

Child Labor Amendment Is Opposed By Buffalo Student Sodality Conference

Strenuously opposing the proposed child labor amendment on the ground that it infringes on the rights of the state and of the individual, the 3,000 delegates to the Students' Sodality Conference of Western New York, Pennsylvania and Ontario at the Hotel Statler in Buffalo, Sunday, March 11, went on record by unanimously adopting a resolution against the child labor amendment.

Over 400 representatives from Nazareth College, Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High School, and Parish Sodality of the diocese of Rochester attended this convention.

The adoption by the Sodality of the resolution to boycott all films they regard as objectionable and to endeavor to spread their move to national proportions followed the principal talk of the convention by the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., author and motion picture authority, on "The Moral Menace of Hollywood."

Father Lord said that with the youth of America contributing almost 50 per cent of the support given the movies, young Catholic people could clean up Hollywood by boycotting the objectionable movies.

He advised them to send individual letters of protest to the producers and actors, with this warning that the protest be a just one, and that the picture in question be objectionable. Full support should be lent to the decent, fine picture.

Miss Dorothy Willmann, Executive Secretary of the Parish Sodality Union, speaking on "The Layman's Opportunity," said that Catholics have failed to meet the modern needs of the Church through ignorance, or lack of curiosity, or intellectual pride.

The Most Rev. William Turner, Bishop of Buffalo, spoke against the "face-as-long-as-a-diddle" religion, and stressed the importance of this Catholic youth movement. The Hon. George J. Zimmermann, Mayor of Buffalo, who addressed the convention is a former Sodality, and a former prefect of the Canisius College Alumni Sodality.

Other actions included the adoption of resolutions commending President Roosevelt for his application of papal authority of social justice to the problems of the day; commending Senator Robert F. Wagner for his efforts in behalf of social justice and in particular for Senate Bill, number 3,926, for the settlement of disputes between employer and employee; advocating the consecration of homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus be more universally practiced; and pledging the loyal support of all the sodalists to their parish sodality.

The Rev. Robert Fox, the Misses Mary Leary and Anne Brennan, officers of the Rochester Parish Sodality Union headed the delegation of Rochester Parish Sodality; Miss Margaret Blumerick, president of the Nazareth College Sodality was accompanied by a number of college sodalists. Eighty-eight delegates from Nazareth Academy were present including each committee member of the Sodality and the eight faculty advisors for the committees.

Our Lady of Mercy High School was represented by seventy-five students and two faculty members: The Misses Mary Wimer, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Virginia Wimer, Eileen and Kathleen Muldoon, members of St. Jerome's Sodality, East Rochester, attended the Convention. Auburn was represented by the Misses Eleanor Helek, Jennie McLean, Nora Donovan, and Marion Blumrick. The Rev. Edward Ball and the Rev. Bernard Hanna accompanied a delegation of 100 from the school of Geneva.

The publicity committee of Our Lady's Sodality sponsored a poster contest for vocational week, which closed Friday, March 9. Many clever original ideas were worked out. There were three prizes offered. The first prize was won by Rosemary Ryan, second by Geraldine Glawe, and third by Dorothy Pearson.

The Rev. Francis Kiechammer of St. Andrew's Church addressed the Sodality on March 14 on the subject of "Vocations" touching upon the three states of life, married, single, and religious.

A revue of "Careers" was given by the sophomore class, Friday, March 16. Dorothy Schlegel, the class president, introduced the program in which the following girls took part: Teresa Strauss, Private Secretary; Dorothy Lame, Librarian; Anne Hetzel, Lawyer; Margaret Mungovan, Physiat Director; Dalis Otto, Social Worker; Mary Poes, Author; Dorothy Snyder, Nurse; Dolores McGrath, Nun; Mary Louise Ermatinger, Milliner; Eliza Mascoll, Home Maker; Helen Connelly, Artist; Mary Meyers, Chemist.

HONGKONG TO HAVE CARMEL: Hongkong.—(N.C.W.C.)—A Carmelite monastery has been founded at Hongkong following the permission granted by the Holy See to Bishop Valtora, Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong, to establish here the Belgian Carmelites who, residing at Canton since their arrival in 1930, have gathered a group of Chinese novices.

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Church in Austria Reclaims Throngs Who Deserted Her

(Continued from Page 1) 153,000 persons deserted the Catholic Church in Vienna alone. As the law refused a change of religion to children between 7 and 14 years of age this figure meant that of every ten inhabitants of Vienna one had deserted the Catholic Church. This proportion grows considerably worse if the number of Jews and Protestants is deducted from the total number of inhabitants.

In 1933 a surprising reversal suddenly set in. For the first time since the Great War, the number of those rejoining the Church surpassed the number of deserters. Presently the reasons became obvious. The crisis of European Socialism, which in the last year seized upon Austria, has shaken the confidence of the masses of the people in the rightness of the doctrines and in the spiritual power of Socialism. As the supporters of Socialism became conscious of that fact the eyes of the disappointed turned back to the spiritual home which they had left when deserting the Church.

The disaster which has overtaken Austria Socialism has given impetus to a return to the Church. Misguided for years by their leaders with delusions of a "Proletarian Dictatorship," deceived by the illusion that the laboring classes would be able, with the help of the arms collected by the Socialist leaders with the consent and support of the Vienna municipality, to usurp power, and, when everything was put to the test, deserted by their leaders and thrown into a hopeless revolution, hundreds of thousands have abandoned Socialism indignantly and are seeking a refuge in the Church.

In recent days members of the Republikanischer Schutzbund (Republican Defense League) who had fought against the police, have appeared before the Vienna rector asking them to accompany them to the police offices as they were prepared to surrender the arms in their possession if the priests would trust them. In the offices of the rector, the hosts of those announcing their intention to rejoin the Church are increasing to such an extent that the number of priests and clerks is no longer sufficient to cope with the problem. The movement has seized the masses.

It now becomes known by what means of coercion and misguidance the movement of apostasy was fostered during all these years. Yet, it is necessary to ward off unfavorable motives, if any, in the movement of rejoining the Church. Therefore the Arch-episcopal office of Vienna issued the following order:

"The awakening of the masses hitherto incited by the Socialist leaders manifests itself in a most pleasing form, a return to the Catholic Church. What had been possible in the parishes of all the industrial districts of the town since March, 1933, is now becoming a movement seizing the masses. It now becomes clear by what methods the movement for apostasy was launched. There was no intention of deserting the Church in the minds of the people. Lies, instigation, the threat of unemployment and homelessness drove the masses to apostasy. The pressure has ceased and those who had become 'unnominational' are returning.

Must be instructed: The movement "Home to the Church" has reached such an extent that the Archdiocesan office issued orders to the parishes to provide for thorough instruction of those rejoining. From various suburban parishes it is learned that the movement in the parish offices is taking simply overwhelming form. The Archdiocesan office issued the following order: "In connection with recent events an unusually large number of persons are applying to the parish offices asking for re-admission to the Church. To insure that no ill-disposed persons shall be quickly re-admitted, it is recalled to you that every re-admission must be preceded by adequate instruction. This instruction may be given to several persons at a time. If the persons concerned insist on re-admission being rapidly accomplished for the purpose of receiving some document confirming his re-admission, some certificate may be handed to him to the effect that he has reported for instruction as a convert and for re-admission respectively, and that he will be re-admitted after the termination of the period of instruction."

The recent events in Vienna mean a great change in all matters relating to culture in Austria, and especially to the school and education in Vienna. All the municipal kindergartens, hitherto run in an atheistic spirit, and all the big social institutions which under the title "Youth in Distress" gathered the unemployed juveniles, will come under Catholic leadership. In the schools all the remnants of pedagogical methods contrary to a system of religious education, will be removed. At the same time, however, the Church places itself at the head of the helpers who wish to heal the wounds inflicted by the rebels.

NOTRE DAME U. TIES: Notre Dame, Ind.—(N.C.W.C.)—The University of Notre Dame debating team has added another chapter to Notre Dame's great forensic tradition by tying with the University of Iowa for first place in a national debate tournament conducted by the Delta Sigma Rho Debating society at Iowa City.

HITLERISM IS OPPOSED AT RALLY IN N. Y.

(Continued from Page 1) to the effect that I was to represent the Catholics, or to speak for the Catholics. What I have to say is said entirely in my individual capacity as a Catholic journalist, based upon the results of a trip to Germany last Spring and upon information gathered by me then and since as a journalist. I have every reason to believe that my views concerning the evil nature and the deadly menace of Hitlerism—so far as its effects on personal and religious liberty are concerned—and shared by the great majority of Catholics, but I speak solely for myself.

"My deliberate opinion, then, is that the Catholic religion in Germany is threatened with a most serious danger of being crushed out of existence by the power of a State religion of paganism, which is the most potent factor of the Hitler movement and which is opposed to the spirit and the practice of Catholic Christianity. Moreover, Catholics in Germany have been and are now being subjected to ruthless persecution.

"In regard to the first statement, however, my personal opinion is amply supported by authoritative utterances made by those best qualified to speak, namely, the German Catholic ecclesiastical leaders themselves. Prior to the accession to power of Hitler a year ago the majority of the German Bishops had officially condemned those Nazi doctrines which are in conflict with Christian principles.

"It is true that when the National Socialists became the government of Germany the Catholic Church removed its ban on the assurance of Hitler that the purely religious rights of the church would be protected. These rights were recognized in the treaty of Concordat between the Hitler government and the Vatican. But it is notorious that these rights—particularly educational rights—are sorely menaced.

Clergymen Imprisoned: "Many of the most brilliant Catholic leaders of Germany—clergymen and laymen alike—have been imprisoned because of their membership in the Catholic Peace party. In Westphalia alone a thousand Catholic burgomasters, once members of the Catholic Center party, were discharged from office. The Catholic press, which prior to the Nazi revolution possessed daily, weekly and monthly newspapers and reviews of the highest cultural quality, has been practically strangled. The censorship imposed upon what is left of the Catholic press is so strict that their dwindling readers know nothing about what their own Catholic leaders think or say about the sterilization laws, anti-Semitism or the pagan control of the Catholic youth societies. Catholic converts from Judaism, many of whom were university professors and cultural leaders, artists, authors, musicians and journalists, have been ruthlessly dismissed from their posts.

"The pressure of paganism, I believe, is increasing instead of lessening. If this view is correct then I believe that the battle of German Catholicism against State absolutism will be more severe than the struggle waged against Bismarck's Kulturkampf. That they may win their battle now, as they did against the Iron Chancellor, must be the hope of all defenders of civilization against this new barbarism called Hitlerism. There are millions—many millions, I believe—of Germans who will be with the church in this struggle, German Protestants, German Jews and German Catholics, who love their country too well to let it pass beyond redemption into the lasting possession of the pagan dictatorship now in control."

New York.—(N. C. W. C.)—Former Governor Alfred E. Smith is one of those who contributed to "Nazism: An Assault on Civilization," which has just made its appearance. The book is a symposium by prominent persons including, besides former Governor Smith, William Green, Stephen S. Wise, Charles H. Tuttle and John Haynes Holmes.

"A great many years of my life have been given over to fighting against the very things Hitler exalts," Mr. Smith says in the book's final chapter, "The Challenge to America." "If his teachings prevail, then I and the millions who, like me, have fought for spiritual and political freedom, have fought in vain."

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Msgr. Ryan Spurns Post With Birth Control Advocates

(Continued from Page 1) their families instead of placing the burden of providing adequate opportunities for a normal life upon society and the State. He has given the weight of his authority to that assumption. He has been disloyal to the cause of social justice and genuine social reform.

"In your testimony at the hearing you did, indeed, repudiate the idea that birth control is a 'panacea' for social ills but you expressed yourself in favor of a stabilized population, at least by implication in my opinion, a stabilized population is not even an aid to social justice, as you put it in your letter. If this is to be brought about by law it means interference with individual rights as regards the size of families. Of course, I think that a stabilized population is utterly undesirable, but if anyone wants to believe in it, I have no objection. What I do object to is the interference with human rights which is involved in the proposal.

"A few days ago, Monsignor Ryan also said, 'a colleague called my attention to the fact that not one of the persons who are prominent in the organization advocating birth control is identified with social reform movements. All their emphasis is placed upon the ways by which the less fortunate members of society can better their condition without appealing for just legislation and a better economic order between that social philosophy and the social philosophy in which I believe, there is a fundamental difference.

Fundamental Differences: "I agree with the statement in the last paragraph in your letter that you and I would, had ourselves thoroughly in agreement on almost to ninety-five per cent of social problems. Nevertheless, I regard the remaining five or ten per cent as a fundamental, since it seems to involve a difference of view with regard to some of the most sacred rights of the individual. If you really do not agree with the Margaret Sanger group on the resolutions which they presented to President Roosevelt, then I say that you had no business to get yourself into such bad company.

The text of the resolution which birth control advocates presented at the White House follows: "The Federal Government has under its care millions of families that are in a condition of dependency and destitution, and it is generally recognized that families in this state should not increase the number of children.

"A minimum wage must mean a maximum family no larger than the minimum wage can support.

"Solution of the problem of unemployment requires a limitation of workers in accordance with the job supply.

Disunion Revolution: Rabbi Israel, in his letter to Monsignor Ryan, said in part: "I maintain unqualifiedly that I personally do not endorse the formulation of the resolution that was presented to the President. It very definitely gives an impression with which I do not agree. I want merely to reiterate that my personal appearance at this time was solely in connection with the plan which would enable duly licensed physicians to have greater freedom in imparting information and making possible the use of information which many of us feel to be of personal and social value."

Catholic Women In The News: The recently published book on women medical missionaries, by Dr. Arlette Butavand-Louvain, pays a tribute to the achievements of the Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries, founded in 1925 at Washington by Dr. Ann Dengel.

In her book Dr. Butavand gives a detailed account of the work of women physicians in the service of Catholic and Protestant missions throughout the world. Besides Dr. Dengel's Society, two other Catholic organizations were mentioned by Dr. Butavand: the Medical Missionary Institute of Wurzburg, where Brothers and Sisters receive medical training, and the Dejarpar Institute at Glasgow where the Sisters follow the rule of St. Ignatius.

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Arrangements have been completed for the annual ball of the A. O. H. and L. A. to be held at St. Patrick's Night at R. B. I. Clinton Avenue South.

Miss Annie O'Hara will give an exhibition of Irish dancing accompanied by "Paddy Ryan Modern" and old fashioned music will be furnished.

General chairman in charge of the ball is John McMahon assisted by J. F. Redding, P. J. O'Hara, Owen Smith, Martin Walsh, P. Shannon, M. Fenelon, M. O'Brien, James Smith, T. Scabill, John Crowley, Patrick Mackey, and the following Ladies Auxiliary members: J. Ashton, M. Pean, M. Smith, M. Morrison, L. Miller, E. Walsh, E. Conway, C. Fenelon, A. Mackey, B. Shannon, H. Wenzel, M. Sloan, M. Scabill, and M. Sloan.

Bishop Scores Praise of Dance Exhibition: Omaha.—In a statement carried by the secular papers of this city, the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Bishop of Omaha, has replied to the praise which theatrical critics have accorded a "fan dance" at a local theater, saying that these playlets do not surprise him, "neither do they affect the moral issues involved in a theatrical exhibition which is highly publicized through an appeal to morbid curiosity."

"The public exhibition of nudity," said Bishop Rummel, "whether it be real or feigned or celophane, contorted or intermittent, under the white glare of the Klieg reflector or in the gloaming of cleverly manipulated stage lights, is a violation of objective moral standards. Such exhibitions are helping to destroy the sense of modesty in our American youth. They cannot be condoned by the pretext of artists."

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