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MEXICAN HEAD OF EDUCATION IS FORCED OUT

Parents Aroused Over Sexual Plan of Education Compel Resignation

By CHARLES BETICO (Mexico City Correspondent, N. C. W. C. NEWS SERVICE). Mexico City—Narciso Bassols, Minister of Public Education, was forced to resign on May 9 after a turbulent tenure of office, characterized especially by his sexual education project which shocked the sensibilities of the majority of Mexicans and roused general and vigorous opposition.

To his formal note of resignation, Bassols attached a lengthy letter to the President in which he attributed all his difficulties to Catholic opposition to the laic educational policy of the National Revolutionary Party. In his reply, President Rodriguez wrote that Bassols' retirement from the Ministry "does not imply any rupture of the revolutionary principles, nor any act of weakness on the part of the Government, which is determined to carry on its program, believing that the spiritual liberation of our nation is the keystone on which our nationality must rest. This fundamental principle will not be weakened, either through the crafty campaign of the clergy or the cowardly activities of certain associations which it sponsors."

Forced By Indignation Nevertheless, the significant fact stands out that the Mexican people, stirred to the depths by what they considered attacks by radicals upon the morality of their children, have risen and forced the retirement of a Cabinet officer, a thing unheard of in Mexico for years.

There has been a constant effort on the part of the administration to make it appear that all such organizations as the Fathers of Families and the various teacher and student federations were controlled by the clergy, whereas, as a matter of fact, some of these were not Catholic and others not wholly Catholic organizations, and non-Catholics were among the most bitter opponents of the sexual education plan.

No sooner was Bassols in office than the trouble started. Teachers questioned his educational qualifications for the position; students began to resent his arbitrary rulings.

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Fr. Selden Delany, Noted Convert, Home

New York, (NCWC). — The Rev. Selden Peabody Delany, formerly rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Mary, returned Saturday from Rome, where he was ordained to the priesthood after four years of study at the Beza College. The noted convert formerly was a leader of the "Anglo-Catholic" movement.

At the age of 59 years, Father Delany will present himself to His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, for assignment. He was ordained on March 17.

EACH ONE BETTER THAN THE LAST . . .

THAT'S WHAT people say who have been attending the Friday evening series of lectures on flower gardening.

IN THE fourth lecture, Friday, May 18, Mr. Schuyler Arnold will divulge secrets useful in building rock gardens and pools.

PLAN TO attend the remaining lectures in this outstanding series. The hour is 8:15 P. M. The place is the Columbus Building, 50 Chestnut Street.

THESE LECTURES are open to the public without admission charge. When you attend, you are the guest of the sponsors.

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Speaks Here



The Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Syracuse, will address the Council of Social Agencies at a luncheon meeting in the Rochester Chamber of Commerce on Monday, May 28, at 12:15 p. m. It is announced by the Rev. Walter A. Foery, diocesan director, Rochester Catholic Charities. Bishop Duffy's subject will be "The Individual's Responsibility in the Social Crisis." Reservations for the dinner may be made at the office of the Rochester Catholic Charities, Columbus Civic Center Building, 50 Chestnut Street, or at the Chamber of Commerce. All interested are invited to attend the luncheon.

PRESSURE OF POLITICS SEEN IN AIR RULING

Writer Says Federal Board Reversed Self On Petition of Station WWL

Washington, (NCWC). — An article in which it is charged that the Federal Radio Commission, after having decided to grant full-time status to Station WWL, operated by Loyola University at New Orleans, reversed itself after "political pressure" was brought to bear and denied the petition, has been seen by Arthur Sears Henning, Washington correspondent, to the Chicago Daily Tribune and published in that newspaper. Decision in favor of WWL would have meant the deletion of Station KWKH, Shreveport, La.

The "pressure," Mr. Henning asserted, came both from a White House secretary and from the Capitol. Inquiry at the offices of the Federal Radio Commission elicited the information that the members of the commission would make no statement regarding the decision and that the charges contained in Mr. Henning's article would be ignored. No comment on the subject has been made by attaches of the White House.

Mr. Henning's article presents his version of events accompanying the efforts of Station WWL to improve its broadcasting status. He recalls that Station KWKH and its operating owner, the "Hello World Broadcasting Corporation," had several times authorized due to the nature of certain of the talks made over the air gotten into difficulties with the radio by W. K. Henderson, its sponsor.

The application of Station WWL was investigated by one of the radio commission's examiners and he recommended that the petition for full-time status be granted. According to Mr. Henning, the decision of the commission to take favorable action was arrived at at an executive session. It was at this juncture, he says, that Shreveport interests became active and exerted the "political pressure" that resulted in the application being rejected.

This account by Mr. Henning appears in one of a series of articles in which he is attempting to show what he terms are the dangers that might follow the appointment of a Federal commission with regulatory powers over all forms of communication. The Chicago Daily Tribune, in which Mr. Henning's articles are appearing, is pronouncedly "anti-Administration" in its views.

CRUSADE FOR BETTER FILMS WIDESPREAD

Groups Pledging Members To Non-Attendance At Indecent Movie Showings

Washington, (N. C. W. C.)—Circulation of pledges in the "League of Decency" crusade, by which signers promise to abstain from attending the exhibition of improper motion pictures, is being expedited throughout the country. Letters of Ordinaries are being read in churches and sermons are being delivered from pulpits and via the radio urging the faithful to participate in the campaign to drive obscenity out of the films.

The Catholic Press is co-operating in the crusade and lists of approved movies are being published by some of the diocesan organs. The Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, has called upon members of the Sodality Union to assume leadership in the crusade. "The only way to bring those who are responsible for the filthy flood that sweeps from Hollywood all over the country to their senses," the Archbishop said, "is to hit their pocketbooks. If the Catholics of the country stay away from the theaters which are showing these dirty films, there will be action. When box office receipts fall there is always a stir. Your refusal to go to the movies will cause consternation in Hollywood. It will bring about an instant and concerted protest to the producers from theater owners."

K. of C. Take Action The 2,000,000 Catholics of Massachusetts are being called upon to join in the campaign to clean up the movies. The Massachusetts State Council, Knights of Columbus, has adopted a resolution asking all Catholics to boycott films that are "sexy,"

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HOME MISSIONS SENT \$40,000 DURING YEAR

New York, (NCWC). — The Marquette League, which has its headquarters here, sent more than \$40,000 direct to the Catholic missions of Southwest and Northwest United States and Alaska during the year ended April 30 last, it was revealed in a report read at the annual meeting.

Victor F. Ridder, treasurer of the League, reported to the meeting that the total of more than \$40,000 was from the ordinary receipts of the League and that the money was given for the support of priests, Sisters, catechists and little children in Indian mission schools. While this amount is the lowest sent by the League to the Missions during the depression period, it is considered very creditable since the year 1933 was generally considered the worst for all mission aid societies, it was said. For its fiscal year ended April 30, 1933, the League sent \$70,000 to the Missions, of which amount \$50,000 was from the ordinary receipts. During the last five years the League has sent direct to the missions more than \$500,000, most of which was from its ordinary receipts.

Former Naval Cadet To Be Ordained In Baltimore

Baltimore, (NCWC). — A former student of the Naval Academy at Annapolis will be ordained to the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary on Sunday, May 26. He is the Rev. John Walter Plimmer. At a military academy he first became convinced of a vocation for the priesthood and entered St. Francis College, Brooklyn. Two years later he entered Annapolis and a year later returned to St. Francis and finished his course. Eventually he entered St. Mary's Seminary.

Year-Long Watch Before Tabernacle Observed By Knights of St. Columba

London, (N. C. W. C.)—Permission has now been given to disclose the fact that during every minute of the Holy Year, day and night, at least one Knight of St. Columba was watching before the tabernacle, somewhere in England, Scotland or Wales, praying for the intentions of the Holy Father. The Catholic papers here were aware of the inspiring year-long act undertaken by the Knights, and they respected the Knights' request that

OBERAMMERGAU RADIO PROGRAM HEARD IN U. S.

Anton Lang, Jr. Talks From Washington To Parents, Fiancee In Germany

Washington, (NCWC). — Radio listeners in North America heard a half-hour program at noon Sunday originating in Oberammergau, Germany, scene of the world-renowned Passion Play. Of chief interest were the reciting of the prologue by Anton Lang, Sr., famed for his role of Christus in previous passion plays, the singing of the overture and the Alleluia by the massed singers of Oberammergau and a conversation in which Mr. Lang and his wife talked with their son, Anton Lang, Jr., who is a professor of German at Georgetown University here.

Anton Lang, Jr., also exchanged greetings with his fiancee, Miss Klara Mary, who is portraying the role of Mary Magdalen in the Passion Play. Dr. Max Jordan, German correspondent of the N. C. W. C. News Service, who served as announcer for the entire program, informed the international audience that Miss Mary and Mr. Lang would be married in Washington, next autumn, at the conclusion of the Passion Play performances.

Dr. Jordan opened the program from Oberammergau and was followed by Mr. Lang, Jr., greeting his parents. They expressed astonishment at the ease with which they were able to carry on their conversation via wireless telephone.

"Yes," said the father, "I can hardly believe it, to think of the great distance that separates us and yet we talk to each other as though we were able to carry on our conversation here in Toni!"

"Toni, Toni, dear boy," exclaimed Mrs. Lang. And then: "My boy, what a pleasure it is to hear your voice. I am so happy about it." The son replied: "Mother, I could think of no better opportunity to wish you a very, very happy Mother's Day than straight across the Atlantic via the air. How have you been, mother?"

His mother then announced she had a surprise for him and introduced Miss Mary. Her greeting was the one word: "Toni!" He said: "I can't tell you how thrilled I am to talk to you!"

Dr. Jordan then cut in to say: "I think we had better give them a moment to carry on their conversation in their mother tongue." They did. Dr. Jordan then presented the Mayor of Oberammergau, who spoke in German, and said he hoped many in America would be able to avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing the Passion Play.

The overture was then sung and was followed by the recitation of the Prologue by Anton Lang, Sr. Mr. Lang spoke in German and Dr. Jordan, in a lower voice, gave the gist in English. The Oberammergau cast then enacted the opening scene of the play, the entry into Jerusalem. The program was closed by the chorus singing the Alleluia. The voices of the children, who participated in this scene, could be heard plainly.

Birth Control Bill Laid Aside by Senate

Washington, (NCWC). — The bill to permit the dissemination of birth control devices and information came up on the calendar in the Senate May 10 and was immediately shunted aside.

When the birth control measure was announced, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, majority leader, arose, and addressed the presiding officer, Vice-President Garner, saying: "Mr. President, I should like to have an explanation of this bill. I see that it was introduced by the Senator from Delaware (Senator Hastings) and reported from the Committee on the Judiciary by the Senator from Kentucky (Senator Logan)."

Mass For Navy Men To Be Held In New York June 3

New York, (NCWC). — Catholic men of the United States Navy will be invited to attend a solemn, official Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 3, the day following the parade of the combined Pacific and Atlantic fleets in the Hudson River. She is the security of Divine favor.—St. Andrew.

CHEST CAMPAIGN SUCCESS SEEN CHALLENGE TO CITY

Funds For 9 Catholic Agencies Depend Upon Chest Being Filled

Catholic institutions receiving support from the Community Chest and amounts needed for operating from April 1, 1934, to April 1, 1935, as shown by the annual budgets prepared are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Agency Name and Amount. Includes St. Ann's Home for the Aged, St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum Society, St. Mary's Boys' Orphan Asylum, St. Patrick's Orphan Girls' Asylum, Charles Settlement House, Genesee Institute, St. Elizabeth Guild House, Rochester Catholic Charities, and Total.

Two Bishops Will Participate In Catholic Press Association's Cleveland Sessions Next Week

Augusta, (N. C. W. C.)—The program for the annual meeting of the Catholic Press Association, to be held at Cleveland, May 24 to 26, inclusive, on the invitation of the Most Rev. Joseph Schrambs, Bishop of Cleveland, was announced here Tuesday by Richard Reid, editor of The Bulletin of the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia and President of the C. P. A.

Bishop Schrambs will address the convention's dinner meeting the evening of May 24, and the Most Rev. James A. McFadden, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland and Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Catholic University Bulletin, official newspaper of the Diocese of Cleveland, will welcome the delegates. The Catholic University Bulletin is 29 years old this year.

The convention will open with a magazine session on the morning of May 24. The Rt. Rev. Magr. Albert E. Smith, Editor-in-Chief of The Baltimore Catholic Review and Vice President of the C. P. A., will say the opening prayer. Mr. Reid will then extend greetings as President of the Association, after which Monsignor Smith will take charge of the program. The Rev. Harold Parcel, G. P., Editor of The Sign and Chairman of the Association's Circulation Vigilance Committee, will deliver the

40 Negroes Baptized By Jewish Pastor and Jewish Convert Aide

Chicago, (N. C. W. C.) — The Divine junction to teach all nations was recalled Sunday in St. Anselm's Church, originally established for people of Irish descent when a German pastor, assisted by a priest who was converted from Judaism, baptized forty adult Negroes.

The pastor is the Rev. Joseph F. Eckert, S. V. D., and the priest who assisted him and who presided at the ceremony is the Rev. P. Kiebler, C. S. S., a redemptorist missionary, whose parents were Jews.

Catholic Summer School Will Open On June 15th

New York, (NCWC). — The Catholic Summer School of America will begin its forty-third annual session at Cliff Haven, N. Y., on June 15 and will continue until September 15, according to an announcement here by the Rev. Thomas L. Graham, secretary.

Father Graham announces that the rates have been reduced this year, but that the schedule of lectures, recreation, and other features is being maintained and in many instances enlarged and improved.

Trappist Monks To Return To Africa After An Absence of Thirty Years

Paris, (N. C. W. C.)—The Trappists are returning to Algeria after an absence of more than 30 years. Early in the century they had had to abandon the monastery at Maouelli, near Algiers, because of the Comban anti-religious law.

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