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HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMBERS READY TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN ON SUNDAY FOR DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER

SIXTY-EIGHT DIOCESES OF NATION CONTINUE UNABATED DRIVE ON INDECENT FILMS

Active Drive of Rochester
Inter Faith Committee
Postponed To Fall

Late tabulations of pledges to the principles of the Legion of Decency in the Diocese of Rochester shows over 53,000 adults and 25,000 children, totaling 78,000, signed to fulfill the obligation of the pledges to stay away from obscene and indecent motion pictures. Complete returns have not yet been made, the Chancery office announced this week.

The Rochester Interfaith Committee of Nine on motion pictures, announced this week that active campaigning in the Rochester drive for wholesome pictures will be postponed until the fall season.

With indications from Hollywood that the campaign launched by the Bishops of the United States and supported by Protestants and Jews is having a telling effect upon producers; and with Joseph I. Breck, first assistant to Will Hays working day and night at the source of production to eliminate the objectionable in current films, the drive to bring about an improvement in the moral standard of film productions through the elimination of the objectionable and in-

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PLAN CLEAN FILM CRUSADE IN BRITAIN

London—(NCWC)—The possibility that a campaign for clean films similar to the Legion of Decency crusade in America will be launched here has been learned by this correspondent of the N.C.W.C. News Service.

News of the decision of the producers of motion pictures to clean their own industry is given by the Catholic papers, here in N.C.W.C. News Service messages. The daily papers have not, so far, noted that specific success of the Bishops' campaign.

The cinema trade papers, also ignorant, apparently, of the situation, still pretend not to know what all the bother is about.

The Cinema, daily trade organ, declares that the Church has learned nothing about sex for 2,000 years. "It still uses the word as if it were saying something obscene."

It is this sort of defiance that could quite easily set all right religious opinion in this country.

Mass In Paris Marks 4th Centenary of Canada

Paris, July 16 —(NCWC)— On the occasion of the fourth centenary of the discovery of Canada by Jacques Cartier, a solemn Mass of thanksgiving, was celebrated in the Cathedral of Notre Dame in the presence of His Eminence Jean Cardinal Verdier, Archbishop of Paris.

Catholic Girl Wins Poetry Contest; 205 Colleges Take Part

New York —(NCWC)— Miss Elizabeth Gallagher, a student of the College of St. Elizabeth, St. Paul, Minn., has been announced as the winner of the national inter-collegiate poetry contest conducted by the magazine The Forum. Offerings were received from 205 colleges, representing all but six of the States. The leading universities of the country were represented. Miss Gallagher's poem was entitled "Thistle in the Desert."

Miss Roselyn Quinn, of the College of St. Teresa, Winona, Minn., received honorable mention. In an editorial dealing with the contest, the magazine made further mention of verse submitted by students of the two Catholic colleges.

Our Movies and Our Morals

TEXT OF RADIO ADDRESS,
THIRD AND LAST, IN A
SERIES, DELIVERED BY
THE REV. LESTER M. MOR-
GAN, M. A., OF AQUINAS
INSTITUTE FACULTY ON
THE ROCHESTER CATHOLIC
HOUR, OVER STATION
WHAM, SUNDAY, JULY 22.

THE PARTY'S OVER

The motion picture magnates often assure us that the pictures are still in their infancy. How true, alas, how true, and what a surprising confession to come from such a source!

Infantile they are, not only in their capacity for further growth, but also in their shallowness, in their noise and in their lack of a sense of decency, infantile in their understanding of the meaning of life's problems, and above all, infantile in their irresponsibility, up to now, for their moral lapses.

From those first days of the nicodemus, when no one took them seriously, up through the period of the pie-throwing comedies and the tumbling comedians, through the era of the great spectacles, such as "Intolerance" and "Hearts of the World," through the advent of the talkies and the deluge of sex and crime, through all this, the movies have enjoyed incredibly all the license of a prattling infant in whom ribaldry and obscenity are ignored as being due to feebleness of mind.

Have Grown Up

Perhaps it was only fair, for a while, to make such allowances, but they are getting pretty well along in years now, and it is certainly not premature to begin to look for a little more fitness of decorum from them now. And that is the essential meaning of this whole challenge which they now face. And how childish is the manner of their facing it!—exactly like spoiled children when first checked up, they neither argue, nor protest, nor reflect,—they whine. And such a whine has gone up from Hollywood in the last few weeks as mercifully is heard only once in centuries.

In some measure we can sympathize with them. Any of us who have had much to do with the training of the young, have recognized the touch of unfairness in the way a young person whose faults and blunders have always been treated lightly as only a child's ignorance is suddenly without warning perhaps held accountable for the first time to his great surprise, as a responsible person. He doesn't know what to make of it. He thought his nursery tactics would carry him through life; and in the same way it is a shock to Hollywood to realize the certain truth that the nursery party's over, that while the world indeed realizes that the movies are still in their infancy the world is strongly of the opinion, and grimly resolved, that it is high time the movies grew out of it.

Not that we accuse them of lacking

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REPORT SENT TO SECULAR PAPER ON CLEAN FILM DRIVE MISLEADING

Washington, — (NCWC) — Reports sent to various newspapers in the country from here, indicating that a "Washington Catholic headquarters" has been designating or inviting various prelates and priests to push the campaign against improper films in their localities, are entirely misleading, it was stated July 24 at the headquarters of the National Council of Catholic Men here.

It has come to the attention of the Council that an agency, with offices here, has been offering to various papers news articles indicating that certain prelates and priests, whose names are given, in some way have been especially selected to act in the film campaign. In the attempt to sell

STERILIZATION PLAN LOST IN LONDON VOTE

County Council 64 to 45
Against Proposals; Plan
Scored by Members

By GEORGE BARNARD
(London Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

London. — Sterilization proposals were rejected by the London County Council by 64 votes against 45 after a free debate with the party whips off.

The London County Council is the most important municipal body in Great Britain. In many things it governs the lives of more than 8,000,000 people. Any decision taken by the London County Council in favor of sterilization would have given a lead to local government bodies throughout the country.

The debate arose on the consideration of the unanimous recommendations of the Departmental Committee on Sterilization. Among the recommendations were these:

"(1). Subject to safeguards proposed, voluntary sterilization should be legalized in the case of any person who (a) is mentally defective or (b) has suffered from mental disorder or (c) is likely to transmit either incapacity; and (d) any person who suffers from a grave physical disability or is likely to transmit it."

"(2). On the evidence at present

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THRONGS PAY RESPECTS TO CARD. GIBBONS

Tomb of Great American
Prelate Visited on Cen-
tenary of His Birth

Baltimore — (NCWC) — Monday was the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the late James Cardinal Gibbons, and thousands of persons filed past his tomb in the Cathedral of the Assumption here, the city of his birth, the city of his death, and his See City for nearly 44 years.

At 8 a. m. Monday, the Most Rev. John M. Namara, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore, opened the observance of the centenary day with the celebration of Mass before a large congregation in the Cathedral. Following the Mass, Bishop McNamara went to pray at the Cardinal's tomb.

Later yesterday morning, while men and women were passing the Cardinal's tomb in a steady stream, the bell in the dome of the Baltimore City Hall began to ring. One hundred times it sounded each ringing counting off a year that had elapsed since the birth of the great Cardinal Archbishop of Baltimore.

Word received here from Ireland announced that the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, successor of Cardinal Gibbons as Archbishop of Baltimore, was joining in the observance at Athlone, his native town, where he is spending his vacation. Archbishop Curley was celebrant of a memorial Mass in the church at Athlone.

Archbishop, Priests In Leading Roles In 3 Strike Situations

Washington—(NCWC)—An Archbishop and two priests were towering figures in the current efforts to settle serious employer-worker difficulties at three different points in the United States. Clothed with official authority, the Archbishop and priests performed their assigned duties in the very midst of seething and contending currents, with all eyes turned upon them and with not a few commendations of their unselfish labors.

The Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, and chairman of the Administrative Committee, National Catholic Welfare Conference, continued his unceasing efforts, as chairman of the special labor board named by President Roosevelt, to bring about a settlement of the maritime strike in San Francisco — a controversy which has developed one of the tensest situations the country has known in years. The efforts put forward by the Archbishop and his two lay associates prompted President Roosevelt to radio from the U. S. S. Houston, on which he is spending his vacation, an expression of his "full confidence in the board and its agencies to arrive at a reasonable solution." The board was able to bring before interested parties on last Wednesday a statement laying down a suggested program of settlement.

In Minneapolis, where, as in San Francisco, the National Guard had been called out, the Rev. Dr. Francis J. Haas, Director of the National Catholic School of Social Services here, arrived by airplane, and plunged at once into his arduous duties as Federal mediator of the truck drivers' walkout. Authorities surveying the Minneapolis field contrasted the prevailing quiet with the disorders that marked a similar strike in May, and declared that the calm was inspired by the arrival from Washington of Dr. Haas, successful mediator of the Milwaukee electric strike.

The Very Rev. J. W. R. Maguire, C. S. V., of Bourbonnais, Ill., assigned by the Chicago regional labor board to mediate the plumbing strike at Kohler, Wis., last week became the central figure of that situation. Father Maguire met first with labor leaders and then with representatives of the employers, among them former Governor Walter J. Kohler. He was able to announce that the employers would consider further the demands of the workers, and the first fruits of mediation were born in the order of the strike committee to approximately 1,000 pickets to permit company executives, office employees and maintenance men through the picket lines.

Mexican Paper Urges Fight on Film Evils

Mexico City — (NCWC) — The current issue of Juventud, monthly of the Mexican Catholic Youth Women's Association, in commenting on the Legion of Decency Crusade in the United States, suggests a similar crusade in Mexico. The movement in the United States, Juventud remarks, is attacking the motion picture in its one vulnerable point: the box office.

Young Catholic Layman Dutch Cabinet Minister

Amsterdam — (NCWC) — The new Minister of Economics in Prime Minister Colijn's Cabinet M. Stoenberghe, appointed to succeed M. Verbeke, is a prominent young Catholic layman and member of an outstanding southern Holland family. The new Minister, who is 35 years old, sacrificed a promising position to accept the post in the Cabinet.

EDITORIAL

Next Sunday, July 29, a letter of the Most Reverend Archbishop Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, will be read in all churches of the Diocese calling attention of the faithful to the campaign of Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union to increase the circulation of the CATHOLIC COURIER.

In this letter the Archbishop will say: "Every one must stress the importance of the task which the Holy Name Society has so generously assumed. In an age when, as never before, men's minds are moulded by the printed word, a strong Catholic Press is needed to make and to keep a Catholic-minded. To this end it supplies reliable information, authentic interpretation and, not infrequently, a necessary antidote. But the basic strength of the Catholic Press lies in the local Catholic Paper. It therefore has first claim to our support."

This is another example of the forceful, powerful language which spokesmen for the Church everywhere, at all times, have used to express their feelings in regard to the Catholic Press. The coming campaign during the month of August becomes, then, a particularly appropriate time for every Catholic individual to give serious thought to how he can cooperate with the Holy Name Society in promoting the apostolate of the press and to carry out clearly the wishes of our Most Reverend Archbishop.

THE PRESS MUST BE READ. It is plain that this obligation binds every Catholic young and old. Every Catholic paper, and it is also plain, that the first obligation is to read your diocesan organ. The welfare and progress of his Diocese is so closely bound to the welfare and progress of its official paper that no Catholic can feel he is doing his duty with regard to the Catholic press unless he reads it. The paper which presents the news from the Catholic point of view, about the district in which he lives; which conveys to him the official pronouncements of his immediate spiritual leaders; which prints instructions prepared with a special reference to conditions in his locality. Reading the diocesan organ keeps one in intimate touch with developments in his diocese. It makes him a real part of the Catholic life there. It makes a man an informed, intelligent member of the Catholic body; no Catholic should be satisfied to be ignorant.

Other Catholic periodicals should, by all means, be read, but none of them can take the place of the diocesan paper. It is the first essential.

THE PRESS MUST BE SUPPORTED. Reading is the first form of support; no paper can wish any other. If it is not read, then, in all justice, it is entitled to financial support from those who can afford to give it. Those who means do not permit them to pay can secure their paper free, but those who find it no hardship to buy two or three daily papers, one or two Sunday ones, and several magazines every week, should not begrudge four or five cents a week for their diocesan organ. Catholic papers everywhere have suffered heavily and their effectiveness has been seriously curtailed as a result of the failure of some of their readers to face this question fairly and honestly.

OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT. A successful Catholic press requires not only financial support but the earnest co-operation of all its readers in making it a better vehicle of Catholic thought and opinion. What it prints should be criticized, favorably or unfavorably, as it deserves; this helps to make it better. It should be supplied with news and other information of general interest and importance. It should be brought to the attention of those who are not readers; securing an additional supporter for the Catholic press is a definite gain for the Catholic cause.

ADVERTISING. It is well known that the income of a Catholic paper, as of practically every other periodical, comes largely from its advertising revenue. Advertisers, however, do not buy space in Catholic papers because they wish to support them but for the simple reason that they offer an effective means of reaching those to whom they wish to sell their products. Catholics buy and read their papers because they like them and because they give them reading material that they can secure nowhere else. They are, naturally, well disposed toward the advertisers whose patronage helps maintain the Catholic press, and it is general experience that consistent advertising in a Catholic paper is more effective, on the average, than that in any other medium.

A BETTER CATHOLIC PRESS. The Catholic Courier will improve and will become an increasingly effective arm of the Church according to the co-operation and assistance it receives from the Catholic people. Those who read their Catholic paper faithfully who pay the nominal sum asked for it; who supply it with news and other suitable information; who give it the benefit of their advice and criticism; who help in any way to increase its circulation; who give its advertisers due consideration; those who display their interest in any or all of these ways can rest assured that they are carrying out the injunction of Popes, Bishops, priests and lay leaders to "build up the Catholic press."

COMMUNISM CURB IS CREDITED TO CHICAGO CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

Chicago — (NCWC) — Striking testimony of the effectiveness of the Chicago Catholic Youth Organization in offsetting propaganda and activities of Communists and Young Pioneers has just been offered by the national contact officer in the Department of Rehabilitation of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, William E. LaFay, in a letter to the Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary Bishop and general director of the C. Y. O.

Mr. LaFay wrote that a nationwide survey of Communist activities among young people showed that less headway has been gained in Chicago than in any other large city and Mr. LaFay added that he believed this was due to the fact that the C. Y. O. has been carrying on its work

COLLEGES NAMED IN WILL

New York — (N. C. W. C.) — Four Catholic colleges are left legacies of \$10,000 each in the will of Evelyn I. Edmund, of White Plains, Queens. The colleges are: St. Vincent, Manhattan; St. Joseph's College for Women, Brooklyn; the Cathedral College of the Holy Sacraments, Conception, Brooklyn; and St. Ann's College, North Greenburgh.