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## DENY PRIEST BARED SECRET OF CONFESSION

### London Catholic Paper Replies To Assertion By Asquith's Daughter

London.—(NCWC) An assertion by Lady Violet Bonham Carter, daughter of the late Earl of Oxford and Asquith, that a priest broke the seal of confession to save the ex-Premier from mental anguish after he had failed to reprieve a man condemned for murder, is being fought tenaciously by the Tablet, Catholic news paper here.

Lady Violet told the story in the Strand Magazine. After a protracted correspondence the Tablet now invites the priest concerned to come forward, if alive, adding, "If he be dead we will charge ourselves with the defense of his memory."

### Daughter's Account

This is the story as told by Lady Violet Bonham Carter about her father who was then Home Secretary.

"One evening he came in late and appeared rather wearily to wade through the heavy pile of letters and papers that lay waiting for him. On the top of it was a letter in an unknown hand, which he opened. It said something like this (I cannot be sure of remembering the exact words): 'Sir, although I do not know you, something tells me that you may be going through great agony of spirit at this moment. You may be in doubt as to whether you committed an act of grave injustice in refusing to commute the death sentence on X, who was lately executed for murder. I am a Catholic priest to whom the secrecy of the confessional should be sacred, but though I am violating the laws of my Order in so doing, my conscience tells me that it is my duty to tell you that it is my duty to tell you that at rest you give you peace. The dead man was guilty. Before he,"

## AWARDED BOYS' BRIGADE MEDAL



The Star "Pro Juventute," the highest decoration of the Catholic Boys' Brigade of the United States, was recently conferred upon Governor Herbert H. Lehman, of New York; Joseph P. Grace, Paul T. Kammerer, Jr. and former Police Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney. The decoration is awarded as a public recognition of outstanding contributions to boy welfare. Governor Lehman was unable to appear personally for the presentation. In the photo, left to right, are Rev. Kitian J. Hennrich, O. M. Cap., Director General of the Boys' Brigade, Mr. Mulrooney, Mr. Grace and Mr. Kammerer.

## Notre Dame Holds High Place In Science Field, Report Shows

Notre Dame.—(NCWC) The report of the Rev. Charles L. O'Donnell, president of the University of Notre Dame, which was read at the meeting of the board of lay trustees by the Rev. John F. O'Hara, vice-president, emphasized that Notre Dame still holds a high place in the world of science, five honors having been conferred upon members of the faculty in the College of Science in the course of the past year.

The Rev. Julius Arthur Neuberg, C.S.C., received the Sprague Medal awarded by the International Acetylene Association for researches in acetylene chemistry of scientific and commercial value. Father Neuberg was also elected Golden Jubilee president of the Indiana Academy of Science. The Rev. Francis Wenzinger, C.S.C., Ph.D., dean of the College of Science, and Prof. Edward Joseph Maurus, M.S., were awarded fellowships in the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The attention of the entire biological field was turned to the university's biology department last spring when James Arthur Rezniers, M.S., introduced his method of isolating single cells from a field of bacteria. Father O'Donnell's report further revealed that the results of the research activities of the Department of Chemistry in the past academic year have exceeded those of any previous year in the history of the department. "Twenty-two publications have appeared in a number of standard scientific and technical journals," the report states, "four more have been submitted, and eighteen manuscripts are now almost ready for publication. Some of the latter are, for the present, being withheld until the advisability of patent protection can be determined."

"The researches have been concerned primarily with the chemistry of acetylene, olefins, and boron fluoride. Although these researches have been largely fundamental in character, some of them give promise of considerable commercial value."

The report also pointed out that a separate department of metallurgy has been added to the college of engineering this year, in which 12 courses, nine undergraduate and four graduate, are being offered. Prof. Edward Garfield Mahin, head of the new department, recently patented a new process of carburizing steel.

## TWO OF CHINESE GIRLS RANSOMED BY CHURCH TO ENTER SISTERHOOD

Kaying, China.—(NCWC) Throughout the ages the ransoming of captives has been regarded by the Church as one of the corporal works of mercy, but there are instances, in the opinion of Maryknoll missionaries in this sector of South China, when it is an even greater work of mercy, exercised for the benefit of an immortal soul.

One of the Maryknoll missionaries, the Rev. James O'Day, of Providence, R. I., has in the Catholic school of his mission eight Chinese girls who, although of Christian parents, were sold as babies into pagan families to become later the wives of pagan boys. It is against the law of the Church to sell Christian girls to pagans, and the punishment is excommunication for the offending parents. However, some years ago

## CLEAR CLERGY IN MEXICO OF UNREST CHARGE

### Students Declare Uprising Due to Mismanagement and Officials Abuse

Mexico City.—(NCWC) Elaborate statements, palpably based on pure political expediency and calculated to make various incidents of student unrest in the country, seem to be Catholic machinations, have led to the issuance of a vigorous statement by the National Administrative Council of the Confederation of Mexican Students, followed by another bulletin signed by representatives of all the student societies, labeling these statements of various politicians as lies.

With the presidential plot boiling in Mexico, the ancient device of blaming all interior difficulties and disturbances on the Catholic Church was dragged out, as has been the case for many years in the past. Even former President Calles went as far as to use this frayed political stratagem. It so happens that the particular instigator difficulty that inspired such a declaration by Mexico's "strong man" was the student strike at Guadalajara, although the students have repeatedly declared that no clerical influence is responsible for their disturbances.

The official statement issued by the Administrative Council of the Confederation of Students was occasioned by a resolution adopted by the Federal Chamber of Deputies on November 21, which proposed immediate change of Article 2 of the Federal Constitution to provide for the substitution in place of laicism of some other system of philosophy and education. This is the same parallel with the regulation of Article 4 of the Constitution in such a manner that the social responsibilities of professionalism be positively defined.

The resolution further provided that a demand be made upon the Secretary of Gobernacion, the Secretary of Public Education, the Governor of State and the Municipal Corporations for a strict application of the dispositions in force with regard to religious services, the limitation of the number of priests, lay education, etc., that there be offered the Government of the State of Jalisco, headed by General Sebastian Alonzo, the full solidarity of the Federal Legislature and a vote of applause, from the Popular Chamber for its "intrepid attitude in the face of the Revolution"; and that the struggle of the Revolutionaries be intensified so as to "exhibit before the nation the maneuvers of the clergy as instigators of disorders and provocators of conflicts precisely at the same time of a campaign for the succession of the power."

## Dr. Selden P. Delany, Noted Convert, Made Sub-Deacon in Rome

(By Special Correspondence to N. C. W. C. News Service)

Rome.—Dr. Selden P. Delany, prominent Episcopal clergyman and former rector of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York, who became a convert to Catholicism in that city in 1930, was ordained a sub-deacon here on November 12.

Dr. Delany, who is a student at Reda College, will receive the diaconate some time before Christmas and will be ordained to the Catholic priesthood in the middle of Lent next year. It was stated at the college.

Dr. Selden P. Delany, who was internationally known as the editor of the American Church Monthly, resigned as rector of the Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York, said to be the largest and one of the most prominent of the "Anglo-Catholic" churches in the Protestant Episcopal Church, on June 2, 1932. In submitting his resignation he said that his convictions would no longer permit him to remain in the Protestant Episcopal ministry.

## Four Horsemen Attend Former Manager's Rites

Allentown, Pa.—(NCWC) The funeral of their former football manager, Charles McDermott, who was killed in an automobile accident Monday of last week, was attended by the famous "Four Horsemen" of Notre Dame University football fame—Elliott Miller, James Crowley, Don Miller and Harry Stuhldreier. Officials of the university also attended.

## FAITH TENETS OF HOLY WRIT ARE UPHELD

### German Catholics Support Protestant Groups Opposing Faith Pollution

Berlin.—(NCWC) German Catholics have shown an intense interest in the present struggle among their Protestant brethren. There never could be any question but that Catholics would rally to the support of those Protestant groups who stood for the unpoluted doctrines of Christianity as handed down in the Holy Writ. It was this very issue which caused the dismissal of two Bishops from the Federal Protestant Church Ministry here; the resignation of all the remaining members of that body and steps of the Reich Government against the dissenting minority of the Protestants.

The Berlin leader of the "German Christians," the Protestant group most closely allied with the Hitler movement, had originally caused a stir among the constituents of his church by expressing himself in favor of a "second Reformation" in the course of an address delivered to a mass meeting here. He also demanded that the Old Testament be discarded, the New Testament revised and all Jews excluded from church membership. His speech climaxed in the statement: "We are against the Crucifix!" Dr. Krause (this being the name of the speaker) was subsequently disavowed by Federal Bishop Ludwig Mueller who issued a proclamation demanding full recognition of the Holy Scriptures and of the Creed of the Church and rejecting all heresies all attempts of a rationalistic and liberalistic interpretation of the Bible.

Commenting on these events, Germania, leading Catholic organ of the capital, said editorially that "in the movement which has now taken place..."

## 'Catholic Who's Who' For U. S. Issued; First Published Since 1911

Detroit.—(NCWC) A new "American Catholic Who's Who," the second ever to be published in this country and the first compiled since 1911, has just been issued by the book publishing firm of Walter Romig and Company, 10457 Gratiot Avenue, this city.

Presenting life sketches of 8,000 prominent American Catholics, the book contains more than 600 pages. Offered as a biographical reference book, the publishers, pointing to the need of such a volume, note that England, with only one-third as many Catholics as the United States, has an annual Catholic "Who's Who."

## To Dedicate Catholic Paper's New Building

Buffalo.—(NCWC) The new building of the Catholic Union and Times, Catholic weekly published here, will be dedicated on December 17 by the Most Rev. William Turner, Bishop of Buffalo.

The new building has been largely financed by subscriptions made in the "New Building Campaign" conducted by the diocese.

## FR. LORD SEES CATHOLIC CULTURE ONLY WAY TO PREVENT NEXT WAR

St. Louis.—(NCWC) Catholic culture is all that will save the world from another war, which will break in Europe within eight months, according to bets of two to one at Lloyd's in London, the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., editor of The Queen's Work, said in an address on "Catholicity and Culture" at Webster College.

"Catholic culture is outside the bounds of nationalism, of the narrow limits of one's own land," Father Lord said. "It is a worldwide, international, powerful, complete, adequate culture, expressing itself in art, architecture, religion, thought, philosophy, history, in all things dear to the hearts of men—music, painting, sculpture. If the world will only be shrewd enough to accept this

## GREED IS DECLARED CHIEF OBSTACLE TO NRA SUCCESS BY MSGR. JOHN A. RYAN

### Changes Called For by Recovery Program Committee; 'Second Industrial Revolution,' Msgr. Ryan Says At Industrial Problems Conference in Detroit

Detroit.—(NCWC) If the experiment of the National Recovery program fails, the main cause of the failure will be greed, the Most Rev. Msgr. John A. Ryan, Director of the Department of Social Action, National Catholic Welfare Conference, said in an address delivered Sunday at a session here of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems. Msgr. Ryan spoke at "The New Industrial Revolution."

## FR. COUGHLIN AGAIN BACKS MONEY POLICY

### Scores Morgan Group in Defense of President's Financial Reforms

Detroit.—(NCWC) Following the controversy which resulted from his statements of a week ago in New York, Father Coughlin, M. Coughlin, noted radio speaker, returned to his regular broadcasts Sunday, and asserting that it was a case of "Recovery or ruin," again championed the President's stand on the money question and vigorously condemned those who opposed it.

Father Coughlin said that he had been misquoted concerning the so-called Alfred E. Smith—J. P. Morgan incident, and read from a stenographic report of his New York address to set forth his exact words in this connection: "If I disagree with Mr. Smith's financial philosophy," Father Coughlin said, "let me say plainly that I do not admire the so-called 'Christians' morality."

Father Coughlin declared that all week there had reigned in Wall Street "the silence of a broken bully who realizes that he can dominate and intimidate no longer the American people"; asserted that "Tory newspapers" had decided to humble him, and added: "If I have entered the lists against Morganism, I stand prepared to substantiate my statements relative to their financial imperialism, to their control of wealth, to their domination and dictatorship in the economic sphere by governmental, indispensable facts."

Presenting a long list of important corporations on whose boards of directors he said members of the Morgan firm are serving, Father Coughlin said that a large part of the nation's wealth was controlled by this banking house.

Following his reference to "Tory newspapers," Father Coughlin said: "I immediately exempt from that category not only the news journals which are favorable to Mr. Roosevelt's financial reforms—reforms that are intended to free us from the gold standard—but also those decent American publications which although they differ in policy from what I have advocated, nevertheless have not forgotten the principles of fairness and of honesty. Their number is legion. They are to be congratulated."

Defending his right as a priest to speak out, Father Coughlin said that, in supporting the President, he was only doing what Catholics are enjoined to do, and that if persons charge him with being a Socialist for some of the principles he champions, they must also so charge Pope Pius XI.

Following Father Coughlin's statements in New York, former Governor...

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## WIDER CIRCLE OF CATHOLIC READERS URGED

Denver, Colo.—(NCWC) The expansion of the circle of readers and the stimulation of general interest in the United States in the literary productions of Catholic writers were urged, among other things, by prominent Catholic figures in the literary world at the first Catholic Literature Congress ever held in this country. The Congress was sponsored by Regis College here.

More than 300 delegates to the congress, which was held here for three days, heard notable speakers declare that a Catholic literary movement in this country would be most effectively furthered by the encouragement of a larger public, the taste of which would be cultivated in such a way as to appreciate the work of Catholic writers.

## Meat Allowed on Friday, December 8

Because the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on Friday, this year, December 8, Catholics will be allowed to eat meat.

## PROTESTANTS LAUD CATHOLIC RELIEF RECORD

Chicago.—(NCWC) A complete change of front has been made by Protestant churches of Chicago in regard to the function of the church in the performance of work of charity; it became known today when the report of a special committee appointed by the Allied Churches of Chicago (non-sectarian) was made public highly praising the work of the Catholic Relief organization.

About a year ago a number of leading Protestant clergymen convened in Chicago to discuss the distribution of emergency relief funds among Catholics of the society under the direction of the Catholic Charities. It was announced today that a meeting of Protestant leaders has been called for the near future for reopening the question of charitable relief by Protestant churches and it is estimated that most relief through representatives of the churches will be recommended.