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MEXICO PARTY SEEKS LIBERTY FOR RELIGION

Anti-Re-Electionist Group Approves Proposal Made By Non-Catholic

By CHARLES BETICO
(Mexico City Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Mexico City—Following a plea for religious liberty in Mexico made by a non-Catholic, the National Anti-Re-electionist Party has adopted a plank espousing the cause of absolute freedom of conscience.

Jose Maria Rodriguez presented the plank to the convention of the National Anti-Re-electionist Party and the Nationalist Democratic Confederation.

In championing it, Senor Rodriguez said: "Within recent times the cable brought us the news that his Holiness publicly recommended to Spanish Catholics that they do not attack the Republic or seek to further any movement for the restoration of the Spanish monarchy, in order to avoid internal dissensions. With us the attitude of the Mexican Catholic clergy is one of complete abstinence from meddling in politics, concerning themselves solely with the propagation of their religion."

"Under these conditions it is certain that the laws of reform seem anticipatory, and those dictated by the blind following of the Callista tyranny were inspired solely by the hatred which General Calles has at ways felt for the Catholic Religion and its ministers. There has been no other motive for placing restrictions on religious liberty and freedom of conscience. The only restriction that should exist is that the Catholic clergy concern themselves exclusively with the propagation of the religion to which they belong. This abstention is already a rule adopted spontaneously by the Catholic clergy and for that reason the restrictions which the laws impose upon their free propaganda are useless."

Paragraph "B" of the National Anti-Re-electionist Party platform deals with the religious question and freedom of conscience. Delegate Tellez Vargas, having declared that he is a Roman Catholic and that with millions of Mexican Catholics he desires freedom for his country, said that he also desires "to educate my children according to the dictates of my conscience and not according to philosophical ideas which would despoil them."

After discussion the plank was adopted and the nominee of the Party must promise "to support it with his own life and those of his followers." He must act "so that Mexico may become a free country in matters of religious education and have a sane parliament inspired by zeal for the country." Education must not "disregard the fundamental principles of family, home and the true concept of what is the 'country,'" and such laws must be enacted.

Peace President



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DR. WRIGHT IS NEW HEAD OF PEACE GROUP

Catholic Peace Conference Told Pope Is Leader in Movement For Amity

Washington, (NCWC).—Dr. Herbert Wright, Professor of International Law at the Catholic University of America, was elected President of the Catholic Association for International Peace at its eighth annual conference held last week.

Other officers elected are: Sister Rose de Lima of the College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, N. J.; the Rev. Dr. Robert H. Lord, of St. John's Boston Ecclesiastical Seminary, Brighton, Mass.; Dr. George N. Shuster, Managing Editor of *Commonwealth*; Mrs. William Chalesky of St. Louis; and the Rev. Dr. William Bolger, C.S.C., of the University of Notre Dame, Vice-Presidents; the Rev. Francis J. Haas, Director of the National Catholic School of Social Service, Washington, D. C., Treasurer; Miss Marie R. Madden, of Fordham University, Assistant Treasurer; and Miss Elizabeth Sweeney, Executive Secretary.

Dr. Parker T. Moon, of Columbia University, New York, retiring president of the Association, urged the organization to consolidate its work thus far and to redouble its efforts that its program may be more effective and more widely known. Dr. Moon charged that Catholics in America have been backward in peace work among students, and that preachers of Communism have been able to make themselves felt in student peace movements in this country. "We Catholics and Catholic students ought to be leaders for peace," Dr. Moon said. "I think we're on our way. We've made really remarkable strides in recent years. We are the only ones who have one speaking up clearly and with authority. We have an incomparable leader in the Pope."

INTER-FAITH GROUPS MEET AT DINNER

Archbishop Mooney, Rabbi Bernstein, Dr. Nixon Talk At Centenary Event

(Complete text of Archbishop Mooney's address appears on page 4, this issue.)

Declaring that the gathering in itself was eloquent in witnessing that the completion of one hundred years of city history finds us all living together in peace, and that "It is my ardent wish and fervent hope that a second century of continued civic progress may give us still more ample opportunity of working together in charity," the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, left this final thought with 200 diners at the Chamber of Commerce Monday night.

The occasion was an event sponsored by the newly organized Inter-Faith committee to mark the opening of Rochester's Centennial Celebration and was attended by Jews, Catholics and Protestants.

Besides Archbishop Mooney who spoke for the Catholics, Rabbi Philip Bernstein of Temple Beth Kodesh spoke for the Jews and the Rev. Dr. Justin W. Nixon, D.D., pastor of Brick Presbyterian Church spoke for the Protestants.

Mayor Estensco welcomed the meeting was opened by Carl S. Hallauer, general chairman of the Rochester Centennial Committee and Mayor Charles Stanton, the first speaker, took the occasion to welcome Archbishop Mooney on behalf of the city to Rochester. Rev. Whitney S. Yeaple presided as toastmaster, the Rt. Rev. David Lincoln Ferris, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, delivered the invocation and the Rev. Magr. William J. Hart, Vicar General of the Catholic diocese, the benediction.

Frequent tributes were paid to the memory of the late Bishop John Francis O'Hern for his untiring work in the development of good will among all citizens of the community. All stood for one minute in silent prayer for Bishop O'Hern.

Rabbi Bernstein, the first speaker of the evening urged respect for differences and recognition of agreements as the two basic principles in the foundation of a happy relationship between the religious groups of the community.

"Honor me, my Christian friends, not as I am most like you, but as I am true to the highest ideals of the faith—summarized as 'Doing justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with God,'" said Rabbi Bernstein. "I will honor you, my Catholic and Protestant friends, as your lives approximate most closely to that of Him who said: 'By this shall men know we are his disciples, if we have love for one another.'"

Saying that Rochester has been free from those rancorous religious controversies which have sometimes done great hurt to other communities, Rabbi Bernstein took occasion to quote from an address given by Bishop McQuaid at the Semi-Centennial

ARCHBISHOP MOONEY CALLS ON HOLY NAME UNION TO INCREASE DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER READERS

Diocesan Holy Name Union Convention Takes Definite Stand On Subjects of Importance In Resolutions Adopted

Resolutions adopted by the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union Convention in Geneva Sunday and presented to the convention by the Committee on Resolutions, including former County Judge Philip H. Donnelly, St. Monica, chairman; Charles H. Knapp, St. Andrew; Edwin Kolb, St. Francis Xavier; Robert Kalb, Blessed Sacrament; John O. Williams, Our Lady of Good Counsel; James D'Amio, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and William Moynihan, St. Patrick's Cathedral, are as follows:

THE HOLY PATRIOT
The Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union, in annual convention assembled at Geneva, N. Y., renews its pledge of unwavering loyalty and devotion to the Holy See.

Its members rejoice at the announcement of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI that the Holy Year, with its extraordinary blessings and graces which has been confined to the visitors to the Holy City, has begun today, April 8, and extended to the whole world.

We urge our members to avail themselves of this very special privilege and to strive to receive all the blessings and fruits that go with the proper observance of the Holy Year.

OUR MOST REVEREND BISHOP
We pledge to the Most Reverend Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, our devoted service and loyal cooperation in all activities undertaken by him for the greater glory of Almighty God and the good of God's Church.

We extend to him our heartfelt and sincere congratulations and felicitations on the completion by him of twenty-five years of faithful and loving service as a priest and

FR. COUGHLIN RADIO SERIES ENDS SUNDAY

Detroit, (NCWC).—The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, noted radio speaker, will conclude this season's series of broadcasts next Sunday, he has announced. For the final broadcast, Father Coughlin has arranged for a discussion of the Fletcher-Rayburn stock market bill and phases of President Roosevelt's financial program. Prof. Raymond Moley, formerly one of President Roosevelt's financial advisers, and Ferdinand Pecora, chief counsel of the Senate Banking Committee, will participate in the discussion.

In announcing the conclusion of the current series of broadcasts, Father Coughlin said that whether he resumes his talks over the air next fall depends upon his radio audience.

Father Coughlin said he had made millions of friends during eight years of speaking on public questions, and that he had also made thousands of enemies. He said false reports had been circulated to the effect that "a Detroit millionaire" was subsidizing his addresses and about the amount of money received from listeners. Father Coughlin said receipts have to defray the necessary expenses, and that any surpluses have been invested in reputable securities and used to build a new church. The surplus is now wiped out, however, Father Coughlin said, adding that he had hoped to invite his listeners to attend the dedication of the church next October, but that the invitation must be withheld.

Intolerance Group's Headquarters Close

Oklahoma City, (NCWC).—The offices of the "Silver Shirts" anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic organization here, have been closed, it has been learned. It is understood that the organization is keeping one official at a city hotel, to handle correspondence.

Offices of the "Silver Shirts" were opened in this city several months ago, when it was announced by Major Luther I. Powell, aide of William Dudley Felley, leader of the organization, that the western headquarters of the organization would be located in this city. Powell, it is learned, has since left the organization, turning his attention to a new organization known as the Anti-Communist League of the World.

A decided setback to the efforts of the "Silver Shirts" was given recently by Governor Murray when he severely condemned the organization. Governor Murray informed the National Conference of Jews and Christians that he did not believe the movement would make any progress in the State.

Colored Race Paid Tribute By Prelate

Cincinnati, (NCWC).—Declaring that he wished to pay tribute publicly to the colored race and at the same time to demand justice for its members, the Most Rev. John T. McNichols, O. P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, said the colored people have suffered more during the depression and have done so in silence and resignation.

The Archbishop spoke at a ceremony at which 150 colored Catholics were confirmed.

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Legion of Mary Spiritual Work in Ireland Lauded by Carmelite

Dublin, (NCWC).—The Carmelite Church in Whitefriars Street was the scene of the annual consecration ceremony of the Legion of Mary, attended by 2,250 active members. The church was filled to the doors for a most impressive ceremony. In his address to the members of the Legion, the Very Rev. D. B. Devlin, O. C. M., Provincial, described the Legion as a great spiritual army founded and strengthened by a love that enabled its members to accomplish wonderful things for God, always to perform the kind action.

"My heartfelt prayer today," he said, "is that this great spiritual work will be availed of to the utmost by the Church in Ireland. Never before, certainly not in modern times, has such a marvelous weapon been forged for doing good in the world."

Socialists' Strike In Spain Is Defied By Catholic Daily

By REV. MANUEL GRANA Madrid, (NCWC).—In the general strike of newspaper workers imposed on the Madrid press by Socialists of the *Can del Pueblo*, El Debate, Catholic daily of Madrid, was the only paper in sale in the streets except the Revolutionary El Socialista. Its editions were tripled and were hailed with enthusiasm by the public. Despite the strikers who sought to prevent the sale by force, El Debate was distributed and sold by Catholic Dealers and the young members of *Accion Popular*. Instead of 20,000 copies, 110,000 were sold in Madrid alone. Since the provinces could get no other paper from the Capital, the press of El Debate were kept running constantly to supply all the cities and towns of Spain.

In preventing the appearance of all other papers, the Socialists had thought that only their paper would be available. In the face of such difficulties, Gil Robles informed the Government that the Catholic Deputies would withdraw their support unless the rights of this Catholic journal, which was in no way involved in the strike, were protected. The Government maintained order and El Debate was sold.

The strike started in the shops of ABC, the monarchial journal. The pretext was the admission of a "fascista" workman. In reality the strike was a political move on the part of the Socialists to embarrass the Government and to weaken the influence of the Catholic Deputies.

Protestant Minister Urges His Hearers To View Catholic Mass

New York, (NCWC).—The recommendation that his hearers visit Catholic places of worship and view what he termed "the beautiful drama of the Catholic Mass" was made by the Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Fleming, Presbyterian minister, in addressing a meeting of Catholics, Protestants and Jews in the auditorium of the Spring Valley, N. Y., high school.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Catholic Laymen's League of Orange and Rockland counties.

The meeting also was addressed by the Rev. Martin E. Fahy, pastor of the Church Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tuxedo, N. Y., and was attended by several priests, Protestant ministers and Rabbis.

Further Persecution of Priests in Russia Reported at Warsaw

Warsaw, (NCWC).—Further news of the persecution of Catholics in Soviet Russia has been received here.

The venerable Bishop Anthony Malecki, Apostolic Administrator of Leningrad, who recently completed a term of exile in Siberia, earnestly desired to return to his orphaned flock, but to date has not been permitted to proceed beyond Irkutsk, Siberia, reports state.

Other recent reports tell of the arrest by the Soviet GPU of Father Sleschman of Kiev, Fathers F. Szuber and Illi of Odessa, Father Gabenbeller of Eichenwald, near Mariampol; Father Kun of Aleksandrowsk on the Dnieper, and many others.

Pick Detroit For K. C. National Meet In August

Asheville, N. C. (NCWC).—The supreme national convention of the Knights of Columbus will be held in Detroit, August 21-23, according to a decision made at a meeting of officers and directors here Monday.

Ex-Gov. Smith Warns of Federal Control of Public Education

Columbus, O., (NCWC).—Former Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, warned against federal control of education, in a message sent to the Citizens' Conference on the Crisis in Education, held here.

Mr. Smith's message was read by Dr. Frank P. Graves, president of the University of New York and State Commissioner of Education, who presided over the session Friday at which Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt made an appeal for educational reforms in this "period of change."

Mr. Smith emphasized that he favored "a fair and efficiently administered emergency program of Federal support for public schools." He warned, however, against confusing such emergency aid with "long-term Federal support," declaring that "whoever pays the fiddler calls the tune."

"Such a policy," he said, "ought to be considered on its merits quite apart from the influences due to present economic difficulties. It is axiomatic in American government that control follows support. Men may cry federal aid without Federal control, but so declaring does not determine the outcome."

Continuing, Mr. Smith asserted that he had found in his experience as Governor that education is best a State function.

"State tax systems must be overhauled," he said. "The State itself must guarantee a reasonable educational opportunity to every child within its borders. Until the several States take these two related steps, there is little hope for public education through Federal subsidy."

Mr. Smith, in dealing with public school systems, said that they are "antiquated, ineffective, expensive, unjust to the needs of our day and generation."

French Catholics Told Progress of War On Narcotics

By M. MASSIANT, (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, (NCWC).—The present status of the campaign being waged by the League of Nations against narcotics was the subject of an important address delivered by Monsignor Eugene Beaupin before the French group of the Catholic Union for International Studies, of which he is general secretary.

Monsignor Beaupin reported a number of encouraging achievements, including the international covenant for the limitation of the production of narcotics and for the regulation of their distribution which has been ratified by 29 governments. An appreciable diminution in the manufacture of drugs has been noted, he said.

Two important plans are under consideration at Geneva: the preparation of an international covenant for the purpose of which is better control of the suppression of illicit traffic; and the issuance of a questionnaire to the governments for the purpose of determining whether it is possible to limit and to control the production of the sources from which the principal narcotics are derived.

Union of Catholic Engineers Largest

Notre Dame, Ind., (NCWC).—William Newberry, senior in the department of architectural designing at the University of Notre Dame, who recently won the first prize in the Warren competition held at the Beaux Arts Institution of Design in New York, has again received a \$50 award from another Beaux Arts competition. His design placed fourth in a design for "The interior of a Church" sponsored by the Illuminating Engineering Society.

Planning Celebration of Fourth Centenary of Cartier's Landing

Gaspe, Can., (NCWC).—A celebration commemorating the fourth centenary of Jacques Cartier's arrival in Canada, will be held here on August 25 where the famous explorer landed according to plans now being formulated.

The celebration will draw dignitaries of the Church and State from Canada and other countries. An open-air Mass will feature the celebration. According to present plans, a stone cross will be erected and blessed to commemorate the one reared by Cartier upon his arrival in this part of America. It is understood that the stone for the cross will be brought from St. Malo, France, birthplace of Cartier.

Gives Specific Task As Opportunity For Catholic Action

UNION ADOPTS CONSTITUTION

Drafts Resolutions on Current Problems At Geneva Meeting

Assigning to members of each Holy Name Society the definite work of increasing the circulation of the Catholic Courier, Diocesan newspaper, the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, last Sunday in Geneva, emphasized the value of the Catholic Press as a basic factor in a Catholic Action Program.

Archbishop Mooney outlined at Geneva a resolution which opened the second annual convention of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union at St. Francis de Sales Church, more than four hundred men, including 215 delegates, 25 spiritual directors, were present at the church to read the Holy Name Pledge and to hear the Archbishop's address.

The Archbishop pointed out that the Holy Name Society not only is a salutary reverence for the name of God, but also encourages frequent reception of the sacraments and good example on the part of the members.

"I expect," he said, "that in each parish the Holy Name Society will find the strong support of the parish, for the parish is the fundamental unit of the Catholic Church." If Catholicism in the United States is in some respects, the admiration of the world, it is because of the strenuous development of parish life here.

He pointed out, however, that it would be shortsightedness if the work of Catholic Action were confined to the parish alone.

Here Larger Field

"Might not a Bishop ask the Holy Name Society as a Diocesan Union to do one fundamental work," the Archbishop continued, "and that

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