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MSGR. RYAN SPURNS POST ON RELIEF COMMITTEE WITH BIRTH CONTROL ADVOCATES

Sets Forth Reasons For Declining In Letter Sent To Rabbi Israel

Washington—(N. C. W. C.)—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Ryan, of the Catholic University, Director of the N. C. W. C. Department of Social Action, has declined to serve on an unemployment group because of the birth control views of three other proposed members of the group.

A Protestant Bishop and two Jewish rabbis, two of whom spoke at a recent Congressional hearing on birth control, and a third at a birth control rally, are the three with whom Monsignor Ryan declined to serve. The group of which he and they were to be members was a special committee of the Joint Committee on Unemployment which was to draw up a plan for the unemployed, to be presented to Congressional leaders.

Monsignor Ryan informed the secretary of the committee of his unwillingness to serve, and stated his reason. The secretary sent copies of his letter to the three men. Thereupon one of the group, Rabbi Edward L. Israel, of Baltimore, wrote Monsignor Ryan and the Monsignor, replying, set down a refutation of some of the major arguments of the proponents of birth control. The other two men were Bishop P. J. McCannell of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rabbi Sidney Goldstein of New York.

Replying to Rabbi Israel, Monsignor Ryan made it clear that "the mere fact that you made a plea for birth control did not determine my attitude in the least. It was because you associated yourself with and spoke for a group which set forth birth control as a means of getting out of the depression and in general as a remedy for social injustice."

Obviously," Monsignor Ryan added, "the connection of these two things by that organization was either stupid or dishonest, stupid, if those persons really expected that a wider use of contraceptives could be got under way in time to affect national recovery, dishonest, if they realized, as I assume they must have realized, that this was the case. At any rate, any person who lent support to the theory that the poor ought to help themselves by limiting

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Holy Father Names Dr. William Kerby Domestic Prelate

Washington (NCWC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XI has created the Rev. Dr. William J. Kerby, Professor of Sociology at the Catholic University of America, a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor, according to word received here.

This honor from Pope Pius XI comes to a priest who is nationally known for his outstanding accomplishments in the field of Sociology, for his distinguished services to the Catholic University of America, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1897; for his contributions to the work of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, which he helped to organize; for his active interest in the National Catholic School of Social Service, for his editorship of the Ecclesiastical Review, a post he has held since July, 1927, and for his membership on the Board of Charities of the District of Columbia, an appointment with which three successive Presidents of the United States honored him.

Not only is Dr. Kerby nationally known as an educator, sociologist, orator and editor of the Ecclesiastical Review, but he is also widely known for his writings, among which are the books *Le Socialisme aux Etats Unis*, *The Social Mission of Charity*, and *Prophecy of the Better Hope*. He is also the author of numerous contributions to reviews and other publications.

Priest, Bandit Captive Since 1931, Still Alive

Wuhu, China.—(NCWC)—Fides Father Esteban, Spanish Jesuit taken by the bandits in December 1931, is still alive in the hands of his captors. He is not allowed to write to his confessor, but a messenger was permitted through the lines to speak with the prisoner, and the bandits renewed their demands for a ransom. The missionaries of Wuhu have received testimonies of interest and sympathy from all sides, notably from England.

Msgr. Ryan To Conduct Course At Wisconsin U.

Madison, Wis.—(NCWC)—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Ryan, Dean of the Faculty of Sacred Sciences at the Catholic University of America and Director of the Department of Social Action, National Catholic Welfare Conference, will become a member of the economics department at the summer school sessions of the University of Wisconsin. Monsignor Ryan will conduct classes in economics and social problems.

BISHOPS WARN OF FASCISM IN HOLLAND

By REV. ANTHONY COPPENS (Belgium Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Amsterdam.—A warning that the unity of Roman Catholics of Holland is threatened by the Dutch fascist movement is contained in a Lenten Pastoral issued by the Bishops of this country. The leader of the Dutch National Socialists, M. Mussert, is a Catholic and about one-third of his followers are of the same faith.

The pastoral reiterates that the Catholic Church does not show preference to any form of government, but demands of a system that it take into account the claims of human welfare as proclaimed by Catholic doctrine. It reminds Catholics that the individual possesses personal rights, existing by nature and even without the State.

The Dutch Hierarchy remarks that the Dutch fascist parties have not yet declared themselves for the totalitarian State but there is no uncertainty regarding their future development. "Besides," the pastoral states, "it is more than probable that any fascism or national-socialism in Holland would be dominated sooner or later by a group of persons who do not share our views." It calls attention to "the dangers presented by almost unlimited power in certain hands" with respect to Catholic education, the press, organizations and all the privileges of religious life acquired in the course of long years of persevering effort.

After pointing out the moral and religious issues involved and the possible menace to Catholic institutions, the Bishops deplore the attitude of those Catholics who have been brought to support the movement for the good they believe they see in it, but who seem blind to what they declare the pernicious consequences of the system.

The pastoral forbids priests, religious, leaders of Catholic organizations, Catholic school teachers, members of the clerical board and guardians of the poor, as far as they are subjected to episcopal jurisdiction, to have anything to do with fascist institutions.

CHOICE OF CONFESSOR ONE OF NEW U. S. ENVOY'S FIRST ACTS IN CUBA

Washington (NCWC)—Information from Havana, Cuba, stating that one of the first actions of Jefferson Caffrey, new American Ambassador to that country whose appointment has just been confirmed by the U. S. Senate, after arriving there was to visit the Jesuit college in Havana and select a spiritual adviser from among the personnel of the institution's faculty, was received here with little surprise by persons in the Capital who know the envoy. For among Mr. Caffrey's outstanding characteristics, these friends say, is his deep Catholic devotion.

HITLERISM IS OPPOSED AT RALLY IN N. Y. CANONIZATION BRINGS JOY TO CHARITY NUNS

Former Governor Smith and Michael Williams Among Individuals Heard

New York.—(N. C. W. C.)—Prominent Catholic laymen participated in a demonstration against Hitlerism held Wednesday night of last week in Madison Square Garden. Twenty thousand persons were present. The session adopted resolutions accusing the Chancellor of Germany, Adolf Hitler, of wrongs against democracy, free speech, free assembly, free press, against religious and civil liberties, against academic freedom, against the arts and sciences, against world peace, against women and against all liberals, workmen and minorities.

Former Governor Alfred E. Smith appeared among a group of speakers who were listed as representing "American public opinion as a whole." He told the large assembly the people of America had no desire to interfere in the internal affairs of the German people, but he added that the German Government should not appeal to us for consideration of its claims to justice unless it were willing to accord justice to its own citizens.

Hitlerism Called Menace Adherents of the three religious groups—Catholics, Protestants and Jews—also were heard. These speakers made known that they were appearing as individuals and not as the designated representatives of the churches.

Michael Williams, Editor of The Commonwealth, said: "I must first of all disclaim responsibility for the statements made in the advertisements of this meeting."

Demand for Religious Articles For C. C. C. Men Taxes Aid Group

New York.—(N. C. W. C.)—The opening of the 1,462 Civilian Camps has brought an unusual opportunity for apostolic work in the many appeals, from chaplains caring for these camps, for Mass outfits and other religious articles, the Chaplains' Aid Association, 401 W. 59th Street here, states in an appeal it has extended to Catholic organizations.

Religious Bulletin At Notre Dame Urges Catholic Hour Aid

Notre Dame, Ind. (NCWC)—The current issue of the "Religious Bulletin" of the University of Notre Dame calls attention of the faculty and student body to the fact that "the Catholic Hour is in danger of discontinuance for lack of funds" and urges every radio fan on the campus to contribute a dime to the fund. A previous appeal of the Bulletin, it was stated, brought in \$21.70, and the University Council donated \$50. It is desired to send \$100. "Those who listen to radio," the Bulletin said, "should be interested in keeping this worthwhile feature on the air."

140 BAPTIZED IN BASUTOLAND

Kimberley.—(NCWC)—Father Pareau, O.M.I., recently baptized 140 catechumens at the Hermitage Mission, Qacha's Nek, Basutoland. He was assisted by Father Charbonneau, O.M.I., one hundred and twenty-six were converts from paganism, nine were converts from Calvinism, and five from the Church of England.

Blessed Louise De Marillac, Co-Foundress of Order, Becomes Saint

Rome.—(NCWC)—Sisters of Charity throughout the world united in thanksgiving, Sunday, when His Holiness Pope Pius XI canonized their co-Foundress, Blessed Louise de Marillac.

Blessed Louise, the daughter of Marguerite Le Camus and Louis de Marillac, Lord of Ferrieres, was born in Paris, August 12, 1591. Her paternal uncle, Michel and Louis were high in popular esteem and in royal favor. Michel de Marillac was Keeper of the Seals, and Louis was Marshal of France.

The parents of Blessed Louise passed away before she had completed her education at the Royal Monastery of Poissy, and upon the completion of her education, in 1613, she became the wife of Antoine Le Gras, the secretary of Queen Marie de Medici.

In the following year the marriage was blessed by the birth of a son whom the couple named Michel, in honor of his distinguished grandfather.

Holy Family Church Centennial Events Start on April 3

Auburn.—As a special feature in a series of events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Holy Family Church, a gala parish social will be staged Tuesday evening, April 3, at Holy Family Auditorium in North Street, Very Rev. Dean John A. Conway, today announced.

New York Constitution Change Would Provide Funds For All Schools

Albany.—(NCWC)—The State or any subdivision thereof might use money in aid or maintenance of any school, or institution, of learning, wholly or in part under the control or direction of any religious denomination, and in which the children receive religious instruction, according to an amendment of the State Constitution proposed in a concurrent resolution introduced in the New York State Legislature here.

Senators To Hear Birth Control Bill Opponents March 20

Washington (NCWC)—Opponents of the so-called Hastings birth control bill will be heard by the sub-committee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 20, it has been announced.

Becomes Saint



Blessed Louise de Marillac, widow of Antoine Le Gras and Foundress with St. Vincent de Paul of the Daughters of Charity whose canonization took place, March 11, Blessed Louise was born at Paris, August 12, 1591, and died March 15, 1660. She was beatified by Pope Benedict XV in 1920.

Archbishop Will Be Co-Consecrator For Bishop S. J. Donahue

New York (NCWC)—The consecration of the Most Rev. Stephen J. Donahue, Rector of the Church of the Holy Name here, who has been named titular Bishop of Modera and Auxiliary to His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 1, the Feast of St. Philip and James, Apostles.

Cardinal Hayes will be consecrator of Bishop-elect Donahue, who was His Eminence's secretary for a dozen years. The co-consecrators will be the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, and the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Grandjurer Archbishop of San Francisco.

Following his consecration, Bishop-elect Donahue will continue to serve as rector of the Church of the Holy Name, where, since his appointment, he has made many improvements to the church, school and rectory. Within the last few months, through the inspiration of Bishop-elect Donahue, Holy Name Church has become the center of a great devotion to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, with a perpetual novena being conducted there.

Spain Catholic Press Praised In Journals of Holland, Belgium

Brussels.—Tribute is paid by the Catholic newspapers of Belgium and Holland to the recent activities of the Spanish Catholics. Particularly they praise the Catholic Press of Spain, and acclaim the announcement that the huge rotary presses installed by "La Editorial Catolica," which publishes the great Catholic daily, *El Debate* of Madrid, are in operation. Four other important papers in Spain; *Gazeta del Norte* Bilbao; *El Noticiero*, Saragossa; *La Verdad*, Murcia, and *El Ideal*, Granada, are praised.

C. P. A. HEAD SEES EXHIBIT HERE AIDING CATHOLIC PRESS OF U. S.

President Richard Reid of the Catholic Press Association of the United States, and Editor, The Catholic Laymen's Association Bulletin, Augusta, Georgia, comments upon the Catholic Courier's recent Catholic Press Exhibit as follows: "The reaction which the Catholic Press Exhibit sponsored by your splendid publication has elicited throughout the nation, as indicated by the numerous stories appearing in our publications, is a source of gratification to all interested in the Catholic Press, and I wish to add my congratulations and felicitations on its success. It was a service to the Catholic Press not only in the Diocese of Rochester but to the Catholic Press of the United States, and appreciated accordingly."

CHURCH RECLAIMS THROUGHS IN AUSTRIA WHO LEFT HER DURING RADICAL REGIME

Appointments of Clergy

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MADRID PAPER STARTS DRIVE ON LAICISM

Madrid.—(NCWC)—With a special 40-page edition of *El Debate*, the first printed on the new rotary press, the national campaign of the Central Union of Catholic Action, *Pro Ecclesia et Patria*, was launched on the Feast of the Coronation of the Pope. The Most Rev. Leopoldo Eijo y Garay, Bishop of Madrid, blessed the new equipment which was shipped from the United States some months ago, and as the crowd applauded the swiftest press in Europe began turning out the special edition.

Never before in Spain has there been a like endeavor in the field of Catholic publicity. The articles contained in the 40 pages of the first issue are a continuation or amplification of the series of articles prepared for *El Debate* two years ago by the Madrid Correspondent of the N.C.W.C. News Service under the general title "What Spain Owe to the Religious." The facts set forth there are supplemented now by "What Spain Owe to the Church" above all to the Catholic clergy.

This is only the first step in the campaign which will be waged with the use of every modern facility. To refute the absurd and anti-Spanish laicism there will be recorded in minutes detail the secular work of the Church in Spain.

This campaign *Pro Ecclesia et Patria* is not to be one of polemics and aggressive apologetics; it will be a serene, authoritative and specialized documentation. The uncolored (tricolor) of laicism will receive a lesson in national history—a popular and diffused lesson which will reach everyone. The Diocesan Unions will get the same lessons from the weeklies and the periodicals of the provinces. Each week, will have a central theme—some person or institution which shows in some manner the influence of the Church in the life and development of every corner of Spain. In turn a series of conferences and study sessions will develop around this central theme.

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K. of C. Urges Silent Worship Good Friday

Albany.—(NCWC)—The Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, William J. Armitage, has urged the State Council of the Knights of Columbus, Grand Knights of the Order, to urge their members to observe a silent worship on Good Friday, which this year falls on March 30.

Many Minded Or Into Apostasy Now Returning To Faith

By DR. FREDERICK FUNDEN (Vienna Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Vienna.—The turbulent events in Austria which brought about the collapse of Radical Socialism have produced a remarkable movement as far as religious matters are concerned. The great masses found themselves freed from the Socialist pressure that had weighed upon their relations to the Church and through which many thousands were urged to become "undenominational."

Mainly in Vienna is the center of Socialist power, a work of stark looking for a stimulus, or a better meaning to secure in order from the past. The religious movement is the result of a mass of people who have drawn from the Catholic Church. Contrary to the left in fact, the non-religious education of youth in the municipal schools of Vienna was supported and promoted. The hands who had become used to his Catholic marriage, inasmuch as law, was granted permission to the Vienna municipality to contract a second marriage if he became "undenominational." Every action undertaken by the late Reichstag helped as Chancellor, which ended the displeasure of the Social Democrats, every pastoral letter of the Austrian Bishops of the Socialist leader, who had been best for withdrawal from the Church.

Eastern Regional Catholic Librarians To Hold Conference

Caldwell, N. J. (NCWC)—The Eastern Regional Conference of the Catholic Librarians Association will be held April 2 and 3 at the Academy of Mt. St. Dominic here. A feature of this conference will be round-table discussions of problems connected with cataloguing, college high school and elementary school libraries. Persons interested in Catholic library development, even though not members of the Association, are invited to attend.

The Rev. William M. Bennett, S. J., of Boston College, president of the Association, will address the members to open each of the two days of the conference, and will deliver the opening session on the first day. Mother M. Agathe, O.S.U., will preside at the opening session on April 3, when, Mrs. Maria D. Calvo, of the College of the Sacred Heart, Manhattanville, will present a paper on "The Catholic Librarian's Association—The Pivot of Catholic Library Development." John M. O'Loughlin, Editor of The Catholic Librarian World and Treasurer of the Association, a paper on "The Catholic Librarian on the Job," and Sister Mary Louise, of the Blessed McDonnell Memorial High School, Brooklyn, a paper on "The Only Catholic Graduate Librarian School." The afternoon of the first day will be given over to round-table discussions.

The Rev. Harold Farrell, C. F., Editor of The Sign, will address the Conference on Tuesday morning, April 2. Following Father Farrell's address there will be a business meeting, following which the Conference will close.

In addition to Father Bennett and Mr. O'Loughlin, officers of the Catholic Librarian Association include: the Rev. Paul J. Folk, C. S. C., of St. Edward's University, Austin, Tex.; Vice-President, and the Rev. Peter J. Etzig, C. S. R., of the Holy Spirit Seminary, Oconomowoc, Wis. Secretary.