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GERMANY HAILS NEW CONCORDAT WITH HOLY SEE

Catholics of Nation Vision Era of Co-Operation Under New Pact

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Berlin.—Unreserved satisfaction is expressed among German Catholics over the signature of the new concordat between the Holy See and the German Federal Government which is generally expected to open a new era of friendly relations between State and Catholic Church in this country.

Chancellor Hitler himself announced the completion of the negotiations. In his address he said he was happy that from now on priests will not engage in political activities. This provision was shaped after the model of the Concordat with Italy. President von Hindenburg also expressed his satisfaction in a telegram to Vice-Chancellor von Papen, who acted as the German negotiator in Rome, while the Caritasverband, the great association of German Catholic charities, wired its sincere congratulations to Chancellor Hitler.

Leaders to be Released

Instructions were immediately issued by the Government whereby all the members of the Catholic clergy or leaders of Catholic organizations who were recently arrested in different parts of the country were to be released.

Bishop Hurls Team To 15-Inning Victory

Chicago. — (N.C.W.C. — The Most Rev. Bernard J. Shell, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, who is general director of the Catholic Youth Organization was the hero of an exciting 15-inning ball game which was won by a team of priests from a team representing the C. Y. O.

Bishop Shell demonstrated that years have not robbed him of all the skill on the ball field which made him a star in semi-pro ranks before he began the study for the priesthood. Bishop Shell pitched the entire distance for his team in the game which was the climax of "Bishop Shell Day" at "Bishop Shell Lodge," Powers Lake. Among those who enjoyed the exciting contest was Miss Mary Duffy of Newark, national president of the Catholic Daughters of America. Bishop Shell held his opponents hitless for eight innings.

MEXICAN TUTORS FORBIDDEN TO ATTEND CHURCH

Mexico City. — (N.C.W.C. — Teachers in the public schools of the State of Zacatecas have been forbidden by the State Director of Federal Public Education to attend church services or to participate in any religious functions.

A circular sent out by the education office labeled "Concerning the Campaign of Defamation," declares the example set for students by such church attendances on the part of teachers would serve to "foment fanaticism."

The circular notes that often the public school teacher is among the first to attend when "some priest visits the village and renders his service." This attendance is regarded as a "painful fact."

The circular says the Director, with the school year ended, considers it his duty to "bring to your attention the work which this Direction of Education proposes that concerns the problem of defamization which has been entrusted to the Federal School—and when we say 'School' it is to be understood that the teachers should carry on this work."

"Some teachers in the service interpret laicism in our schools by absolutely not touching religious matters in their actions; and on the other hand on holy days, or when some priest visits the village, when he renders his services it is possible to witness the painful fact that the teacher in the community is among the first to attend the parish church."

This Direction of Federal Education desires now to speak to you in this form exhorting you so that those teachers may know that this Direction of Federal Education will not tolerate under any circumstance the attendance of teachers at any religious practice in the villages where they serve as teachers, because these acts are considered to be a hindrance to the education itself of the children and of the community.

Apostolic Delegate Urges Wide Study of Bishops' Stand on Crisis in Letter to Archbishop Hanna

Believes Every Family Should Discuss This Important Problem

San Francisco. — (N.C.W.C. — Extending "heartiest congratulations" to the Bishops of the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference on their issuance of "A Statement on the Present Crisis," His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, has expressed the desire that "the statement and its way into every home and be the subject of discussion in every family."

Archbishop Cicognani also expressed the hope that "every practical measure" would be taken to acquaint the Catholic people with this pronouncement, "that they may realize more fully that the Church has very definite teachings and a fixed code of morals on the many vital questions engaging public attention today." The more the Catholic position is known "the greater will be the love for the Church as the Champion of the principles of Justice and Charity," he added.

These expressions of the Apostolic Delegate are contained in the following letter which His Excellency sent to the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco and Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

"I wish to thank you for the copy of 'A Statement on the Present Crisis' by the Bishops of the Adminis-

Archbishop Hanna Says Church Has Code on Many Vital Topics In Current Life



As chairman of the administrative committee of the N. C. W. C., Archbishop Hanna, a native of this city has received a letter from the Apostolic Delegate urging a study of the bishops' statement on the world's crisis.

Ohio Priest Named Bishop in Missouri

Washington. — (N.C.W.C. — The Rev. Charles Hubert LeBlond, Director of Catholic Charities and Hospitals of the Diocese of Cleveland, has been appointed Bishop of the Diocese of St. Joseph by His Holiness Pope Pius XI, according to word received here today from the Holy See.

Father LeBlond will succeed to the See left vacant by the death of the Most Rev. Francis Gilliland, third Bishop of St. Joseph, who died on January 13.

Bishop-elect LeBlond was born at Colina, O., November 21, 1883. In 1908, his family removed to Cleveland, where he attended the Cathedral School and John Carroll University. He later attended St. Mary's Seminary, Cleveland, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 28, 1909.

Following his ordination, the Bishop-elect was named an assistant at St. John's Cathedral in Cleveland and served there for two years. He was named Director of St. Anthony's Home for Boys on September 16, 1911, and on December 5, of the same year was named Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities and Hospitals, an office he has held ever since.

Bishop-elect LeBlond represented the National Catholic Welfare Conference at the International Conference on Social Work held in Paris in 1922, and at Frankfurt, Germany, in 1923. He was a delegate of the United States Government at the Pan-American Conference on Child Welfare held at Lima, Peru, in 1926.

The Diocese of St. Joseph, which contains 18,206 square miles, comprises that portion of the State of Missouri which is bounded on the north by the State of Iowa, on the east by the Mississippi River, on the west by the Missouri River, and on the southern boundaries of the Counties of Howard, Boone, Audrain and Pike.

Bishop Cannon Blames 'Catholic Opposition' For Trend To Repeal

Washington. — (N.C.W.C. — The religious issue was injected into the repeal elections this week by Bishop James Cannon, Jr. of the Methodist Episcopal Church South who, following the voting in Alabama and Arkansas, issued a statement saying that if the Eighteenth Amendment is taken from the Constitution it will be due chiefly to three things—lack of effective Federal enforcement; lack of effective state co-operation and "influence Roman Catholic opposition" to the Prohibition.

Bishop Cannon's statement claimed that the Catholic hierarchy and the Catholic Press "aggressively opposed" the Prohibition Law.

PAPAL DELEGATE WILL ADDRESS N. C. W. MEET

Washington. — (N.C.W.C. — His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and at least six other members of the hierarchy will take part in the thirtieth annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women to be held at St. Paul, October 7 to 11, inclusive.

The Apostolic Delegate will preside over the solemn Pontifical Mass with which the convention will be opened on Sunday morning, October 7, in the Cathedral of St. Paul. His Excellency will also deliver an address on Catholic Action at a special session of the convention Tuesday morning, October 10, and will deliver the closing message at the banquet on Thursday evening. Archbishop Cicognani will give the solemn Pontifical Blessing at the Pontifical Mass on Sunday.

Delivered by Archbishop Cicognani, the Most Rev. John Francis Murray, Archbishop of St. Paul, has been invited to the convention, will preside.

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THE CATHOLIC WORLD OVER

Jerusalem. — (N.C.W.C. — Paul arch Bessarasia has promoted seven deacons to the priesthood at the Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin, on Mount Sion, near the Holy Sepulchre. The ceremony was attended by a large number of the clergy and faithful. Four of the new priests are Arabs, two Italians, and one an American Carmelite.

London. — (N.C.W.C. — For sixteen years an Anglican clergyman, George Shaw Duncan, who was recently received into the Church, has become a tutor at St. Michael's House of Studies for Late Vocations, Glossop. The principal of St. Michael's, C. A. Breton, is also a former Anglican clergyman.

Berlin. — (N.C.W.C. — The Rev. Father Kascha of Oberwitz, Gross-Strehlitz, East Prussia, publishes a statement in the Ostdeutsche Morgenpost saying that Chancellor Adolf Hitler was always known to him as a devout Catholic. Father Kascha used to be chaplain in Pasewalk where Chancellor Hitler spent some time prior to the end of and after the war, as a patient in the local military hospital.

Cologne. — (N.C.W.C. — Word has been received here that the Rev. Father Arx, C.M., of Nachang, China, is still alive as a captive of Chinese bandits who kidnapped him several years ago. The ransom of \$20,000 asked by the bandits could never be raised. Father Arx is a Swiss and has been in the Chinese mission field ever since 1912, as a member of the Lazarist Order.

London. — (N.C.W.C. — The five Catholic Land Associations operating in England and Scotland have re-

Niagara University Will Open Business School Here This Fall

Niagara University will open a School of Business in Rochester this fall, with day and evening sessions. It was learned last night from John R. Wilkinson, Dean of the Niagara University School of Business.

The new school of business will offer courses identical in nature and scope as those being offered at present in the School of Business at Niagara University located in Niagara Falls.

The Rochester Division will be located in the Columbus Civic Center, where offices have already been established and work started on the erection of class rooms for the opening of the school in September.

The Columbus building is situated directly in the heart of the business district and is easily accessible from all sections of the city and its suburbs. Registration is now open and any information may be obtained by calling at the office in the Columbus Building or telephoning, Main 1124.

Educationally speaking, the school will meet a demand in Rochester which has been missing for some time as it will be the only school of its kind in the city to offer recognized college credit and professional college degrees in the commercial field.

Prepares for Degrees

The new business school will prepare its students for the degrees of Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science (in Economics), and will also offer special courses in Accountancy.

The Bachelor of Business Administration course, recognized by the Board of Regents of the State of New York, besides leading to a professional business degree serves to prepare for the certified public accountant examinations in New York and other cities.

The Business Administration course has been designed to meet the increasing demand of accountants and leaders in big business who have recognized the value of the college trained man to their organizations.

Covers Many Subjects

This course tends to unite cultural and professional training. Its

Story Pope's Niece A Screen Actress Branded False

Paris. — (N.C.W.C. — A number of newspapers have lately retailed a story concerning a niece of the Pope who is a motion picture star. Here briefly is what has been printed by one of them:

"There has just been shown with great success at Rome an Italian film of which the star is a young girl named the niece of the Pope. The name of this young woman is Sandra Batti. Before depicting herself on the screen she asked permission of her uncle, the chief of the Batti family. He made no objection in giving his consent, except to require that she change her name.

There is, of course, no evil in a motion picture career. The Catholic Union of the Theater and of the Cinema includes many who lead exemplary lives. But truth is truth. The Catholic Journal Club, which is devoted especially to questions of the cinema, informed itself as a matter of conscience from authentic sources. And it announces that the story in question is a fantasy from beginning to end.

Plans Jubilee Mass Atop High Mountain

Denver. — (N.C.W.C. — The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Bossett, Vicar General of the Diocese of Denver, will celebrate his silver jubilee by ascending a mountain to say Mass "as close to heaven as possible."

Mrs. Bossett, who will have completed 25 years in the priesthood on August 2, has been in the mount of the Holy Cross region investigating the possibility of having the service there.

PRESS WEEK PROGRAM STIRS SPANISH GROUP

Madrid. — (N.C.W.C. — Catholic Press Week has just been held in Spain for the first time, with observance throughout the whole country. It is an omen of the great surge forward of Catholic Action in Spain.

The Central Council of Catholic Action, which has established this new means of furthering the Catholic Press, also was active in bringing together a distinguished group, who responded to the call of the Council and contributed to the public functions by their presence, addresses and collaboration, a most important and significant character.

Deputies, professors, political leaders, priests and distinguished men of all professions brought to the principal cities of the peninsula the voice of the Holy Father and the message of the Catholic Press, the importance of which is increasing in proportion to the increase of the difficulties brought about by the present Spanish situation.

Traditionalists, reactionaries, republicans, conservatives, agrarians, autonomists—groups and parties fundamentally Catholic but differing in political ideas—did not, however, find difficulty in uniting their leaders and representative members to further the interests of the Catholic Press Week. This Catholic Press celebration, which has proven to be such a gain to the cause of Catholicism, has demonstrated the effectiveness of the Catholic Action Central Council and the value of its plan for establishing a solid bulwark against laicism.

Mobilization of Strength

One of the benefits derived from the Catholic Press Week—and not the least important—has been a widespread mobilization of Catholic strength. During the whole week, conferences and meetings were held and collections taken up, while subscriptions poured in in the principal

HELP-RESPECT LEADER JAILLED

Madras. — (N.C.W.C. — Fides — The leader of the "Self-Respect" movement, E. V. Ramaswamy Naicker, has been put in prison for failure to pay a debt of 1,000 rupees. The "Kudi Arasu," organ of the movement, which has been carrying anti-God propaganda, has been stopped. Whether it has been suspended temporarily or permanently discontinued is not yet known. The "Self-Respect" movement, which in India's present form of organized atheism, has been particularly bitter in its attacks against Catholics and the clergy.

Credo

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Priest Paints Portrait of Boyhood Chum Now Proposed As Saint

San Francisco. — (N.C.W.C. — Bridging a span of 36 years, the Rev. Louis Sciochetti, graduate of the Ministry of Fine Arts in Rome, and famous painter of murals and frescoes in cathedrals of Europe, is painting with his brush on canvas in his San Francisco studio the face of his boyhood friend, the late Padre Giovanni, of the Passionist Fathers, who died in Italy in 1905, and whose process of canonization is in progress.

Ecclesiastical authorities in Rome, searching for a likeness of the young Passionist, asked the San Francisco priest-artist to paint his portrait from memory.

In the event of the ultimate canonization of Padre Giovanni, the por-

Four of Priest's Slayers Captured and Executed

Peking. — (N.C.W.C. — Four of the slayers of Father Othmar Stimpf, O.F.M., have been apprehended by the Chinese authorities and executed. A fifth person implicated has also been arrested and will be executed. Two soldiers lost lives while bringing the outlawed justice.

Father Stimpf, of the Tyrol Province of the Franciscans, missionary of Yungchowfu, Honan Province, was shot on March 24, by robbers who forced an entrance into his rectory. He lived for 24 hours afterwards.

Parochial School Children To Receive Free Transportation In Illinois

Springfield, Ill. — (N.C.W.C. — Children attending private and parochial schools in the State of Illinois will be provided with free transportation to such institutions, by virtue of the School Bus Bill having become a law.

The measure was passed by both houses of the Legislature, and although the Governor did not sign the bill it has now become a law without his signature. The law, which makes an addition to the "Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools," approved in 1929, provides:

"In case children who attend any school other than a public school reside on or along the highway constituting the regular route of any public school, bus or conveyance provided by any school district for transporting pupils to and from the

LOOKING FORWARD

NEXT YEAR the 31st International Eucharistic Congress will be held at Buenos Aires, the third time in all history that one of these great demonstrations of faith has been held in the Western Hemisphere.

BUT WHY mention the fact now? Simply because we are going to give you a foretaste of the many and varied delights that await the traveler in this great congress.

FATHER MCCOWAN, Director of the Latin American Bureau of the N.C.W.C., is making a trip to the great South American city where the congress will be held on his vacation to provide material for this feature that will entertain, instruct and delight you!

WEEK AFTER next, you can look forward to the 10th coming series, participation present and impressive. It is a great opportunity to see the world through the eyes of the people of other nations, to see the world from a different perspective, and to see the world as it is, not as we see it.