymnasium and will be completely equipped for all indoor sports. A large assembly hall and council rooms will occupy the fourth floor. The building committee is hopeful that the structure will be ready for dedication during the State Convention which will be held in Toledo next May.

Boys' Work Notes

A report of the successful operation of Morris Park Circle No. 14 has just been received from Senior Counselor George F. Drescher of Richmond Hill, New York. That Morris Park Advisory Committee and Counselors are proceeding in the proper manner in their Squire work may be judged from the information contained in the report that new counselors have been added to the staff and that another sector of candidates will be invested with the mantle of Squirehood immediately after the parent Council is located in its new building. Morris Park Council is doing real Boys' Work with leaders, supplied to Scout troops organized in every parish so that the younger boys, as well as the older lad, come under the leadership and guidance of trained and qualified Catholic leaders for his leisure-time activities.

Circle No. 8 of Jacksonville, Florida, is another Circle that is progressing very favorably. Due to no small measure to the excellent leadership of Brother Thomas E. Mallon, who, with Brother Cyril A. Marx, has been connected with this Florida circle since its institution in May, 1927. It is interesting to learn that Brother Mallon has recently been chosen Grand Knight of Council No. 648 and has the honor of being one of the very youngest members of the Order to be elected to this important post. The worthy Grand Knight's connection with the Columbian Squires, no doubt, has given him a greater insight into the younger men and should be of much assistance in his campaign amongst the Catholic men of his Council.

Application for the ten-evening Boyology course and for a Columbian Squire Charter have been received from Grand Knight William T. Kuzman, as one of the leading citizens of Ontario's metropolis, has long been active in the welfare of the Catholics of the city and has for some time been spreading the gospel of trained Catholic adult leisure-time guidance for boys amongst his fellow members. As head of Toronto Council he wishes to begin right and wants the members of the Council to have the fundamentals of the Boyology course.

Boys' Work shows inaugurating any Advocate Michael F. Walsh will address the members of the Council on Nov. 20, 1928.

Pittsburgh Knights Engage In Many Activities

Pittsburgh Chapter's new president, John M. Boissou, assumed office November 1. He is serving his first term as State Treasurer and is Past Grand Knight of Duquesne Council, No. 264, one of the largest and wealthiest in eastern United States. The Chapter includes nineteen councils, having a combined roster of over eight thousand members, and owning knights of Columbus homes worth almost a million dollars. President Boissou plans to continue the aggressive policy of Past President Leo A. McMullen in Boy Welfare activities, in which the Chapter has made a splendid record.

Several hundred hospitalized war veterans in Pittsburgh hospitals will be treated to a worth-while Christmas as a result of the continued activity sponsored by Louis F. S. Cook, Grand Knight of Pittsburgh Council and former Supreme Council Welfare Secretary. Largely through his efforts the Knights of Columbus Hospital Fund provides the veterans with Christmas cheer and affords movies and other entertainments during the year. Individual members and councils in western Pennsylvania contribute to the fund, now in its third year.

Knights of Columbus will have a prominent part in the annual banquet of the Laymen's Retreat League of St. Paul's, at Duquesne Council, Pittsburgh, November 17. Speakers will be Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati; Supreme Director Francis P. Matthews, Omaha, and Patrick J. McCarthy, Toledo, Past State Deputy of Ohio. Bishop Boyle will deliver the introductory. District Deputy William A. Ryan will be toastmaster. District Deputy Henry S. Carr is president of the Retreat League.

Past Master Robert Trame Given Testimonial Dinner

Fourth Degree Knights of Kenton and Campbell Counties, Kentucky, recently gave a testimonial dinner in honor of Brother Robert B. Trame, Past Master of the Fourth Degree, District of Kentucky. Sir Knight Harry H. Kemper presided as toastmaster. Many telegrams were received from all parts of the country praising the work of Brother Trame. He was presented with a handsome silver service. During his term of office, Past Master Trame instituted three general assemblies and one local assembly, and added six hundred and seventy-five members to the Fourth Degree rolls. He was instrumental in placing "Columbia" and other Catholic publications in the public libraries of the State.

Cincinnati Chapter Elects Officers Cincinnati Chapter elected two new officers at its last meeting. William Rieckelman succeeded Clarence E. Spraul as Vice-President, and John E. Comer was elected Secretary. Officers re-elected were Daniel A. O'Donovan, President; Joseph J. Schorr, Treasurer, and James P. Hastings, Warden.

The Week's Best Giggle

Now that the shooting is over, may we pass around a smile?

Said the Christian Century: "In the present campaign, where for the first time in American history a Roman Catholic has aspired to the presidency, the Church affects a remote indifference. But this apparent detachment is a strategic pose, for a political purpose, and no enlightened citizens, whether Catholic or Protestant, are in doubt as to its meaning."

As the wise old woman said to the young girl contemplating matrimony, "It's damned if you do and damned if you don't."

Noted California Knight Dies

George A. Connolly, a Past State Deputy of California, died October 11 at San Francisco. Brother Connolly achieved unusual success as an attorney. President Wilson selected him as Judge in the settlement of property questions between the people of Panama and the United States Government. He was later appointed Assistant Attorney General of the United States. Brother Connolly was twice elected Grand Knight of San Francisco Council and was, throughout his life, an enthusiastic worker in the cause of Columbianism.

Porto Rico Knights Build School

Juan Ponce de Leon Council, No. 1716, Ponce, Porto Rico, has been instrumental in providing a fine new concrete school building for Catholic boys. The Council raised \$10,000, purchased a site for the school and donated it to the diocese. The school building was erected at a cost of \$20,000. The Council occupies a small part of the building as a meeting place and pays, as rent, the interest on the outstanding indebtedness. Brother F. L. Porras Doris is Gran Knight of the Council.

St. Columba Council Installation November Twentieth

District Deputy Edward J. McLaughlin will install the newly-elected officers of St. Columba Council, No. 1119, Brooklyn, New York, and State Advocate Michael F. Walsh will address the members of the Council on Nov. 20, 1928.

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Catholics In London Form Poetry Circles

London, Nov. 9.—A Catholic Poetry Circle has made its appearance here. The first public meeting was held Tuesday when Alfred Noyes and Evan Morgan gave recitals. G. K. Chesterton has given his support to the new movement.

District Deputy Has Son for Warden

Brother Laurence Whalen, Council No. 56, Fall River, Massachusetts, now serving his second term as District Deputy, has had his son Arthur as his Warden since first taking the office.

Past Master Fourth Degree Dies

Connecticut Knights mourn the passing of Brother John Lee, of Norwich, Past Master of the Fourth Degree in Connecticut, who died Monday, November 5. Brother Lee was prominent in Knights of Columbus circles in the East and had many friends throughout the Order.

Rev. Chas. F. Myers Priest-Educator, Dies

San Francisco, Nov. 6.—The funeral of the Rev. Charles F. Myers, who died here Friday, was held at St. Mary's Cathedral yesterday. A solemn high Mass was celebrated and interment was in Holy Cross cemetery. Father Myers was formerly pastor of St. Augustine's church at Pleasanton, and for the last 13 years been a member of the faculty at St. Patrick's preparatory seminary at Menlo Park.

Marquette On New Radio Wave

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 9.—Marquette University's radio station, WHAD, broadcasting pioneer of Wisconsin, will go to its new wave band allocation Sunday. It was announced by the Rev. Alfred H. Poetker, S. J., prominent in Knights of Columbus circles in the East and had many friends throughout the Order.