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Italian Situation Beginning to Clear, Though Still Tense

Pope Pius Remains Firm in His Insistence for Justice and Right—Attack on Vatican Broadcasted by Fascisti—Offer to Open Club Houses for Girls is Refused—Churches Interdicted.

VAST BUILDING PROJECTS OF CHURCH THROUGHOUT ITALY SUSPENDED BY POPE

Vatican City, June 12.—The situation between the Vatican and the Italian Government shows some signs of the approach of an amicable clearing. But it is still tense, and is by no means to the liking of the Holy Father. The indications are, however, that a peaceful conclusion may be reached. The past week was featured by a bitter attack over the Radio on the Vatican by Fascisti; by the offer of Mussolini to permit the opening of club houses for Catholic girls, and the rejection of that offer by Pope Pius; by a published request in the semi-official Vatican paper, Osservatore Romano, that Catholics pray for peace; by the suspension of vast building projects by the Church throughout Italy; by a reply on the part of the Italian government to the two notes of Protest sent to it by the Pope; by the resignation of Msgr. Giuseppe Pizzardo, Papal Assistant Secretary of State, as Director of the Catholic Action Society, and by the interdiction of a number of churches in Southern Italy that failed to obey the order of Pope Pius forbidding public Corpus Christi processions last week.

The Fascisti Attack
The Fascisti Radio attack upon the Vatican, like every movement made thus far against Pope Pius by Mussolini forces, was an underhanded one, not even the name of the speaker being announced. But it was made at an hour always reserved for the latest news of Italy. The delivery of the attack was made by a "foreign power." The speaker made the direct charge that the Pope's statement that Catholic Action never interfered in politics was "false." In the next breath the speaker declared that the Fascisti had the greatest respect and reverence for the Church and the Pope. "The Vatican attitude therefore shows the blackest ingratitude," said the speaker. "Efforts were made by the Fascist orator to ridicule the whole affair. He called it a 'balloon swollen to undue proportions,' and said the Italian government was the restorer of religious values." The speaker claimed that Catholic Action members took their orders from a "for-



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Moslems Own Wailing Wall, Not Jews, Commission Rules In Dispute in the Holy Land

But Jews Are to Have Access to the Wall for Purposes of Devotion—Efforts to Bring About Mutual Agreement Was Not Successful.

London, June 12.—The Commission appointed by the Macdonald Government to decide the ownership of the Wailing Wall that caused bloody riots between Moslems and Jews in the Holy Land in August, 1929, has rendered its decision—the Wailing Wall belongs to the Moslems. Simultaneously from Jerusalem comes the news that Sir John Chancellor, British High Commissioner in Palestine, has issued a proclamation enforcing the commission's findings at once.

The Commissioners were Eli L. Ogren, a distinguished Swedish jurist, chairman; Charles Barde, a Swedish and vice-president of the Court of Justice in Geneva, and M. G. Van Kempen, a member of the State General of the Netherlands.

No Agreement Possible
Before issuing the report, every effort had been made to bring the parties to an amicable settlement, but without success.

The report finds the Moslems have sole ownership of and the sole proprietary right to the Wailing Wall and the adjoining pavement. Although granting the Jews free access to the wall for purposes of devotion, it limits their right to carry the ark containing the scrolls of the law near to the wall on certain special occasions.

Fear is felt that the findings of the Commission may not be approved by either the Moslems or the Jews, and that further trouble may result. The Moslems request permits for Jews to use the wall on holy days, and the

Moslems must keep the pavement clean and in repair.

The main point won by the Moslems is that the wall, the pavement and Mochrabi quarter opposite are their sole property. They claimed that the wall was hallowed by the Prophet Mahomet and was the property of the Wakf, the religious endowment held in trust for Moslems.

The Jews, on the other hand, failed to establish that the Moslem claim was a recent one, and that the wall was one of the Jewish holy places and had been connected with the Jews since the destruction of their temple by Herod.

James M. Mangan Named Director Of American A. A.

Albany, N. Y., June 12.—James M. Mangan of Rochester, President of the New York State Automobile Association, and also President of the Automobile Club of Rochester; John H. Wright of Jamestown, former State Association President; and Dal H. Lewis of Buffalo, Managing Director of the Automobile Club of Buffalo, have been elected Directors of the American Automobile Association, according to news received from West Baden Springs, Indiana, where the AAA Convention was held.

Think more of the loss of souls than of the loss of cities, for souls are dearer than cities in the heart of God.

Remember that you have to die, and you know not when; prepare then by Confession and Communion; that after death you may rise again to glory with Jesus Christ.

J. L. Stoddard, Famous Author, Died in Italy

Writer, Lecturer, Traveler, He Was Known the World Over—Became Convert to the Church in 1922.

Rome, June 12.—John L. Stoddard, famous author, lecturer, traveler, died at his villa near Merano, Italy, last Friday at the age of 81 years. A score and more years ago he was one of the best known travel writers in the world. His travel lectures, published in 15 volumes between 1898 and 1909, were sold the world over in handsome editions, and are found to-day in nearly all libraries. They are written in picturesque language, and are beautifully illustrated.

Mr. Stoddard had made his home in Italy for several years past, and was very fond of the country and its people. He was living in Germany when the World War broke out, and in 1915 he wrote an open letter, and a vigorous one, denouncing the anti-German propaganda in the United States, and the men who were back of it.

Convert to Church
A "free thinker" for 40 years, Mr. Stoddard surprised his friends by becoming a member of the Catholic Church in 1922. What comfort and happiness this change made in his life is strikingly illustrated in the following paragraphs from one of his books, "Rebuilding a Lost Faith."

"Favored are those who from their childhood up are nurtured in the Catholic Church, and to whom all her comforts, aids, and sacraments come no less freely than the air and sunshine.

"Yet I have sometimes wondered whether such favored Catholics ever know the rapture of the homeless wanderer, who in the splendours of his Father's house are suddenly revealed; the contemplation of the mariner whose atom-tossed vessel finally attains the sheltered port; the gratitude of the lonely wanderer, long lost in cold and darkness, who shares at last, however undeservedly, the warmth and light of God's great spiritual home."

A Yale Divinity Student
Mr. Stoddard was not without opportunity to study other religions. He was born in Brookline, Mass., in 1850, and attended Williams College and the Yale Divinity School. He did not become a traveler, however, but devoted himself to lecturing and writing. For a quarter of a century he was considered the most popular and best known lecturer in the English-speaking world. His books, besides his travel lectures, include: "Ten Lectures on the Holy Land," "The Life of St. Paul," "The Life of Pope Gregory the Great," "Rebuilding a Lost Faith," "The Stoddard Library," etc.

Mr. Stoddard was twice married. He is survived by his second wife, and by a son by his first marriage. The son has also written a number of popular books.

Priest to Give Library Science Courses at Univ.

ATOHSON, Kans.—The Rev. Colman Farrell, O. S. B., librarian at St. Benedict's College, whose classification rules for ecclesiastical documents and liturgical works have recently been adopted by the division of the Library of Congress, will again conduct courses in library science at the Catholic University this summer. Monsignor Eugene J. Conroy, director of the Vatican Library, recently submitted to Father Farrell for criticism the newly published cataloguing rules of the Vatican Library.



Montreal Knights Offer Communion For Their Mothers

Montreal, June 12.—More than 200 members of Montreal Council 234, Knights of Columbus, recently attended Mass in a body and received Communion for their mothers. The Mass was celebrated at Notre Dame de Bonsecours by Rev. Thomas F. Hefferkin, with Basil and Cecil Warren, members of the council, as altar boys. The Communion breakfast, which followed, was held at the Place d'Yves Hotel with J. L. Keohan as toastmaster. Guests included Edward Quinn, Master of the Fourth Degree, former District Deputy, L. J. McMahon and several past grand knights of the council.

New President Of Guatemala Like Napoleon

WASHINGTON.—Lepetit, president of Guatemala, is making much ado about the personal appearance of General Jorge Ubico, new president of Guatemala, because of his striking resemblance to the little Napoleon. It is being reported that the little Napoleon of Central America, who is familiarly known as "the little Napoleon," has a very similar appearance to the little Napoleon of Central America. It is being reported that the little Napoleon of Central America, who is familiarly known as "the little Napoleon," has a very similar appearance to the little Napoleon of Central America.

Catholic Univ. Graduates Its Largest Class

Four Hundred and Thirty-two Receive Diplomas—Graduates Represent 85 States and Other Countries.

Washington, June 12.—The Catholic University of America graduated the largest class in its history at the annual commencement exercises here on Wednesday. The list of graduates includes 432 students from thirty-five States, the District of Columbia, the major provinces of Canada, Cuba, Porto Rico,



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Philippine Islands, Guatemala, Brazil, France, and Germany. There were 233 men in the class, and 79 women from the Sisters College affiliated with the university.

The baccalaureate Mass was celebrated Sunday morning in the crypt of the national shrine of the immaculate Conception on the university campus by Dr. Nicholas Weber, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Lawrence S. Sheehy of the faculty of religion.

The commencement address was given by William J. Cooper, United States Commissioner of Education. The Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, and chairman of the university, presided at the exercises, assisted by the Hon. Mr. James Ryan, rector of the university.

The honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred on M. Paul Claudel, Ambassador of France to the United States.

Head of College, Musical Genius, To Be Honored

NEW YORK.—When the Pan-American Association of Composers meet here next winter "Concerto Arabesque" by the late John B. Williams, head of the Fine Arts Department of St. Thomas College at St. Paul, Minn., will be featured. Mr. Williams' compositions have already made his name nationally known in the musical world. "Concerto Arabesque" is an ultra-modern composition for solo orchestra and thirteen instruments. It is in the movement and represents striking polyphonic ultra-modernism.

Sister Taught Many Actresses In Select School

Hackensack, N. J., June 12.—Sister Mary Nona, head of the Institute of the Holy Angels at Fort Lee, died here last week in the course of a long illness. She was 89 years old. She established the institute, which is a private Catholic school, 45 years ago, and had been at the head ever since.

Many widely known actresses have been educated at the Institute of the Holy Angels, among others Grace George and Alice Brady. All who graduated from the school knew Sister Mary Nona intimately, and many of them kept up their friendships with her after they went on the stage, or into other occupations in life.

Newly Formed Council Of Catholic Women To Hold Conference

Event Will be the First Action Since Organization Council Some Weeks Ago—International Presentation Will be Studied—Miss Anna Dillig Coming to Inaugurate Conference.

STUDY GROUPS WILL BE ORGANIZED AND HELPFUL WORK WILL BE DONE

Upon invitation of the N. C. W., Miss Anna Dillig, of New York, Pa., will come to Rochester about June 20th for a conference on International Peace Solidarity, which has been arranged for by Miss Gertrude Discepolo, President, will be invited to deliver a presentation by Miss Gamba if she could be present and for free discussion, and is intended to be the formation of study groups, understanding a general into the problems of peace and International Peace.

Background of Catholic Philosophy
Miss Gamba is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Catholic Women, Chairman of the N. C. W. Committee on Representation and N. C. W. representative on National Catholic Welfare Conference's Joint Committee on Peace. She is a member of the Executive Committee and of the Latin American Committee of the Catholic Association for International Peace.

Miss Emily O'Donnell is chairman of the meeting.

Several Million Slaves In Soviet Russia, Declares English Woman

Duchess of Atholl Denies Her Charge—Published by British Government—Write Weekly Paper, etc.

London, June 12.—Russia has at least 5,000,000 slaves and working in degrading conditions, according to charges made by the Duchess of Atholl, former Parliamentary Secretary in the House of Commons, in a radio address Saturday night. She said that men, women and children were being starved, that no one can refuse to work, and that millions have actually been put to death.

These assertions, the Duchess of Atholl said, are based on a "Blue Book" published this year by the British government, and containing facts obtained from the report of a committee appointed to investigate Russian Communist propaganda, and from the official Russian press. "Any village Soviet organization in Russia, she said, by a vote of only four-fifths of its membership, has the right to order the conscription of labor, and the right to take workers from any class, intellectuals or laborers. Men and women are subjected to torture, and even girls and boys under 15 years of age, and must work in farms or on farms, and live in shacks constructed by themselves. If they object, all their property is confiscated, they are deported, and their families are starved."

"It is estimated," the Duchess of Atholl said, "that over 5,000,000 persons were forcibly deported under

Soviet Russia Does Not Want Cleric

Vladimir Kozlov, Soviet Minister in London, said that the Soviet Government does not want a cleric in its government.

Bible to Stay In the Schools Of Toronto, Can.

Toronto, June 12.—The Rabbinical Council of Toronto is planning to make a protest to the Ministry of Education against the recent action of the Toronto Board of Education, which rejected by a large majority the recommendation of its management committee to discontinue the use of three volumes of "Bible readings" in the public schools. Some time ago when religious and liberal groups protested against the special Bible reading, the board's management committee, by a small majority, disapproved of these readings.

In its protest to the Ministry of Education, the Rabbinical Council of Toronto said that "nothing should be introduced into the curriculum of the schools which would create invidious sectarian distinctions between pupils and which humiliate or antagonize any religious community." The protest was of an oral and the Bible readings will continue unless the Minister of Education acts to stop them.

Reverence is the chief power and joy of life; reverence for what is great and bright in your own youth; for what is true and tried in the age of others; for all that is precious among the living, great among the dead, and marvelous in the power that creates life.