

DOCTOR BLEYER GIVES ADDRESS AT STATE MEET

By CAROLYN RUTH DORAN
 Elmira—Dr. Leo F. Bleyer, director of St. Joseph's Hospital pathological laboratory, was among those invited to address the members of the New York State Association of Public Health Laboratories who assembled in their 17th annual convention Wednesday at Schenectady.

Representation of the local hospital's staff member on the program is a tribute both to that institution and to Doctor Bleyer, whose work is well known among his colleagues here and in other medical centers.

Doctor Bleyer's experience has covered a wide field. First affiliated with the State Serum Institute in Copenhagen, Denmark, Doctor Bleyer later expanded his scientific work in association with the Hygienic Institute in Basel, Switzerland. Entering the educational as well as the practical field in America, he served as research assistant and instructor in bacteriology and pathology at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., and at the State University of Illinois, Chicago, before coming to the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital.

The speakers for the convention included among others: Prof. Michael Heidelberger of the biological chemistry laboratory of Columbia University, Dr. Ruth Gilbert and Dr. Augustus B. Wadsworth, both of the New York State laboratory at Albany, and Dr. Arthur W. Wright of the Bender hygienic laboratory at Albany. O. Ager, a member of the research staff of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, by special invitation, addressed the convention.

FR. MAHONEY OF NIAGARA ON CATHOLIC HOUR

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 town, Pa., and holds degrees from the Collegio Angelico in Rome.

The titles and subject matter of Father Mahoney's broadcasts are as follows:

(1) "There is a Science of Right Living." This lecture will outline the field of Christian Ethics. Ethics is a science which investigates the laws of right conduct with reference to the natural end of man. It seeks to determine the criterion of good and evil in human acts from the standpoint of Natural Reason and apply the conclusions arrived at to the various circumstances and conditions of human life.

(2) "Within the Law." In this talk the Natural Law, that law which is written on the fleshy tablets of the human heart and which forms the basis of all law, will be discussed.

(3) "Is It Good because It Is Useful?" This lecture will show the fallacy of Utilitarianism, a system of ethics which ignores the spiritual in man and man's hope in a better world to come after death. It teaches that man is made for this world alone, that his happiness lies only in sense pleasure of the greatest number of mankind; also, that human acts are right or wrong inasmuch as they make for or against social happiness in the above mentioned sense.

(4) "Innocent or Guilty?" This lecture will treat concerning man's responsibility for his acts and the extent to which he is held by such responsibility.

(5) "The Right of Caesar." This talk will concern the authority of the state to make laws; when laws are just laws; how citizens are held by these laws and the limit of the State in making laws.

(6) "The Dictator." In his last talk, Father Mahoney will discuss that ultimate norm of all morality in the individual called "Conscience." This is a subject that applies to everyone as each man has within his soul the voice of conscience which dictates to him a knowledge of the morality of his acts.

Puerto Rican Birth Control Measure Not Given Consideration

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 tion to birth control in Puerto Rico. It was then predicted that no action would be taken on the bills. The following day the House Committee on Health and Charities, at the suggestion of its chairman, Dr. Figueroa, unanimously decided to urge the House to postpone action on the bill legalizing birth control clinics until the next session, to open probably in January, when a report will be made by a special committee.

On Holy Thursday the House Committee on Health and Charities published a statement in San Juan newspapers to the effect that the birth control bills which had been introduced probably would be affected by action in the Congress of the United States on measures introduced by United States Senator Henry D. Hatfield, of West Virginia, and Representative Frank W. Hancock, of North Carolina.

Unfavorable Report Ignored
 Strangely enough, the Committee made no mention of the fact that the bills referred to were reported unfavorably by a full Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate. As early as April 10, El Dia, a Ponce daily had published a translation of an N. C. W. C. News Service dispatch, dated February 17, telling of the unfavorable report received from the U. S. Senate Committee. The Puerto Rican Bishops in their joint appeal to the Legislators had made reference to the disapproval of the measures by the U. S. Senate Committee.

Prior to the decision to postpone action on the measures, a canvass by this correspondent showed 19 Representatives and nine Senators would have voted against the birth control legislation. Seven Representatives and nine Senators had given indications that they would vote for passage and the attitudes of 13 Representatives and four Senators could not be learned.

Bolshevism and the Risen Christ

(Paraphrase of Sermon delivered by the Rev. Benedict A. Ehmann at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Easter morning, Part 2)
 "Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4.)

Anyone, then, who maintains that Communism is but a passing phase of government which happens to be holding sway for a time in Russia, is sadly underestimating its real potentiality and misunderstanding its real significance. It is not only a form of government; it is a view of life diametrically opposed to fundamental religious truths. It is thus very philosophic in character, this Bolshevism, which makes the Bolshevik revolution so sinister for the future. But yet again there are those who smile tolerantly at the note of alarm and soothe themselves with the reflection that this is all comfortably isolated within the geographical borders of Russia where it may be hoped to die of its own impotence. My dear friends, once and for all we must rid ourselves of this flattering delusion; neither theoretically nor in fact, is Communism confined to Russia.

The Soviet program is international: it hopes to embrace the world. The very name of the Soviet State, U. S. S. R. (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), is meant to exclude all national boundaries and to include the proletariat of all nations when the time will be ripe for revolution. The following words of one of its decrees must make any thinking man take stock for the future: "Taking into consideration that Soviet authority stands on the ground of the principles of international solidarity of the proletariat and the brotherhood of the toilers of all countries, that the struggle against war and imperialism, only on an international scale can lead to complete victory, the Soviet of Peoples' Commissaries considers it necessary to come forth with all aid, including financial aid, to the assistance of the left, internationalist wing of the workers' movement of all countries, entirely regardless whether these countries are at war with Russia, or in alliance, or whether they retain their neutrality." And in Pravda, official Communist paper, under date of September 9, 1928, we read: "The world-wide nature of our program is not mere talk but an all-embracing and blood-soaked reality. It cannot be otherwise. . . Our ultimate aim is World Communism, our fighting preparations are for World Revolution, for the conquest of power on a world-wide scale and the establishment of a World Proletarian Dictatorship."

What About Facts
 Enough for the theoretical program: what about the facts? Germany is in the throes of a struggle which has been accentuated by the opposition of a large "left wing" of Communism. England is in alarm over the inroads it has been making in the schools and on the platforms of her realm. And what of us in the United States? We have had a Communist candidate for the Presidency, the poll of whose votes was nothing to be laughed at. Recently Senator Smoot united with a group of legislative men in a determined effort to trace the trail of Communism in the country and to smoke it out wherever possible: their statement to the public revealed the shocking, malodorous fact that approximately one-third of the professors and teachers in our secular universities and colleges are Communist in fact or at least in philosophic sympathy. The grandiose scientific and material projects of the Communist state are exerting an unhealthy fascination upon those who call themselves our intellectual leaders; only during this last week you and I heard an American audience of 5,000 in a vast New York auditorium applaud a foreign wise-cracking word-smith, who calls himself the Bishop of Everywhere, as he calmly recommended junking our Constitution and substituting for the government of our country an American version of Communism. Furthermore, the Atheist League of America has a Russian sector through which Moscow can pour its filthy blasphemies into the United States.

And as for the workers of the country, it is no hidden news that the propagandists of Communism are hard at work. The broken-down laborer, shunted off through no fault of his own, with no ties holding him to a traditional past, with no reserve strength from the heritage of the ages, is too often the ready disciple of Bolshevik doctrine. It offers him a hope undeniably; it shows him a channel into which he can groove his efforts as a laborer; it energizes him with a vocation which can win his zeal; it takes the depth of his despair and promises to radiate it with light from the zenith of a new day.

Our modern world, with the "influence of revolutionary ideas, the loss of spiritual order, the substitution of private interests for public authority and of individual opinions for social beliefs" faces two alternatives for the future, since man cannot for long live in the intellectual vacuum of the present. One of these is Bolshevism, which at least offers a rigid order for the spiritual anarchy of modern society outside the Church, and "substitutes for the doubt and scepticism of an irresponsible intelligentsia the certitude of an absolute authority embodied in social institutions," even though that order and certitude be misconceived and misplaced. The other alternative is the Catholic Church with its spiritual order, its public authority and its social belief. It was the Anglican Dean Inge of St. Paul's, London, who said in the Af-

Blessed Sacrament; the liturgical movement with its invigoration of prayer; the laymen's Retreat groups; the Youth Associations and Sodalties both in Europe and in America; the Study Clubs and kindred unions devoted to Catholic Lay Action, all these indicate a revitalizing and confirmation of Catholic mentality at the rich well-springs of Catholic life and thought. We cannot afford to hold ourselves aloof from these channels of vitality; we must come and be strengthened, or else lose our hold in the vortex of the modern breakdown.

CONFERENCE OF GERMAN BISHOPS MOVED FORWARD

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 many and especially in connection with the dismissal of public functionaries who are Catholics.

Two more Center party organs, the *Baldischer Beobachter* in Karlsruhe and the *Pfeilzeitung* in Heidelberg, have been suppressed by order of the police. The former for eight, the latter for three days, because they had printed an article of the famous Jesuit priest Max Pribilla in the monthly *Stimmen der Zeit* dealing with questions of the national constitution. The article had been written before the change of government.

The business managers, Messrs. Maus and Stocky, of the *Koelnische Volkszeitung*, leading Center party organ of the Rhineland, have submitted their resignations. The paper which was recently going through serious financial difficulties is to be reorganized, but will continue publication without change of editorial policy.

DEFEAT STERILIZATION BILL

Columbia S. C. A bill to legalize the sterilization of mental defectives has been overwhelmingly defeated in the State senate by a vote of 66 to 27.

What am I saying to you? Is this an Easter sermon? Is this the glorious joy which I might have been expected to proclaim to you this morning? Ah, my friends, it is the joy of that assurance of faith which proceeds from the empty tomb of Christ, and which will give us for any struggle against the Christian standard. It is the joy which shall arm us to oppose that cold, calculating, remorseless hand which finds its heart in the death-haunted tomb of Lenin in Moscow's Red Square, and which is mustering its forces against us. The light of Christ's Resurrection is upon us; but we are still on the Way of the Cross. Not until we give our faithful souls up to God shall we share in the full glory of that Resurrection. In the meantime we struggle in faith and hope, strengthened by love.

"The men of the East may spell the stars, And times and triumphs mark, But the men signed of the cross of Christ Go gallily in the dark. The men of the East may search the future fates and fame, But the men that drink the blood of God Go singing to their shame." This is the joy I give you. Therefore, if you be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above for "not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God." Amen.

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FR. WALSH, HEAD OF MARYKNOLL NAMED BISHOP

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 held in that city. Father Price was founder of the Catholic magazine *Truth*, and Father Walsh had edited *The Field Star* since 1907. Father Price had labored for a quarter of a century in North Carolina, and the two priests discovered that they had in common the holy ambition to establish a foreign mission seminary in the United States.

The Archbishops of the United States, presided over by Cardinal Gibbons, gave formal approval to the project on April 27, 1911. On June 29, 1911, the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Pius X formally authorized Fathers Walsh and Price to undertake the Society's foundation.

In the first part of 1929, Rome approved the Constitutions of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America subject to their ratification by the first General Chapter of the Society which was to be held in August of that year. At that time, after 18 years of existence—the first Catholic society founded in America expressly for the training of foreign missionaries had 125 priests, 185 seminarians in the United States and 54 brothers. In its five mission fields of the Orient it was training 106 Chinese and Korean seminarians for the Catholic priesthood. The Maryknoll Sisters, whose official title is the Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic, numbered 362 at the time.

The first General Chapter of the Society, convened at Maryknoll, N. Y., in August, 1929, re-elected Father Walsh Superior General. The re-election was confirmed by Rome.

Blessed by Holy Father
 On the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Maryknoll Society, in 1931, His Eminence Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, dispatched the following cablegram to the headquarters of this great Mission Society:

"Holy Father blesses Maryknoll and Father Walsh, its co-founder, on its twentieth anniversary."

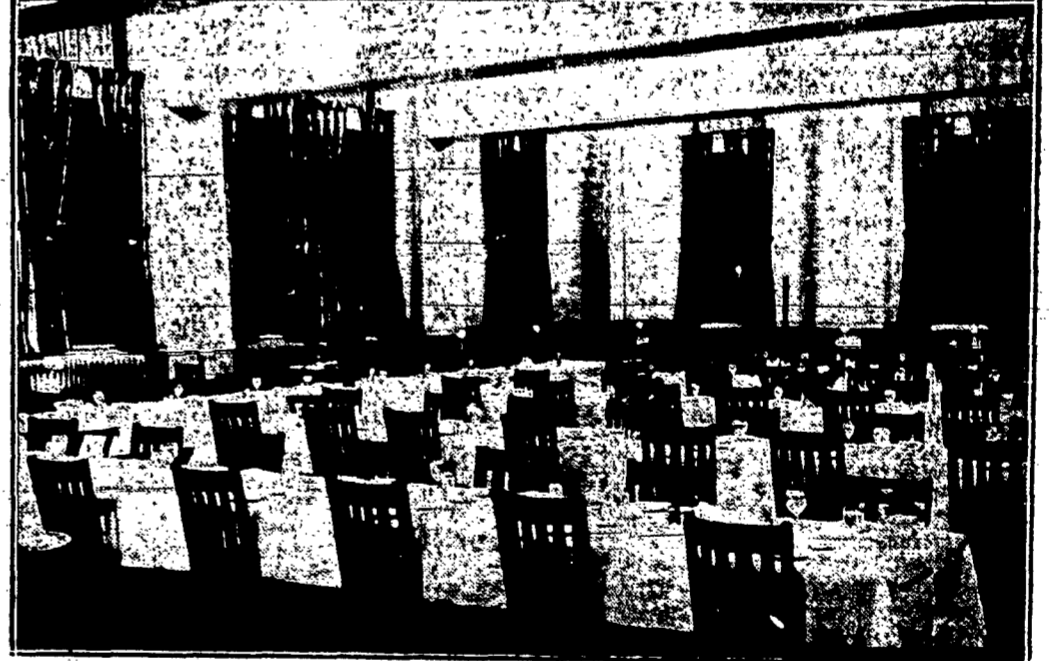
At that time, Father Walsh had just returned from a six months' visitation of Maryknoll missions in the Orient, and reported that, in spite of disturbed conditions prevailing at that time and the falling off in mission funds due to the depression in this country, progress was being made in all fields where the Society's one hundred missionaries were laboring.

Maryknoll also received congratulatory messages from Cardinal Marchetti-Selvaggiani, Vicar General of the Holy Father, and from Cardinal Laurenti, who was secretary to the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, when Fathers Walsh and Price journeyed to Rome 20 years before to seek approval of Maryknoll's foundation.

Father Walsh observed the fortieth anniversary of his ordination last year.

MSGR. RYAN'S MOTHER DEAD
 Washington—Funeral services will be held at Indianapolis, tomorrow, for Mrs. John M. Ryan, mother of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Hugh Ryan, Rector of the Catholic University of America. Mrs. Ryan died here Wednesday night. She was 66 years old.

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