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Fresh Attempt In Spain to Ban Religious Orders

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country is Catholic throughout, those in power have had the effrontery to introduce a bill in the Cortes, the purpose of which is to deprive also all other religious orders of all rights and to debar them from all teaching activity. Against this attempt, however, according to the 'Reichspost' of Vienna, a mighty wave of protest has risen.

Parents in Protest

On February 7 the Parliament building, at Madrid and its immediate environs were the scene of an imposing demonstration of protest by the Catholic parents' organizations of Madrid. More than 1000 members had appeared, with their leaders, for the purpose of presenting to the President of the Cortes, Besteiro, a vigorous, well argued remonstrance against the measure. The participants represented 21,711 children, who are being instructed by members of religious orders in 95 institutions at Madrid. Altogether the schools of the capital, conducted by religious, number 51,000 pupils. More than one half of the juveniles represented at the demonstration are children of working men, the latter term used in the strict sense of the word. 'El Debate' in an editorial comment rightly contends that the parents of all the 700,000 children, who attend schools conducted by religious orders throughout Spain, were present in spirit in front of and in the Cortes.

The protest is based essentially upon the postulate of freedom of education enjoyed by parents under the natural law and supported moreover by the present Spanish constitution. Under a regime, which vaunts its love of freedom, it would be compulsion of the rankest kind to forbid religious orders to engage in instruction, orders that had educated youth so unselfishly and satisfactorily in conformity with the religious convictions of the parents.

The declaration mentions in a highly impressive manner the fact that the majority of the parents affected are poor, that they are indebted to the unselfishness, the charity, and the self-sacrifice of the orders for the free education of their children. Enforcement of the prohibition of teaching by the orders would unavoidably result in their children being driven out of the schools onto the streets, and in an increase of illiterates. At present 51,000 children were being instructed in Madrid in the schools conducted by religious, as against 87,000 attending the State schools; in addition, even now, 45,000 children were deprived of school facilities and received no instruction because the Catholic schools could not provide room for them. If the institutions conducted by religious orders were to be closed, 96,000 children would be obliged to forego school attendance in the capital of the country alone.

Show Added Cost

Nor did the organizations of Catholic parents neglect to present in their declaration of protest figures regarding the financial burdens that would be imposed upon the State, that is, the taxpayers, if the children, deprived of school facilities by the closing of the schools maintained by the orders, were to be inducted into State schools. According to their computations the continuous annual additional expenditure incurred, together with the onetime cost of providing the necessary buildings and equipment, would amount to no less than one billion pesetas.

The results of the protest submitted by the parents' organizations will have to be awaited. Unfortunately there is no warrant for even the slightest optimism. The facts cited are well known to the influential members of the Government and of Cortes. Nevertheless they did not hesitate to introduce so sweeping a law, directed against the religious orders and religious education. Their blind hatred of the Church and religion causes them to ignore all other considerations.

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No one is more profoundly sad than he who laughs too much. — Richter.

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white altar, gold curtain, golden vestments and "purple" of the prelates; the audience with its various garbs of religious sisterhoods, and the flashing swords of the Fourth Degree Knights, the Bishop's escort, presented a picture long to be remembered by those present. High above the [illegible] was an illuminated emblem of [illegible] Knights of Columbus, under wh[illegible] [illegible]ces this first Solemn Pont[illegible] [illegible]ediction in Columbus C[illegible]enter, took place. American [illegible] papal flags added to the colorful [illegible]é.

Blessed by All

Those present represented a cross section of the Bishop's flock. They were present to pay homage to the beloved head of the Rochester diocese, whose four years as Ordinary have not only endeared him to his own but has made him, according to the speakers of the day, a foremost citizen of the community and a beloved figure throughout the State of New York.

In the Solemn Benediction services, the Bishop was assisted by the Rev. J. Emil Gefell, D.D., as deacon; the Rev. Thomas J. Timmons, Pastor of St. Margaret's Church as subdeacon; and the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, as assisting deacon. The Rev. Charles R. Reynolds was Master of Ceremonies for the Bishop. Students of St. Andrew's Seminary filled the minor offices. The Knights of Columbus Choral Society under the direction of Prof. Frederick C. Pohl sang the responses and Benediction hymns.

Besides the officers of the Benediction there were seated on the stage, the Bishop's deacons of honor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, vicar general, and the Rev. John F. Boppel, chancellor of the diocese; the Rt. Rev. Monsignori, James J. Hartley, P.A., George V. Burns, John P. Brophy, Joseph S. Cameron, and Charles F. Shay; State Deputy, William J. Armstrong; District Deputy, John A. Doyle; Past Grand Knight, Charles R. Barnes; Faithful Navigator, C. Vincent Wiser and Grand Knight, Dr. Walter B. O'Neill who presided.

Before the curtains parted revealing the altar, a program was conducted in which Father Timmons spoke on "St. Joseph and the Occasion," and State Deputy Armstrong took for his topic "Columbianism." Both speakers were introduced by Grand Knight Walter B. O'Neill who in extending congratulations to the honored guest at the opening of the program, extended also to Bishop O'Hern the good wishes of all Catholics and non-Catholics of the diocese.

Father Timmons in his address eloquently recounting the virtues of St. Joseph, the provider and protector of the Holy Family, recalled that thirty-two years ago, a frail young man in the Eternal City, close to the day of his ordination had selected St. Joseph to be a model, patron and protector. Father Timmons told how this young man came to be Bishop and was consecrated on the feast day of his patron.

Remembers Day

"We, all of us, remember that day," Father Timmons said. "From all parts of the country they came with the Cardinal Archbishop of New York, from the Golden Gate, that beloved and distinguished son of Rochester, Archbishop Hanna, hundreds of Bishops, prelates and priests from all over the land, to unite with that singularly distinguished and zealous priesthood of this Diocese, with the Catholics and non-Catholics, Jew and Gentile alike, to rejoice and to pray that his episcopate would be one of happiness and conscientious satisfaction to the new Bishop, and an occasion of constant help, satisfaction and happiness to God and to all people.

"Four years have passed since he ascended his throne. In four years this mitred man of God, this consecrated crozier bearer, still young in the episcopate, seems already to have fulfilled the hopes and expectations of his people. On every side among his priests and people in particular, among religious leaders of every denomination, those in civil life, as well as those not of our faith, there abides a conviction that the purpose of the Bishop is to fulfill the motto of his episcopate 'regnare est servire' —to rule is to serve.

"He seems to have kept this motto in mind, for regardless of the fact, as we know, that the life of the bishop is exceptionally arduous that its responsibilities are likewise exceptionally extensive and unique, that it entails and demands poise, judgment, wisdom, force and piety, although he has been elevated, consecrated and set aside in singular dignity and authority—he remains, nevertheless, the most respected and revered citizen of this city and the most beloved ordinary in all these United States, and this because of his simplicity, humility and zeal for God's cause and the salvation of souls.

Has Met Test

"We are constrained regretfully to remember that these first years of the Bishop's life have been years filled with many problems of economic difficulty. We all realize that changed conditions have brought much confusion into his life and have taxed in no slight degree his administrative ability, but he has unflinchingly met the test."

Father Timmons commenting on the crisis through which the nation has been passing spoke of the happy set-up in the Rochester diocese due to the wise and appreciated leadership of Bishop O'Hern and the exceptional support of the priests and people of the diocese. He spoke of Bishop O'Hern's generosity in offering advice and help to all of the faith and not of the faith.

"He has not confined his interest to his own diocesan affairs," Father Timmons declared. "He has been an able and valued advisor in many civic and state problems to all of which his gracious personality and charm his unselfish and warm cooperation effected untold good for the betterment of all concerned. He has been most solicitous of the poor, the orphans and wage earners. His sympathies, ardent and enthusiastically have been with the laboring classes, as well as with those in the high places of industrial endeavor.

"Yes, my good friends, we have reason to rejoice, reason to assemble and reason to commemorate this day, the day that brought to the throne in this Diocese of Rochester this able, gentle and zealous Bishop, whom none fear whom all love, and for whom all pray that God in his tender mercy and wisdom will give renewed vigor and length of years in order that he may serve the Master with his unusual zeal, humility and kindness for many, many years."

Since the affair was under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus it was fitting that their State Deputy, William J. Armstrong, should talk of the deeds and achievements of the great Catholic lay order.

After recounting what the Knights have done in the field of practical fraternity, the insurance feature, in feeding, clothing and sheltering the families of deceased members; what has been done in welfare work, extending a helping hand to those in need regardless of race, creed or country, what has been done in the field of education, establishing the first chair of American History at the Catholic University in Washington, establishing scholarships, conducting evening schools, establishing the boy guidance course at Notre Dame University, financing lecturers going throughout the country exposing dangers of socialism and socialistic propaganda; what was done in the World War; and citing the achievements of the Knights in establishing the hospital for tubercular members at Gabriels, N. Y. Mr. Armstrong said:

Have Nobler Mission

"Sservice has ever been the watchword of the order and our achievements are written large in the history of the World. We have some higher, some nobler mission than the mere conferring of degrees and have taken a stand for the cause of country and humanity from which there can be no retreat."

Speaking on the ideals of the Knights of Columbus, Mr. Armstrong said:

"These high ideals must not exist merely as a theory in the life of a Knight of Columbus, they must be translated into action that action of which our Holy Father tells us - Catholic Action—briefly summed up as love of God and love of our neighbor. This love is not for today or tomorrow or the next day but for every day and all the days. There is no moratorium on good deeds in the life of a true Knight of Columbus—every day is judgment day in his life."

Declaring that His Excellency, Bishop O'Hern, exemplifies in a higher degree the high ideals and worthy motives of Columbianism State Deputy Armstrong addressing the Bishop said:

"Today I have the honor of laying at your feet the love and esteem of sixty thousand zealous Knights of Columbus, sixty thousand loyal Americans, with a prayer that you may, through the grace of God, be granted a long and happy life."

At the close of the Benediction, Bishop O'Hern addressed the audience. The Bishop expressed his sincere thanks to all present and to the Knights of Columbus who arranged the ceremonies. He called upon all to pray for the guidance of President and Congress and to cooperate in every way to bring back a happy condition of employment and normal life to the country.

During the services the audience was led in singing "America" and "Sweet Name" by Paul A. Predmore. The meeting closed with the singing by all of "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name."

The large crowd was shown to seats reserved for them by a capable corps of volunteer ushers of the K. of C. headed by Charles A. Raymond and including William H. Ginnity, Edward Shlesinger, Francis Long, William Kunz, William Woerner, Louis DeBree, George Crim, Harry Scholand, and Charles McKenna. The hall was amplified under the direction of Patrick A. Dwyer.

Decorations on the stage were placed by Father Lambert, Don C. Manning and Leo F. Rombaut. The reservations were handled by Paul A. Predmore and Thomas McCarthy.

The programs were furnished through the courtesy of the Catholic Courier, official diocesan newspaper.

BOMB INJURES PRIEST

Litchfield, Ill.—The Rev. John Goff, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, at Beniel, near here, was seriously injured when a bomb was exploded in the rectory within ten feet of his bedroom.

K. of C. Praised By Bishop In Message Sunday

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marks the second occasion that the Blessed Sacrament has been brought into this building so that the Lord Himself might sanctify, as it were, its work and its walls within which a great program of religious and social activities is being carried out. We shall soon, please God, find a way of keeping Our Lord here in His Real Presence day and night, so that the hundreds of people who visit this great Civic Center and who are enjoying its activities may make at least a short visit to the Prisoner of the Tabernacle.

Owe Debt of Gratitude

"This is a great and glorious occasion not only for my unworthy self whose anniversary it happens to be, but particularly for the Knights of Columbus, an organization of Catholic laymen which is known the world over and which numbers in its ranks hundreds of thousands of men in the United States, Canada, and other foreign countries. The American people owe them a debt of gratitude for what they did in the late World War and these splendid Knights shall ever stand ready to serve the country in its hour of need; for there are no pacifists or slackers. They have been serving it during these years of emergency by cooperating to enlighten the mind and to direct the program of our President and Congress, with all national, state and municipal efforts to solve the problem of unemployment and to bring back peace and prosperity to our beloved land. And just now there is an intensive national campaign to increase their membership, the slogan of which is "500,000 New Members." I call upon our Catholic laymen of Rochester and the Rochester Diocese to become members of this organization, and to lend their assistance to its future upbuilding and its future program of welfare and fraternal work. This great building, this social center stands here as a constant witness and reminder to all the people of Rochester of what the Knights of Columbus mean to our religious, our civic, our industrial and our social life. Today was their Communion Day and hundreds of men approached the Altar in their respective parishes at the call of their Grand Knight and his committees. Their Communions, together with thousands of others which have been offered up for the spiritual and temporal needs of their Bishop, is appreciated more than he can tell and so I wish now publicly to return thanks to our clergy, the members of our Sisterhoods and to our men, women and children, for their gracious good wishes and prayers and their greetings on this happy day and on the occasion. Former Knights we trust will take occasion of this gathering to return to active membership in the organization, and let us hope that our young men who are now out of their teens will see the way to join the Council and receive the religious, patriotic and social benefits that come through membership in this Catholic fraternal body. The Bishop is proud to be a Fourth Degree Member and stands ready to lend himself on any and every occasion to the furtherance of the cause of Knighthood in our beloved city.

Orders Prayers for Country

"Before closing these remarks may I congratulate the citizens of the City of Rochester on the splendid spirit of co-operation and optimism which is abroad backing up our President and those who are responsible for the laws and legislation that make for the welfare of all the people of this glorious land. Already we have ordered prayers to be said on each Sunday throughout the diocese for the welfare of the country, asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten the mind and to direct the program of our President and Congress.

We are proud of all our religious, civic, industrial and welfare institutions, and we have always known of their strength and solidity to weather the storms of stress which come from time to time. Some of our industrial plants have been suffering now for three years but have continued to struggle and to carry on. Our financial institutions were the last to be shocked by the emergency situation which confronted us on the very day of the inauguration of our new magnetic leader. How proud we are of our Rochester banks, and how will not that confidence which we have always had be amply strengthened now that the storm is successfully weathered and normal banking life has been reestablished.

"And as I call upon each and every one of this great audience to co-operate to the fullest in helping to bring back a happy condition of employment and of normal life for the citizens of this and every other community in the land. Let fear be banished forever from our heart, and in its place let confidence, loyalty, patriotism and a spirit of sacrifice find a resting place in our hearts while we carry on for the welfare of the nation now that the sun of prosperity is rising above the horizon.

Again thanking Sir Knight Doctor Walter O'Neill and his committees, thanking the K. of C. Choral Society, thanking Sir Knight Armstrong, the good Sisters and this great audience for their presence here today, and assuring them of the undying gratitude of their Bishop and of his constant prayer that God may bless them and theirs with His choicest blessings, we shall bring this happy gathering to a close with a hymn of praise to Almighty God, the Father of us all.

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WHAT A "WHO" IS

At Malabon, a suburb of Manila, the Maryknoll Sisters conduct a Normal School. One day the following conversation between Marcello, the gardener, and an intelligent member of the community was overheard in the convent garden:

Marcello: Sister, has Sr. Assumpta a who?

Sister: A What, Marcello?

Marcello: A who, Sister.

Sister: Who?

Marcello: A who.

Sister: Whose who?

Marcello: You know, Sister, a who, a who.

Sister: But what do you mean, "who"; spell it, Marcello.

Marcello: H-O-E! ! !

PROMOTERS

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DEVELOPMENT

Development and expansion goes on in the missions in spite of curtailed finances. Here is an instance in point reported by the Bishop of Mysore, India, Msgr. M. Despatures, P.F.M.

"We began the year 1933 by opening a small convent with a dispensary and a school at Avepalean (Mysore South), this is under the Sister Catechists of Mary from Rue Monsieur Paris. In mid-January we opened another school and dispensary at White Fields, under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph (Tarbes), and on February 9 we opened at Shimoga, a town in the jungle, a convent with school and dispensary under the care of the "Dames de St. Charles" from Wez, Belgium. So this year will show an increase of apostolic activity and, let us hope, also more accessions to the fold. A part of the merits will be due to our generous benefactors without whose help these new centers could not have been started."

A NAMESAKE

On his way to Manchuria, Father Alonso Escalante, a Maryknoll missioner who is a native of Mexico, heard of another Father Escalante, also a missioner, who pioneered for God in this country in the middle of the eighteenth century. This other Father Escalante was a Franciscan, and he made a famous journey of fifteen hundred miles around the rim of the Grand Canyon, in order to discover a route to the other side of the valley. There is a butte in the Grand Canyon named after the Franciscan Father Escalante, as also a city and a mountain in Southern Utah. Another reminder to the Maryknoll Father Escalante that his mission is to bring to the Orient the Faith which missioners from Europe formerly brought to this country, thus passing on from land to land and from people to people the Sacred Torch of Divine Truth.

BENEDICTINES IN AFRICA

The papers have paid due tribute to the Benedictines of Buckfast, England, who by their own manual labor restored the old abbey ruined by the Reformation. A complete chronicle would reveal compeers of these builders in many parts of the world. But publicity is not sought after by these pioneers of the Faith in mission fields. Here is a record of achievement in the Prefecture Apostolic of Petersburg, No. Transvaal, in charge of Belgian Benedictines:

During the past year three new schools, accommodating 500 pupils, and one substantial church were built while three others are in the course of erection. The work was done by the monks themselves with the assistance of benefactors who supplied the price of building material. The financial crisis is keenly felt in South Africa and old sources of revenue for the mission have dried up, but somehow the past year saw remarkable progress, both spiritual and material.

PRAY FOR JEWS CONVERSION

Namur, Belgium—A special day of prayer has just been observed throughout the diocese of Namur of which the Most Rev. Thomas L. Heylen is bishop, for the "conversion of Jews."

A man with two hearts has been discovered. We wish they could use him in the banking business.—Chicago Times.

It is absolutely necessary to have recourse to God by prayer when one is tempted and in danger of sin.

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