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SHORTER LEGION OF DECENCY PLEDGE SENT ALL BISHOPS

Episcopal Committee Asks All to Renew Pledges On Sunday December 9th

Washington—(NCWC)—Copies of a shorter pledge of the Legion of Decency, prepared by the Episcopal Committee on Motion Pictures, are being sent to all the Bishops of the country with the request that it be taken by all the faithful, at all Masses, on the Sunday within the octave of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Patroness of the United States. This year the Sunday will fall on December 9.

It is proposed that the taking of this pledge be an annual event, on the Sunday designated. Following is the text of the shorter pledge:
"IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. AMEN.
"I condemn indecent and immoral motion pictures, and those which glorify crime or criminals.
"I promise to do all that I can to strengthen public opinion against the production of indecent and immoral films, and to unite with all who protest against them.
"I acknowledge my obligation to form a right conscience about pictures that are dangerous to my moral life. As a member of the Legion of Decency, I pledge myself to remain away from them. I promise, further, to stay away altogether from places of amusement which show them as a matter of policy."

A footnote, after making known that there are no dues in the Legion of Decency and no meetings, says "Millions of Americans, pledging themselves individually, can rid the country of its greatest menace—the salacious motion picture."

The drafting of a shorter pledge form was decided upon at the recent General Meeting of the Bishops here.

Russian Bishop In U.S. To Recuprate From Soviets Persecution

Thompson, Conn.—(NCWC)—Bishop Teofil Matulionis, Auxiliary Apostolic Administrator of Leningrad, is the guest of the Marian Fathers here to recuperate from the rigors of his detention in Soviet prisons, from which he was released a year ago.

Bishop Matulionis, a native of Lithuania, was for a number of years a pastor in St. Petersburg, now Leningrad. He was beloved of the common people, particularly the laboring classes, to whom he was a great friend. In 1923, during the imprisonment of Archbishop Cieplik, Father Matulionis an twelve other members of the clergy were confined in jail for three years by the Soviet Government. Released from prison, Father Matulionis was elevated to the episcopacy by His Holiness, Pope Pius XI. In February, 1929, Bishop Matulionis was again arrested by the Soviet Government, and this time he was sentenced to ten years imprisonment and exiled to the Solovki Islands, north of Russia, where he was compelled to do servile labor in the forests.

The Lithuanian Government intervened in Bishop Matulionis' behalf, and made arrangements for his release from Soviet Russia. He arrived in Lithuania a year ago.

SOLVING A PROBLEM

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AS CARDINAL OBSERVED JUBILEE



A large assemblage of dignitaries of church and state, including bishops from foreign lands, were present, November 20, to extend their felicitations to His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, on the occasion of the official celebration of his episcopal silver jubilee. Left to right: Archbishop Amleto Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States; Cardinal Mundelein; Most Rev. Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, and Mayor Edward Kelly of Chicago. (Wide World photo.)

Appeal To Be Made Sunday For Catholic University of America

Importance of Center of Catholic Learning in United States Stressed by Three Bishops, Former Governor Smith in Radio Addresses

Catholic University Day will be observed, Sunday Dec. 2 in the Diocese of Rochester and in 81 other dioceses throughout the United States. Prayers for the Catholic University of America in Washington, and donations for its support will be asked on that day in 2,400 Catholic parishes throughout the nation. The annual collection is the university's chief source of revenue.

Three Catholic Bishops and a former candidate for the presidency of the United States on Sunday joined in a national broadcast over approximately 60 stations in relation to the achievements of the Catholic University, citing its value to the Church in the United States, and appealing for the support of the institution by Catholics of the country. The program was carried by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The distinguished speakers were the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Salt Lake City, the Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Syracuse, the Most Rev. James H. Ryan, Rector of the Catholic University, and former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, a trustee of the University.

The primary aim of the broadcast was in preparation for "Catholic University Day."

Trains Teaching Nuns Paying tribute to the teaching Sisters in the United States as "the

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FULL SUPPORT FOR HOUSING PROGRAM URGED

Miss Regan, NCCW, Cites Need for Strengthening Christian Family Life

Washington—(NCWC)—Unqualified support for the program undertaken by the Federal Housing Administration was urged in an address just delivered over the radio by Miss Agnes G. Regan, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Speaking under the auspices of the Federal Housing Administration, Miss Regan had as her subject "The Christian Home."

"The great question which Christian civilization must answer today," she said, "might be stated thus: Is the thought of our fellowmen to be dominated primarily by our estimate of their individual and family worth or by our subservience to material production and the mastery of the machine?"

"No reformer can ignore the family if he really wants to reform. The family is the nursery of character; for good or ill parents are primarily the world's missionaries, teaching by precept and example.

"When we speak of the Christian family, we go back to that first Christian home in Nazareth. In it, we find exemplified those principles which the world needs to recognize: Good and Belialness.

"In face of the greed and selfishness which have resulted in the piling up of great wealth and the development of a luxury which spells degeneracy, we find in this first Christian home at Nazareth neither wealth nor luxury. Joseph, the carpenter, earned his bread in the sweat of his brow—Mary, the Blessed Mother, performed herself all the tasks incident to home-making. Christ, the Divine Child, shared the tasks of his mother and foster-father. Here, too, we find unquestioned recognition of the dignity of labor. Men and women of today would do well to take this thought home for themselves as well as for their children. Work is the panacea for many of the ills which afflict society. There would be a more sympathetic understanding of Article 7 if we remember that Christ lived, worked with, and chose as His apostles men of the working classes.

"And again, a third source of the evils which beset the world today is the lack of regard for authority. In the home, in the school, in society, in general, we find protest against any imposition of authority. The story of Christ, the Child, is written briefly in the text: 'He went down to Nazareth and was subject to them.'

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Catholic Jurists See Catechism as Mighty Weapon For Morality

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

Paris—(NCWC)—To check the formidable moral evils, which confront us today, a thousand tons of texts would not have the effects of a few lines of Catechism.

This is one of the remarkable conclusions presented at the annual congress of French Catholic jurists which has just been held at Grenoble. Its author is a financier, M. Giscard d'Estaing, former inspector of the Ministry of Finances, who was asked to report at this congress on the suppression of crime in the conduct of societies.

The congress concluded that whatever may be the rigor of penal repression, or the laws that may be adopted in the future, adding to the numerous laws already adopted, prevent evils will not be remedied except through a return to the traditional morals and teachings of the Church.

REARING OF VANDERBILT CHILD IN CATHOLIC RELIGION, COURT ORDER

New York—(NCWC)—Ruling that a 10-year-old girl shall become a ward of the Supreme Court of New York and that her aunt shall have custody of her "as a representative of the State of New York," Justice John F. Carew last week ordered that "the custodian of said infant shall provide for her a governess of the Roman Catholic faith, prepare or cause her preparation for Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Roman Catholic faith, and attend with her at Mass on all Sundays and

ATHEISTIC MEXICO IS AIM OF ITS RULERS NON-CATHOLIC STATES

Eradication of All Religion Is Declared Purpose Of Persecution; Says Press Dispatches Give Erroneous Picture

New York—(NCWC)—The Revolutionary Government in Mexico is entirely materialistic and atheistic, and its campaign of persecution is not directed at the Catholic Church alone, but aims at the eradication of all religion, it is declared in a dispatch issued here today by Robert Windsor, a non-Catholic journalist, here after several years of residence in Mexico.

The statement is made in an article, copyrighted by Windsor, in the Conference of Faith and Civilization and Mr. Windsor's opinion that the press dispatches which give the erroneous picture of the persecution.

"It is unfortunate to see that press dispatches from Mexico are giving the impression that the Catholic Church is the only victim of a complete persecution. It is mistaken to believe that the Revolution in Mexico is directed against the Catholic Church alone, and that the relative position of the Government of the United States and the Roman Catholic Church is the only issue in the situation. It is a purely a matter of religious intolerance and the persecution of the Catholic Church is a secondary matter.

"The situation is a complex one, and is being complicated by the fact that the Catholic Church is the only religious institution in Mexico which is not a descendant of the Spanish Conquest. It is the only religious institution in Mexico which is not a descendant of the Spanish Conquest.

NON-CATHOLICS SCORE MEXICO PERSECUTION

Protestant, Jewish Clergymen, Join With Catholics In Issuing Statement

New York—(NCWC)—The names of more than five hundred Protestant, Jewish and Catholic clergymen who have signed a statement expressing concern over the threat to religious liberty in Mexico, was made public Nov. 24 by the National Conference of Jews and Christians, of which the co-chairmen are, New York, D. Baker, Frank Carlton, J. H. Hayes and Reginald W. Straus. In view of the fact that ninety-five per cent of church-goers in Mexico are of the Catholic faith, the National Conference leaders invited Protestant and Jewish to join the initiative in this matter. Over nine-tenths of the signatories are Protestants, with the remainder being Catholics. The signatories represent twenty-six Protestant and three Jewish denominations in forty-one States and Canada.

The statement follows: "The undersigned Protestants, Catholics and Jews of the United States wish to express their conviction in regard to the necessity of the achievement and the maintenance of religious liberty in all lands. We are especially concerned at the present juncture over the situation in Mexico where many unprejudiced observers report that in the endeavor to achieve social justice and political reforms otherwise desirable, religious liberty is being imperiled. We register our alarm at every restriction upon the right of the churches to function, and the right of individuals to practice the religion of their choice.

"Recognizing that freedom from religious and racial intolerance is not fully achieved in the United States, and in other countries of the world, then Mexico, we acknowledge our responsibility to labor for its achievement everywhere. While refraining from discussing the immediate issues at stake in the controversies in Mexico, we desire to give our moral support to those who labor for freedom of worship there, and to express the anxiety with which we view every threat to liberty of conscience and the freedom of the soul."

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Bishops Plan Central Office for Christian Doctrine Contraband

Washington—(NCWC)—An appointment of a committee to consider a plan for the establishment of a central office of the Contraband of Christian Doctrine under the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, was voted at the General Meeting of the Bishops of the United States held at the Catholic University of America here last week.

The Most Rev. Edward J. Sheil, Bishop of Great Falls, was named Chairman of the committee. Other members of the committee are the Most Rev. James J. Conboy, O. P., Archbishop of Baltimore; the Most Rev. John O'Connell, Bishop of St. Paul.

Issue Warning of Bogus Agent Soliciting Funds

New York—(NCWC)—A warning has been issued against a man using the name "Joseph" who holds himself out as an agent for The Literary Digest and solicits subscriptions to that publication from Catholic institutions, chiefly parochial schools, promising globes, encyclopedias and other premiums. He is said to operate in the States of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey and perhaps other sections of the Atlantic seaboard.

Publishers of The Literary Digest say that there is no such man authorized to represent their publication.

All Anti-Catholic Candidates Beaten In Glasgow Ballot

London—(NCWC)—Seven candidates who stood on the anti-Catholic ticket in the local government elections in Glasgow were all heavily defeated. Among them was the leader of the anti-Catholic party, Alexander Rattiffe.

Of the votes recorded the anti-Catholic party received only 7.2 per cent.

Bishop Schrembs Named Eucharistic Congress Director

Washington—(NCWC)—The Bishops of the United States, at their recent General Meeting here, designated the Most Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, as Promoter of the National Eucharistic Congresses in the United States.

The following resolution, introduced by the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Bishop of Omaha:

"The praise and glory of Our Lord and of His Spouse, the Church, are effectively promoted by our national Eucharistic Congresses. They voice the faith of our people throughout the entire country in the Real Presence of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and in His Church through Whom He is the sacramental life of all the faithful. The public adoration of Him, proclaiming Him the King of time and eternity in every way commendable and blessed.

"This public adoration and devotion proclaim Him our God, our Saviour and our King. The holding of these national conferences is in every way most commendable, and we not only encourage but we enthusiastically support and will earnestly promote them. And we further designate as the Promoter of these national Eucharistic Congresses in the United States, the Protector of the Priests' Eucharistic League, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland."

Missionaries Reported Killed by Cannibals

Rio de Janeiro—(NCWC)—It is reported here that two Salesian missionaries have been slain by the cannibal tribe of Chavante Indians on the banks of Death River.

The Chavantes are feared by explorers and colonizers, and it was in the territory where the missionaries are reported to have been butchered that Lieut. Col. P. H. Fawcett, British explorer, disappeared in 1925.

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