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Broadcasting of Catholic Program Will Take Place Every Sunday Evening

Recent Outrages Against the Church In Tabasco, Mexico

Two Distinguished Catholics, After Being Imprisoned, Mysteriously Disappear—One Priest Working In State Is Hunted—Despoliation Of Many Churches—Rubio Shooting Inquiry.

PRIESTS ARE FORBIDDEN ENTRANCE AND GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE

Special Correspondence: N. C. W. C. News Service.
Mexico City, March 7. Coincident with the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Vicente Cancheo, of Guadalupe, Jalisco, as Bishop of Tabasco, just announced by the Apostolic Delegate, reports continue to be received here telling of persecution of Catholics and destruction of churches in that state, the only one which has not yet formally accepted the agreement reached between the Church and state last year.
The persecution, according to reports from persons living in the affected area, has taken several forms, and shows no sign of ending. Churches have been destroyed and looted; Catholics have been persecuted and imprisoned; and the one priest in the area, Father Macario Fernandez Aguado, has been forced to travel constantly about the state, remaining in hiding a large part of the time, to avoid being slain.
Two Catholics Disappear
Two Catholics, Attorney Juan B. Rueda and Mr. Lorenzo Rodas, have disappeared after having been imprisoned in the state, according to a letter from three dated February 1. Mr. Rodas is a brother of the late "Governor" Father Manuel Rodas, who has been unable to enter the state since the religious persecution began in 1926.
The arrest of the two Catholics, the letter says, is believed to have resulted from their efforts on behalf of the Church in Tabasco. Judge Rueda prepared a petition on behalf of Mr. Rodas, protesting against destruction of churches in the state. Others believe, according to the letter, that the arrests were caused following interception of a communication from the Vicar General, which said a change of conditions was to be expected in Villahermosa, the capital, and which referred to the writings of Judge Rueda. The letter was seized and held by the state government.
No worship is permitted in the Diocese of Tabasco, and priests are forbidden entrance. The only one working in the state is Father Aguado, who for three years has risked his life by remaining in the area. So difficult is his task that he must remain in hiding most of the time, and must exercise every care in sending letters to his former Bishop, the Archbishop of Mexico City, Sr. Diaz, so that his movements will not be traced.
Only three months ago another priest who entered the state, from the Diocese of Campeche, was murdered.
Letters Detail Recent Outrages
A letter received from Tabasco, mailed in January, reported:
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New School For Holy Cross Parish



Contracts will soon be let and work started on the fine new three-story Holy Cross Parish School, pictured above. The school will be erected on the Latta Road, just off Lake Avenue. It will have a frontage of 90 feet on that road and a depth of 125 feet on Lighthouse Street. Plans for the school have been drawn by George F. Lorenz, architect, and they have been approved by the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Connell, D.D., Bishop of Rochester. The Rev. Alexander McCabe, rector of Holy Cross Church, and his assistant, the Rev. Robert F. Hagerty, and the people of Holy Cross parish are enthusiastic about the new school, which will be a fine one in every particular.

Cardinal Dedicates Catholic Radio Hour To Cause of Truth

Pronounces It One of Service to America, Designed to Make the Catholic Faith, Its Obligations and Its Blessings, Better Known to All People—The Initial Hour Program.

RELIGION NEVER BEFORE DISCUSSED SO WIDELY, CARDINAL HAYES DECLARES

New York, March 7.—The Catholic national weekly Radio Hour, broadcasting Catholic truth, doctrine and music all over the land, was inaugurated here last Sunday by his Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes. It was the first time in the history of America that a national hook-up was devoted to the broadcasting of Catholic truth, and the results were most gratifying to the promoters of the undertaking.
Cardinal Hayes opened the program, dedicating the hour to one of service to America. He declared that the work was inaugurated "with good-will, with kindness and with Christ-like sympathy for all people."
The Cardinal Introduced
The Cardinal was introduced by Merlin Hall Avelarworth, president of the National Broadcasting Company. He spoke from the headquarters of this company, at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-Fifth Street, over Station WBAF, beginning at 8 o'clock in the evening. The program was continued until 7 o'clock. Every Sunday evening this same hour will be devoted to the broadcasting of a Catholic program—first from New York, then from other cities.
"It is a very distinct privilege to be invited to dedicate this radio hour to the exposition of Catholic truth and to the spiritual and temporal well-being of our country. A word of sincere appreciation is extended to the National Broadcasting Company for its generous offer."
"We begin this evening another chapter in the religious life of the world. For some time the N. B. C. has presented weekly Protestant and Jewish programs and now a weekly hour is being instituted for the third great religious group." Mr. Avelarworth introduced the Cardinal as "one of America's most noted prelates, a man who has endeavored himself not only to those of his own faith, but to all Americans irrespective of creed."
Cardinal Hayes speaks
Cardinal Hayes said: "Tonight, the National Council of Catholic Men, a department of the National Welfare Conference, inaugurates a weekly radio hour, not local but national, covering through a network of stations our entire country. This national Catholic hour is a natural extension of the Catholic radio stations, which have been operating for several years, and will continue to do so, rendering splendid service for the benefit of their large audiences, in various sections of the country."
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Meet the Hierarchy



THE RT. REV. JOHN MARK GANNON, D.D.

Holland Dancing Craze Is Called Moral Menace

The Hague, March 7.—The Holland Ministers of the Interior and of Justice have appointed a commission to investigate into the dancing craze in Holland, which has become a moral menace.
The authorities might and should interfere to eliminate them.
This ministerial initiative is the result of a speech made in the Dutch Chambers during the discussion of the Budget of the Department of Interior by Miss Annie Meyer, member of the Catholic faction of the House. That speech called the Government's attention to the demoralizing influence of the mad craze and asked for the elaboration of ways and means to put a stop to it.

Catholics in Congress



VINCENT CARTER

Vincent Carter of Wyoming is one of the small number of Catholics in the Congress of the U. S. He is a capable and excellent Representative, and is popular with his people at home.

Msgr. M. J. Lavelle Says That Penance Is First Law of Lent

New York, March 7.—"Penance is the first law of Lent," said Msgr. Michael J. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, in a sermon here last Sunday. He declared that fast, abstinence, self-denial and the practice of Christian Charity are all necessary for its proper observance. He advocated the reading of books dealing with religious and spiritual matters and said there was very little vice or loss of faith to be found among those who devoted some of their time to the perusal of such works.
"The best way to prepare for Lent is to be glad it has come," said Msgr. Lavelle, "and to look upon it as a real treasure we wish to make our own. It is a time when we can drive out jealousy, selfishness and petty sins, as well as scarlet ones. We ought to come to the end of Lent feeling it has been one of the happiest seasons we have ever known."

Cardinal Merry del Val Leaves Estate to Missions; Buried Close to Pius X.

Vatican City, March 7. Cardinal Merry del Val, former Papal Secretary of State, who died here on Wednesday of last week, was buried on Monday morning in St. Peter's, in the presence of 20 fellow-Cardinals. Thousands gathered in St. Peter's for the funeral Mass, celebrated by Msgr. Zampini at the altar of Sts. Processus and Martinianus.
Before the altar, surrounded by candles, stood the Cardinal's bier, bearing his red hat. After a blessing by each attending Cardinal, the coffin was immured in the grotto beneath the basilica, near the tomb of Pius X.
The Cardinal had expressed the desire in his will to be buried near Pius X. Pope Pius XI assented, and at the same time let it be known that he, too, desired to be buried near Pius X.
Among those who attended the funeral were Cardinal Gasparri, recently Papal Secretary of State, and his successor, Cardinal Pacelli. Each sprinkled the bier with holy water prior to the Requiem Mass. The coffin was draped with white satin.
Cardinal Merry del Val's tomb is that of the Stuart pretender who claimed to be Henry IX of Britain, Duke of York and Cardinal of Frascati, known as Cardinal York—who, like Merry del Val, was Archbishop of St. Peter's. This is under the left transept of the basilica.
Mass Sung in London
At the same time that the funeral Mass was being said in St. Peter's in Rome, a Mass for Cardinal Merry del Val was sung in Westminster Cathedral, with Cardinal Bourne officiating. The Cardinal gave absolution before a catafalque covered with a golden pall and surmounted by six huge candles.
Among the principal mourners were Marchese Merry del Val, wife of the Spanish Ambassador and sister-in-law of the Cardinal, accompanied by her two sons and other relatives and the personnel of the Spanish Embassy. The French and Belgian Ambassadors, a representative of the Canadian High Commissioner and representatives of the various Spanish institutions also were present.

Czechoslovakian



DR. HENRY ENGLIS

The Minister of Finance in Czechoslovakia is Dr. Henry Englis, and he is considered a remarkable financier. He is a devout Catholic, as well as an able statesman.

Poor Missions Get Estate

The will of Cardinal Merry del Val has left an estate of \$400,000 to the poor missions of the world.
Ancient Articles Found
Bangkok, Siam, March 7.—At the town of Luevo several religious articles of old silver, notably two candlesticks, a chalice, and a censor, have been found, all dating from the days of King Louis XIV of France. In the late 17th and early 18th centuries Catholic missionaries from France were for a time very influential in Siam. (Files Cor.)

Bombay Chief Is Knighted By King George

Bombay, India, March 7.—Bombay's Police Commissioner, Sir Patrick A. Kelly, knighted by King George in the New Year Honour's List, is a practicing Catholic and active worker for the Church. On one occasion, under Archbishop Goodier, he headed the annual Catholic Charities fete.
Bombay, city of 1,000,000 inhabitants, counts an important Catholic population, European and native-born. (Files Cor.)

Catholic Charity Campaign To Open In New York May 4

New York, March 7.—A mass meeting for the purpose of shaping up preliminary work for the 14th annual Catholic Charity Campaign in the Archdiocese of New York, was held at the Hotel Astor here on Monday evening, with Cardinal Hayes presiding. More than 1,000 priests and workers of the organization attended. Cardinal Hayes said no goal would be fixed this year, in keeping with the policy of other years, but that he felt satisfied the pastors and their workers would put forward unusual efforts.
Greater need for charity exists now than ever before in the existence of the organization, Cardinal Hayes said. Bishops throughout the country report a similar condition in their Dioceses, he said, and he urged all to work harder this year than heretofore.
There are in the Archdiocese, the Cardinal said, 2,046,345 volunteer Catholic charity workers; 2,046 religious workers, and only 141 paid workers.

Editor Among Three Named As Prelates

Quincy, Ill., March 7.—Official documents, elevating three priests of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Rt. Rev. Monsignor have been received by the Rt. Rev. James A. Griffin.
The three honored are the Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Foley, editor of "The Western Catholic"; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. C. H. Johannes, pastor of St. Louis Church, Nokomis, Ill.; and the Rev. J. P. Maroney, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Pana, Ill.

Statue of Priest In Polish Capital

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Warsaw, March 7.—A committee has been appointed at Warsaw for the erection of a monument commemorating a beloved Salesian, the Rev. John Slemiec. It is hoped to unveil the memorial on the tenth anniversary of his death.
Father Slemiec was noted for his charity and consolation in his work among the abandoned, in the most poverty stricken sections of the Polish capital.

Minister Praises Catholic Religion

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Cleveland, March 7.—Speaking on the topic "Roman Catholicism" here recently in the Unitarian Church, the Rev. Dilworth Lupton, pastor of the congregation said there are many things Protestants may learn from the Catholic Church. Among these he enumerated respect for tradition, respect for one's self, the spirit of self-sacrifice and admiration for the cosmopolitan character of the Catholic Church.
Catholics claim, and their claim is borne out in history, Mr. Lupton said, that the Church is the mother of education, of the fine arts and of culture down through the ages.

Thousands of Russians, Fleeing from Persecutions, Are in Sad Plight in Poland

Warsaw, March 7.—Thousands of Russians, fleeing from persecutions by Soviets in their native land, have crossed the border into Poland and are in a sad plight.
Many of the refugees went first of all to church in a border village, their own churches having been closed for the last few months on Soviet orders.
Poland is now faced with the difficult problem of sheltering the refugees. The Poles do not want to send them back to new sufferings, but cannot grant them adequate relief owing to the present difficult economic situation. Camps will be built near the frontier for them, and the Polish Government plans to ask the help of the League of Nations relief committee, called the Nansen Committee, which is in charge of political refugees all over the world.
Because of the steady crossing of the Polish border by Soviet peasants, Warsaw newspapers have sent special correspondents to the frontier. The correspondent of the Warsaw Express today reported that the number of refugees from Russia was growing hourly. He said the refugees were exhausted and many of them bore wounds inflicted by pursuing Soviet patrols. This correspondent said he had been told by the refugees that the Soviet Government had sent to the border special punishment expeditions which are destroying and burning entire villages.
The correspondent reported that

Irish Question Settlement Helps Britain In U. S.

London, March 7.—Declaring that he had retired from diplomatic life and intended buying a house and settling down here with his family, Sir Esme Howard, retiring British ambassador to Washington, arrived here last Friday.
"I feel convinced," he said, "after knowing the United States for nearly 35 years that the feeling toward Great Britain during that time has steadily improved."
"There is no longer what used to be known as the old grudge against Great Britain. It is dying away, and the settlements of the Irish question and our debt to America have caused a great change in the public opinion of the United States towards us."

Sulpician Students Organize Vacation School Study Club

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, March 7.—A number of students in the Sulpician Seminary, here, have formed an organization known as the Religious Vacation School Club, for the definite purpose of preparing themselves to teach in the religious vacation schools during the next and following Summers. The Club is organized under a constitution and a set of officers, so arranged as to give stability to the group without, however, hindering any free activity.
While men from the Sulpician Seminary have engaged in this work before, this is the first organized effort made here with official recognition to support this missionary work. Seven States are represented in this Club. Some will teach in the religious vacation schools of their own State or Diocese, while others are prepared to go wherever they are needed.

In Africa



MOST REV. ARTHUR HILDNER

The Most Rev. Arthur Hildner, the new Apostolic Delegate in Africa, has been named titular Archbishop of Nazareth. He is a zealous and beloved church worker, and is a father to the missionary workers in Africa.

Priest Drops Dead While Preaching

Paris, March 7.—A dramatic death interrupted a sermon in a Paris church. The Rev. Father Francis, a Frenchman, was preaching when he collapsed. He was taken to the hospital, but died before he could be revived. He was 45 years of age.

Catholic U. Gets \$400,000

Washington, March 7.—The Catholic University of America, here, has received \$400,000 from the estate of Miss Bridget Hayes of Philadelphia. It was announced.