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CATHOLIC BOYS AT HERSHEY'S TO GET RIGHTS

Candy Magnate Assures Bishop McDevitt Religious Ban Will Be Lifted

Harrisburg, Pa.—(NCWC)—An exchange of letters has taken place between the Most Reverend Philip R. McDevitt, Bishop of Harrisburg, and Milton S. Hershey, founder of the Hershey Industrial School, at Hershey, Pa., which has resulted in an amicable and satisfactory arrangement whereby Catholic boys in the Hershey Industrial School will be afforded the opportunity to receive proper religious instruction, to attend Mass, and to observe the other practices of their Faith.

Following is the correspondence between Mr. Hershey and the Bishop: THE HERSHEY INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, Hershey, Penna.

Dear Bishop McDevitt: I am writing you in regard to the question of religious instruction of Catholic boys at the Hershey Industrial School, Hershey, Pennsylvania.

"I wish to say frankly that I appreciate your sense of responsibility for Catholic children who are under your care and I do not underrate the position you have taken in this matter."

"However it is necessary to say that conditions exist at the Hershey Industrial School which make it difficult to provide for the various groups of boys who come to the institution. Our buildings, which number 37 units, are widely scattered over an area of 5500 acres."

"Moreover the Catholic Church in Hershey is not close to our school. Nevertheless I believe that in spite of circumstances it will be possible, after due consideration, to outline a plan whereby the spiritual instruction of Catholic boys will be possible."

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Catholic College First With Course Against Communism

San Francisco—(NCWC)—The distinction of being the first major institution of learning in the United States to conduct a regular classroom course against communism belongs to the University of San Francisco. A special course, in addition to the ordinary treatment the subject receives in ethics, has been introduced in the University's curriculum by the Rev. Raymond T. Freely, S.J.

The course, entitled "The Case Against Communism" deals with an analysis of the theory of Communism and then proceeds to the study of the Marian theory as reduced to practice in Soviet Russia. Communist activities in the United States will be one of the topics of later lectures.

One of the main purposes of the special study of Communism's fallacies is to train speakers from among the student body to appear before civic groups and other organizations.

CORRECTION: IN LAST week's issue announcement was made of special rates to apply on Christmas Gift Subscriptions to the CATHOLIC COURIER.

THIS announcement erroneously stated that "you can enter or renew your own subscription at these (special) rates."

THIS SHOULD read: "You may enter your own new subscription at these (special) rates." (See Page 10.)

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Catholic Women In 7-Days Drive To Sustain NCCW Diocesan Office

Campaign Endorsed By Archbishop Mooney at Opening Dinner; Value of Unifying Organization Stressed By Speakers; Close of Drive Tuesday

Offered the prayers and given the endorsement of the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, over 150 Catholic women workers in the drive for the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women, launched their first sustaining membership campaign for 2,000 members, at a luncheon, Dec. 4, at Columbus Civic Center.

Opening the seven-day drive, Archbishop Mooney stressed the purpose of this undertaking—to maintain and carry on the work of the Diocesan office by a sustaining membership pledge of \$1.00—and emphasized the necessity of continuing this office as a central location for the Diocesan Council. He congratulated the women in present, campaign promoters, for assisting in this important endeavor and wished them every success.

Promoters will make their final reports at the closing of the drive at a luncheon at 1:00 o'clock, Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Columbus Civic Center. Workers are requested to make their reservations for the luncheon before noon of Dec. 10.

Diocesan Council office, 1020 Columbus Civic Center, (Stone 1492) will be open every day during the drive to receive membership cards, answer inquiries, tabulate results, receive luncheon reservations.

Mrs. Edward J. Lucas, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Rochester Diocesan Council, N.C.C.W., is general chairman of the membership campaign. Speaking at the luncheon, Mrs. Lucas outlined the plan of the drive and asked for the wholehearted cooperation of all the workers.

Mrs. Cecilia Yawman, Diocesan (Continued on Page 2)

FEDERAL LAW TO AID PLAN FOR CREDIT UNIONS

Dr. Schmiedler Sees Act Enabling Units In States Lacking Such Laws

Washington, (NCWC)—The new federal credit union law is destined to have an important effect on the formation of parish credit unions in ten States which at present have no enabling act to provide for the activity, in the opinion of the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmiedler, Director of the Rural Life Bureau, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Pointing out that already two Catholic credit unions on a parish basis have been formed under the new federal law, Dr. Schmiedler said the law would likewise be beneficial in the insular possessions and territories of the United States which lack legislation for the organization of the credit unions. The federal law should not, however, be looked upon as a substitute for the credit union laws now in effect in 38 States and the District of Columbia.

Many cooperative credit agencies have been formed under the State laws and Dr. Schmiedler expressed the opinion that it would seem the best policy to continue the credit union movement primarily as a State development wherever satisfactory State legislation exists.

"Furthermore," he said, "the federal law may prove beneficial even in some States that have credit union laws of their own. Such should unquestionably be the case in those States in which it has been impossible to make normal progress in this field because the laws are defective in some important particulars, because the organization fees are too high, or because the State advisory authority administers the law in an unduly hostile or prejudicial way."

Believe It—Not

Widely Mourned



REV. FERDINAND P. SCHEID

SORROW FELT IN PASSING OF FATHER SCHEID

Archbishop Officiates at Final Rites For Late St. Michael's Pastor

Profound sorrow is felt in St. Michael's parish, Rochester; throughout the diocese, and elsewhere that he was known, over the passing of the beloved pastor, the Rev. Ferdinand P. Scheid, 61, whose death in St. Mary's Hospital on Thanksgiving Day was caused by a streptococcus infection.

A large throng of sorrowing parishioners, relatives and friends gathered with 100 priests gathered to pray for his soul at funeral services Monday in St. Michael's Church with many of the party unable to gain admittance. The solemn funeral Mass was celebrated by the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester.

Had Unbounded Charity In an eloquent eulogy, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Schellhorn characterized Father Scheid as a man "outstanding among his fellow priests, sublimely simple, intensely sincere, and possessing unbounded charity for the poor and love for children."

After the final blessing Archbishop Mooney spoke briefly. The Archbishop officiated at the interment ceremonies in the priests' plot, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Assisting the Archbishop in the (Continued on Page 5)

Important Catholic Education Movement Launched by N.C.E.A.

Atlantic City, N. J.—An important movement in the interest of Catholic higher education in the United States was launched at a session of presidents and deans of Catholic colleges from the Eastern States, here, yesterday, called to consider plans for the reorganization of the College Department of the National Catholic Education Association. More than 80 presidents and deans from 40 Catholic colleges attended. Nazareth College, Rochester, was represented.

Approval was given to the proposal to form four regional units within the College Department of the N. C. E. A. The various speakers termed the plan a "new deal" for the Catholic colleges of the country. Regional meetings were stressed as the most practical way to bring about closer cooperation between Catholic college educators in coping with the many perplexing problems confronting them.

Share the Profit Movement Urged by Fr. Coughlin on Radio

Detroit—(NCWC)—Speaking on some of the principles of the National Union for Social Justice in his regular broadcast Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower, at Royal Oak, and noted radio speaker, said "We are not so much interested in the share-the-work movement as we are in the share-the-profit movement."

Post in Army Is Given To Catholic Educator

INCREASING FEELING AGAINST MEXICO PERSECUTION FAILS TO HALT LEADERS' PROGRAM

MEXICO HEAD OUTLINES PLAN FOR EDUCATION

Cardenas Dodges Persecution Issue But Pledges Socialistic Education

By CHARLES BITICO (Mexico City Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service) Mexico City—General Lázaro Cardenas who, on yesterday, assumed the duties of the presidency of Mexico for a six-year term, studiously avoided any direct reference to the religious conflict which has been dividing Mexicans and their Government. He did, however, specifically pledge his Government to put into effect the socialistic education decreed under the recently approved amendment to the Constitution.

President Cardenas in his inaugural address declared that the six-year plan will serve as the standard for his Government. Regarding education, he said: "There has been defined with all clarity and courage a fitting movement to see that the conscience of the children embrace and understand human activities from a scientific and broad viewpoint. The socialistic school has been born. The Government which I head will, through it, impart a frank impulse to make education correspond to the needs and legitimate aspirations of the Mexican people, not only by multiplying and augmenting the teaching centers in country and city, but also by making practical its social aim, in the sense that the socialistic school will strive to conform the pupils with the aspirations of the proletariat, strengthening the ties of solidarity and creating for Mexico in this manner the possibility of integrating itself, under the revolution, within a firm economic and cultural unity. In this manner the school will enlarge its activities, establishing itself as a better collaborator with the syndicates of the agrarian community cooperative, and combating, if necessary even destroying, all the obstacles which oppose the liberalized advance of the workers."

"Socialist education presupposes a vigorous and determined support on the part of revolutionary teachers, without whose collaboration there would be impossible a program which, associating itself with the economic forms our revolution has developed, seeks to harmonize the forces of labor of today with the conscience which will sustain the action of the men of tomorrow. For this reason the Government under my direction will study the noble efforts which in this matter bring to a head the works of education, rectifying the old school in which individuals were trained to work against their fellow-citizens, creating a new school in which the pupils, educated in common, will come to understand and to love the peaceful transformation of the social norms which must strive for the land of economic and moral well-being which we desire to make of Mexico."

Boy Slain In Mexico Is Buried at Boston

Boston, (NCWC)—Funeral services were held at Arlington, Mass., yesterday, for Francis D. Ahern, Boston youth, who was shot and killed last week in Mexico City, while visiting there with an uncle, Reginald Mass was said at St. Agnes' Church, Arlington Centre.

Charge of Sedition Against Archbishop Ruiz Held Baseless

By CHARLES BITICO (Mexico City Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service) Mexico City—Alberto Maria Carrasco has sent to Attorney General Emilio Portes Q. a rational and well-founded refutation of baseless and antecedent charges which were by means of legitimate conclusions that the Attorney General has been in error in considering that the Most Rev. Leopoldo Ruiz y Flores, Archbishop of Mexico, is guilty of either sedition or of fomenting a rebellion against the Mexican Government.

Senior Carrasco, who is a scholar particularly well-versed in Mexican history, bases his argument on positive, irrefragable reasons, facts and anterior circumstances which clearly show the patriotism and tenacity which have always been and still are characteristic of the actions of the Apostolic Delegate.

The writer recalls to the mind of Portes Q. that he had plenty of opportunity to examine in 1929 the records of the good faith and sincerity of Archbishop Ruiz when they had been submitted to the agreement which might bring about the end of the religious conflict.

U. S. BISHOPS STATEMENT ON MEXICO LAUDED

Protestant Journal Says Bishops Stand Deserves 'Ringing Approval'

Chicago, (NCWC)—The statement on the persecution of the Catholic Church and all religions in Mexico issued by the Bishops of the United States following their recent General Meeting in Washington is deserving of "ringing approval," the main contention, The Christian Century, an undenominational Protestant journal of religion published here, declares in an editorial in its current issue. Declaring that the Bishops' statement was "a strong statement, a fair summary of the facts without emotional distortions, and a sound argument for the liberty of religion," the editorial says: "It might well be reprinted in these columns without a word of dissent—or at most with no more than a footnote mildly demurring to one or two sentences touching upon rather remote history—and it would be reprinted if space permitted. The Bishops are right in saying that there is a war against religion in Mexico; right in calling upon their own constituency to pray that religion may have victory without compromise; right in asking the moral support of the American people in their protest against the violation of religious liberty, and in disavowing any suggestion of political or military intervention to force a neighboring nation to adopt our principles. Merely to refrain from dissent to the Bishops' protest is an attitude too tepid and neutral. In its main contention it deserves ringing approval."

Fr. John J. Considine, Fides Service Head, Is Named To Post In U.S.

Considine, N. Y. (NCWC)—It has been learned at the headquarters of Maryknoll, here, that the Rev. John J. Considine, M. M., Director of Fides Service in Rome, has been called after a decade in the Eternal City, to assist the Superior General of Maryknoll on the Council in this country.

Father Considine is expected to arrive in the United States some time before Christmas. He will be replaced as Superior in Rome by the Rev. Edward McGurkin, M. M., of Hartford, Conn.

Father Considine 16 years ago founded and has since directed the affairs of Fides Service and in that time has brought the organization to such a high level of efficiency that the news of the missions it disseminates is distributed to all parts of the world and in almost every language.

WILL ENFORCE SOCIALISTIC SCHOOL PLAN

Catholic Movement Organized in Mexico

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