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ATHEISTIC MEXICO AIM OF RULERS NON-CATHOLIC WRITER DECLARES

and

grants entire freedom under the law.

But there are very definite indica-

tions that the policy of Mexico's lead-

ers is entirely materialistic and ath-

named by the Block of the National

Revolutionary Party in Congress to

the Constitution, submitted August

15 last, sharply emphasizes the atti-

"'The long history of the struggle

of the Mexican clergy to direct the conscience of the nation and against

advanced and revolutionary ideas

makes it necessary to introduce so-

ctalistic teaching that will help com-

bat prejudices and religious dogmas,

in order definitely to separate the

children and youth from the Catholic

clergy and any other religious sect.

anti-religious and materialistic pur-

ment have recently attacked not only

the Catholic Church, but religion is

general. Chief among these has been

former President Plutarco Elias

Calles. This animus is not directed

against all. Protestants suffering

with Catholics. Nor are Jews im

mune to the effects of the new revo-

lutionary aggressiveness. A great

dent, although it is not given official

"The only solution," the statement

Mexican Government is sincerely in-

terested in social and economic re-

will hold up the progress of such re-

internecine warfare. On the other

doubt but that religious leaders will

ment in the propagation of a pro-

Catholic Evidence

y attract lightning, wouldn't they?

"Yes, and I don't doubt that that

causes of the World War; but you'd

hardly quote her as an authority on

forth valiantly to victory or to death.

hat to the American flag, who stand

with reverence before the picture of

Christ, our God, and of the beloved

There is a vast difference between

the supernatural and the super-

Catholics, of course, there are; but

taken as a whole Catholics are less

prone to this silly weakness than any

Catholic Information Society of Nar-

BISHOP GOES TO MELBOURNE

Bublin-(NCWC)-The Most Rev.

Thomas O'Doherty, Bishop of Gal-

way, has left for Belbourne, where

he will attend the National Encharis-

tic Congress to which his Eminence'

Joseph Cardinal MacRory, Primate

of All-Ireland, has been named Papal

berth, Pa.

other class of people in the world.

heroes of Christianity.

gressive social order.

'Do Catholic

Medals Keep

or drowned or something.

those subjects, would you?"

Off Lightning?"

support.

Various leaders in the Govern

one religious body bu

(Continued from Page One)

the Catholic Church, under the Con- Two entire articles of the Constitustitution of 1917, is forbidden:

"To own real estate or mort. gages on same; "To own church buildings or

any other buildings: "To possess invested funds or other productive property;

"To maintain convents or nunneries: "To conduct primary schools:

"To direct or administer charitable institutions; "To solicit funds for its support outside of church buildings;

"To hold religious ceremonies outside of church buildings; "To clothe its ministers with a

garb indicative of their calling," Further Restrictions "Furthermore," he continues,

'ministers of religion may not publicly criticize the fundamental laws the authorities in particular, or the Government in general. They may not vote, hold office, or assemble for political purposes. Clergymen may not inherit real property occupied by a religious association, or inherit ... There appears to be a definitely from fellow-clergymen or from private individuals not blood relatives. pose guiding the affairs of the na No assembly of a political character tion. may be held in a place of public worship. No political party may bear a name indicative of relation to any religious belief. No religious periodi, al may comment on political affairs. No studies carried on in theological against seminaries may be credited in a state university. Official permission must be obtained before opening a new temple of worship for public use. Each state has the right to decide deal of anti-Semitic activity is evihow many clergy are to officiate within its borders,"

Telling of the severity with which the anti-religious laws are being enforced, Mr. Windsor reminds that concludes, "appears to be some comseven or eight states in different promise on the matter on the reinparts of the country have closed all tions of Church and State. If the churches or expelled all clergy, or both. He also notes that no clergy. man or member of a religious Order forms it must agree to such a commay teach in a school, nor may a promise, since religion has too powerschool be supported by a religious ful a hold upon the Mexican people "This law," he says. "applies to submit to suppression or extermin. to all religious groups, Roman Cath. atton. An anti-religious campaign olic or otherwise, but it has been directed particularly at the Catholic forms and plunge the country into Church. It must be remembered that Catholics comprise 95 per cent of the hand, if religious liberty and freepopulation, and so the Protestant dom to worship according to convicmovement does not seem to the Gov. tion are granted, there is little or no ernment to be very significant."

"The chief cause of the frequent periods of religious stress," the state. ment says, "Is a perfectly natural resentment at the severe anti-religious laws, which finds outlet in critical attacks upon the government or in anti-government demonstrations Since 1927 severe enforcement of the law, the closing of schools and the expulsion of clergy have always been in the nature of reprisals. Every time Roman Catholics in Mexico or in the United States make demands on the Mexican Government, the Government has made the situation still more difficult for the Catholics lin Mexico.

"Is the Mexican Government ceeding with an anti-religious policy!

Rural Life Leaders



Rov. Joseph M. Campbell (above) of Ames, Iowa, was elected president and Rev. James A. Byrnes

(below) of St. Paul, executive secretary, of the Catholic Rural Life Conference at the 12th anausi convention of that organization just held in St. Paul. Next year's meeting will be held in Rochester, N. YJ -

ELMIRA

By WILLIAM STOWELL JR. Elmira-Blessed Virgin Sodslity of St. Mary's Church held a Communion agree to co-operate with the Govern- Breakfast, Sunday morning at the Orange Spa. A large number attended. Miss Florence Kane, president, was toastmistress.

Miss Carolyn Ruth Doran, of Elmíra, nationally known as a spéaker discussed the topic, "What Shall I Procure From Life?"

At the monthly meeting of the Sodality of St. Patrick's Church plans were completed for a dinner to be held Tuesday evening, December 12 at the Mark Twain Hotel Mrs Joseph Cleary, chairman, with the officers of the Sodality as a committee, has com-"Keep off lightning? Why, medals, pleted the important details of the afbeing made of metal would more like-| fair.

A noted speaker is being invited by the Rev. Daniel C Holland, chaplain "But an old Catholic woman I know, wouldn't think of leaving off of the Sodality. Many novel features her medals for fear of being struck are being planned to contribute to the entertainment.

same old woman has her own ideas St. Aloysius Sodality about Relativity, Diphtheria and the Names Elizabeth Russell Prefect; Other Officers

"But after all in a way she may Auburn-Miss Elizabeth Russell be right about her medals. They, of has been elected prefect of the Young course, have absolutely no power in Ladies Sodality of St. Aloysius themselves. They are lifeless matter. Church, succeding Miss Alice Kirwan But if, knowing the medal to be who has presided at the meetings this blessed to inspire trust in God's lov- year. Other new officers include: ing care, your old Catholic woman, in Clara Moffitt, vice prefect; Genevieve simple faith (which amounts to a Diehl, secretary; Anna Kirwan, secprayer for protection) wears the retary.

medal with a sense of security, who At the last meeting, a rising wote can say that our all-understanding of thanks was given to the retiring God will not answer and preserve her officers: Alice Kirwan, prefect; Nor-"And isn't it likely, too, that the Shamon, secretary; and Rits Landers,

wearing of a reminder of Christ or treasurer. a saint, will allay her fear and thus The Misses Helen Ganley and Marperhaps, as a by-product, result in a jorie Kennedy were appointed social better cooked dinner, despite flashes reporters of the sodality. Miss Alice and crashes from the skies. Who Kirwan and Miss Rita Landers were designated to accompany the prefect A fear-shaken soldier, before the as representatives at the Sodality battle, brings forth a picture of his Union Council meetings. Miss Norwife, his child or his sweetheart. He ma Dickson was selected as the St. looks at it fondly. He kisses it fer- Aloysius delegate on the editorial vently—mere paper, mounted on staff of the Sodality Union news cardboard—yet it inspires him to go sheet.

You, fellow citizens, who doff your Motion Picture Tells Life of St. John Bosco

Washington or Lincoln, who lovingly Dublin -- (NCWC) --- The Salesian preserve the wedding gown of your Fathers have made an interesting great-great grandmother—you who motion picture film depicting the life have sentiment, imagination and loyalty—surely must see the Catholic the Salesian Missions. of St. John Bosco and the work of view-point on medals, pictures.

statues and relics-mementoes of crowded and appreciative audiences here. Among the spectators were President de Valera and the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alderman Alfred stitious. All wisdom subscribes to ing the film to Cork and it will, later Byrne. Father Clantar, S.C., is tak. the first. Ignorant alone subscribes on, be presented at the picture houses to the second. Ignorant, superstitious of all the principal towns in the Free

NUNS GO TO JAVA

Amsterdam — (NCWC) — Two Franciscan Fathers are leaving for China and nine Poor Clares for the missions of Java, where they will open the first convent of contempla. tive nuns in the Dutch East Indies.

CATHOLIC CONGRESS SET Prague -- (NCWC) -- A Czechoslovak Catholic Congress will be held next year. June 27 to 29, it was decided at the meeting of the Hierarchy just held at Olomouc.

Auburn Sodalities To Participate In National Triduum

Auburn-Miss Maragaret Blumick, president, presided at the second meeting of the Sodality Union Council held last Thursday evening in the library of Holy Family High School in North Street. Reports were given by Our Ladles' Commitice, Kay Salzer: Apostolic, Evelyn Contigulia; Eucharistic, Elicabeth Russell; Catholic Truth, Eleanor

Rev. Donald M. Cleary, assistant the Pontines High Man at a people pastor of Holy Family Church and to open the day's coronalise The Re pastor of Holy Family Church and director of the Sodality, spoke on the "up-grade trend" of the divers units of city sodalities since the formation of the Union Council, Nev. Lawrence Ryan of St. Aleysius particular of the Sodalitats of his Thomas D. O'Cosmor, D. M. Ph. Dischusch because he Sodalitats of his Thomas D. O'Cosmor, D. M. Ph. Dischusch because he sould last of his sected as Theorem. church, brought before the delegates some ideas to carry back to their liam Glavin, C. M. Prefert of Died. church, brought before the delegates home sodalities.

The most important discussion was on the coming Triduum to be held December 7, 8, 9. This is the first attempt of the Union Council to sponsor a gathering, either religious or social of all the sodalities of the

Pamphlet Encourages Devotion to the Crib

St. Louis-(NCWC)-To encourage the Crib Devotion in the family circle at Christmas time as well as in churches, the Third Order of St. Francis at 3200 Meramee Street here, is making available to all interested persons a small pamphlet on this de-

The pamphlet explains briefly the origin by St. Francis of Assist of the practice of erecting a Crib at Christmas, and sets forth the prayers of the Crib Devotion.

CHARITIES TOP GOAL Montreal - (NCWC) - Catholics of Montreal look with pride on the achievement of the Federation of Catholic Charities which has obtained more than its 1934 campaign goal. It is one of the few charitmble or ganizations in Canada to attain its objective this year.

Mazara Inversity Celebrales 79th Year Of Her Foundation

Ningara Falls Seventweight years of existence and the 78th anniversary of her foundation were celebrated last Wadnesday by Nia mara University with exercises list-ing throughout the day, it was an hounced yesterday by the Yery life

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