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FIRST OBSERVANCE OF CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH IN ROCHESTER DIOCESE WILL BE MARKED BY UNPRECEDENTED ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO ALL

**THE
CATHOLIC
WORLD OVER**

Professor Sorokin of Harvard has just given a very interesting report to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. It is concerned with a graphic survey of the world's international conflicts. The professor, after making a study of all wars from ancient times to the World War in 1914, has learned that in the "centuries of Faith" wars were fewer and involved fewer individuals.

After the 17th century and subsequent to the Reformation the violence and frequency of war exceeded the strife of the preceding centuries. In the last century, the report states, war was more than 100 times as great as in the medieval centuries. In most of the countries studied the activity of the magnitude of war reaches its climax in the period of greatest territorial expansion and greatest military power and cultural influence. The professor concludes that a "miracle" is the only universal hope of peace.

The Paulist Press in New York has just published a pamphlet on a very timely subject. It bears the title "The Ethics of Birth Control." Catholics who are developing the habit of reading a pamphlet a day should be interested in this new contribution by Father Fruehmer, O.P. He has touched on just about every phase of the subject of birth control and his work is very worth while.

EPISCOPAL CHAIRMAN OF N.C.W.C. SOUNDS CALL FOR CATHOLIC PRESS ADVANCE

Bishop Boyle Asks Vigorous Catholic Press Month Observance; Stresses Fight Against Paganism and Materialism; Believes Last Place to Economize

By MOST REV. HUGH C. BOYLE,
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The coming of Press Month brings the annual period in which a serious effort is made to advance the influence and effectiveness of Catholic newspapers, magazines and other publications, among Catholic people of the United States.

We—not only Catholics, but the rank and file of adults among us—make up a newspaper reading nation. The urban citizen will, normally, read two papers a day, not casually or superficially, but with astonishing thoroughness. The habit, long continued, is an educational process of sorts, and we speak of men and women whose culture has been its product.

Paganizing Influences
We fall into the way of automatically accepting as true all those things which we read in the paper and in which we have no personal interest; and a goodly portion of those matters also in which we have a personal interest, and which tell for our case. The notion of examining the news, and the color of the news, critically, never enters our heads. Commonly it is impossible. But, even where it is possible, it is not

INFLUENCE OF CATHOLICS FELT AT CONFERENCE

Pan-American Sessions At Montevideo Attended by Prominent Catholics

Montevideo — (NCWC) — The seventh Pan-American Conference, held in this city, has been acclaimed, in both South and North America, as one of the most successful ever conducted in the history of the inter-American gatherings. Many agreements of outstanding importance were concluded, while a stronger, more co-operative spirit among the North and South American nations can be regarded as a major achievement.

In a conference which included in its agenda and the scope of its deliberations so many interests of direct importance to solidly Catholic countries, such as are the Latin American republics, it should not be surprising to find considerable Catholic influence brought to bear in the various sessions.

But in the particular case of the Montevideo conference, this Catholic influence was more pertinent and manifest than ever, since a decided resurgence and revitalization of Catholic activity have been a notable characteristic of Latin American affairs in the course of the past few years. Furthermore, the Catholics who took leading parts in the conference here are prominent laymen and laywomen of their respective countries, imbued to the core with Catholic thought and philosophy, particularly the Church's view with regard to international affairs. On more than one occasion, the Catholic influence was obvious.

Certainly, a decidedly spiritual tone tinged the various discussions in the conference. A spiritual note was struck by no other than United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in an interview given to El Debate, here, on the day of his arrival. In his assertions, the American statesman stressed that "spiritual" as well as material prosperity was one of the objectives of the conference.

After this first trial, Father Gonzalez was sent to another mission that of St. Ignaceus near the River Parana, where he remained for two years, and it was there that he conceived all his intelligence and charity to the perfecting and development of the system of the "Redemptorist" already begun by the famous Jesuit missionary Father Marcellus of Lorenzana. The principal aim of this system was that of inducing the Indians to abandon their nomad life

Catholic Press Exhibit Showing Leading Catholic Publications Of U. S. To Feature Observance

Essay Contest on 'St. Francis de Sales, Patron of Catholic Press, Planned for Schools; Courier Carrier Boys To Participate in Program

Carrying the approbation of the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, plans for the first observance of Catholic Press Month in the diocese of Rochester during February, to be sponsored by the Catholic Courier, diocesan weekly newspaper, are announced this week at the newspaper's office in Columbus Civic Center Building.

Jesuit Review Cites Great Press Need

Probably at no time since the religious revival of the Sixteenth Century has the cause of God stood in greater need, humbly speaking, of a vigorous Catholic press, America, Catholic weekly review, of New York, declares in its current issue, calling attention to the observance in February of Catholic Press Month.

The review also "international" problems, unknown to our fathers," which it says are "disguised at every street corner, and every eye has its religious, moral, and ethical implications." The review also speaks of "problems of hardly less importance" which clamor for attention at home, and adds:

"The Catholic who wishes a correct statement of the Catholic position on projects which concern him both as a citizen and as a Catholic, can find it, again, only in our Catholic publications."

"At all times," America says, "the apostolate is carried on under trying conditions. The work of the Catholic editor calls for learning and alertness, but it also demands the practice of virtues in no low degree: From the natural point of view, there is little or nothing that can allure, but in imitation of the Catholic teacher, the Catholic editor keeps at his task for the sole reason that through it he hopes to extend the Kingdom of God. To this apostolic work he devotes himself with cheerfulness, asking nothing except the opportunity of preaching, in the degree of his commission by authority, the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

"For more than four years," the review says, "the Catholic editor has contrived to carry on, despite the depression, but in many parts of the country he catches a glimpse now and then, of the end-of-the-road and of his labors. He asks the help of our Catholic people, and he helps them. Yet, in truth, a subscription to a Catholic magazine is an offering not to him, but to the cause of Christ. The Catholic press needs prayers, and it needs money, and we trust, that an augmentation of both prayers and of money, in the form of subscriptions, will be its lot during the month of February."

K. of C. Continue Aid in Financing Of 'Catholic Hour'

Cleveland — (NCWC) — The Knights of Columbus again have contributed \$3,000 toward the support of the Catholic Hour of radio broadcasting, which is sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Men. It was made known today by the Most Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, and Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations, National Catholic Welfare Conference. The donation, the same as that of last year, maintains the K. of C. record of having made a generous contribution to the "Hour" every year since it was inaugurated. In announcing the receipt of the contribution, Bishop Schrembs expressed his warm thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the attitude they have taken.

Prague — (NCWC) — Members of the Redemptorist Order in Vienna are seeking the beatification of Father William Janousek, O.S.B., a saintly Czech priest, who is buried in the Central cemetery in Vienna.

Rutherford Air Petitions Given To Congressmen Fail to Arouse

Washington — (NCWC) — The purpose and strategy behind the campaign waged throughout the country during recent months to collect names to a petition favorable to the retention of "Judge" Rutherford's broadcasts on the air came to light here this week.

The petitions descended upon Capitol Hill as a veritable avalanche of paper. On the same day, virtually every Member of Congress received a

Study Club Sessions Are Held By Bishop In Episcopal Residence

Boise, Ida. — (NCWC) — In the Episcopal residence of the Most Rev. Edward Joseph Kelly, Bishop of Boise, regular meetings are being held, of a study club formed by His Excellency to train members of the National Council of Catholic Women to take part in the nation-wide study club movement.

Since the last national convention of the N.C.C.W. several such study clubs have been formed in the parishes of this diocese. The class in the Bishop's home is conducted personally by His Excellency. Meetings are held every Thursday night.

Clubs in every parish are studying some form of Catholic Action.

Chaplains' Aid Lauds Catholic Press Aid To Forest Camp Service

New York — (NCWC) — Deep gratitude for the courteous and effective co-operation lent by units of the Catholic Press to make known the problems confronting the Chaplains' Aid Association in connection with the Civilian Conservation Corps Camps is expressed in a statement issued by the Association.

"The tempo of our work has been speeded up as in days of old," the statement says. "With all the fervor and enthusiasm of war-time, the chaplains and civilian priests have entered upon their ministry to these young men in the 'tree camps,' and their needs have been relayed to us in urgent appeals for help of every sort."

The statement adds that "our resources are not those of war-time," and the Association extends its thanks to the Catholic Press for carrying its appeal to the Catholic world. Despite the fact that the response has been generous, it still falls short of the needs of the chaplains, the statement declares.

1,588,604 SPIRITUAL GIFTS
New York — (NCWC) — The Catholic Medical-Missionary Board, received 1,588,604 spiritual gifts for its workers and benefactors in the course of 1933, according to figures released at the board's headquarters here.

Drop in U. S. Birth Rate Felt in Schools Minor Grades Says Educator

Washington — (NCWC) — The declining birth rate in the United States is having a direct effect upon the schools, inasmuch as the number of kindergartens and minor grade children is beginning to drop, declared Dr. Frank W. Ballou, Superintendent of Washington Schools, before the semi-annual joint meeting of citizens and school authorities here this week held to consider the pending budget.

Dr. Ballou made this statement when a citizen at the meeting inquired why no elementary schools had been sought by the Board of Education, while several junior and senior high school projects had been listed as needs.

"The birth rate has been down for some time," Dr. Ballou answered, "and it is now beginning to be felt in the kindergarten and first grades. Taking the country as a whole, there are approximately 500,000 fewer children presented to the beginning grades of our schools each year annually. The average here, of course, is not as high as the nation, because Washington is constantly receiving new families moving here on business of various sorts, but there is that tendency, nevertheless."

Movement Against Oath Taking in Trivial Matters To Be Initiated by Holy Name of Buffalo Diocese

Buffalo — (NCWC) — A movement to abolish the taking of oaths in trivial matters in this country will be inaugurated by the Buffalo Diocesan Union of the Holy Name Society, acting upon a suggestion made by the Most Rev. William Turner, Bishop of Buffalo, at the annual observance of the solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus.

The Rev. Joseph A. Maguire, diocesan director of the Holy Name Society, will seek the aid of the Holy Name Society national organization in a campaign to seek the substitution of a simple declaration instead of an oath in attesting the verbal truth of statements and information in documents.

"The taking of an oath," Bishop Turner said, "should be reserved for important occasions. Not only should we avoid taking false oaths, but we should avoid false oaths and oaths in trivial matters. We Americans are asked to take oaths when we make our income tax reports, when we pass our trunks through the customs office, when we apply for a passport, and I should not be surprised if an oath is required in some places in order to get a dog license."

"I believe that in line with the Holy Father's desire for Catholic Action here is a practical movement, the Holy Name Society might sponsor: The abolishing of oaths in trivial

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