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PRIESTS MUST MARRY, ALL UNDER 50 BANNED, MEXICO STATE DECREES

Extreme Persecution In One Of the Most Populous Areas

By CHARLES BETICO
(Mexico City Correspondent N.C.W.C News Service)

Mexico City—In issuing a decree limiting the clergy in Puebla to 23 for each domination, Governor Jose Mijares Palencia has gone to further extremes by requiring that the clergy be over 50 and married. Puebla is one of the greater population centers in Mexico, having an area of 33,995 square kilometers in which 1,150,425 people live. Only Jalisco and the Federal District have a higher population figure.

Heretofore, 208 priests, or about one for every 4,000 people, were authorized to perform their ministry. The new decree, which went into effect on Saturday, limits the number to one for every 50,000 inhabitants, and states specifically that this applies to the ministry of any religion.

The decree divides the State into 23 districts and the priest authorized for a particular district cannot perform any ministerial act in another district. In instances where there is a temporary absence of an authorized priest, an assistant may function but only after he has complied with the requirements of the law and has been duly authorized by the Governor through the office of the Secretary of State. The decree further provides that more than three temporary absences a year will be permissible, none to exceed 45 days.

Penalties for violation of these regulations have been set at 15 days arrest or a fine of from 25 to 500 pesos.

All applications for authorization must be in writing and addressed to

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NOTED CATHOLIC WOMAN HONORED IN JOURNALISM

New York—(NCWC)—The medal given annually for distinguished work in journalism by the New York Evening Post Alumni Association has just been awarded here to Anne O'Hare McCormick, a member of the writing staff of the New York Times and formerly an associate editor of The Catholic Universe Bulletin, official organ of the Diocese of Cleveland.

The award was conferred on Mrs. McCormick at a dinner of the association here. In choosing Mrs. McCormick for the honor this year, the association has set two precedents, for she is the first recipient of the award who has not served as a staff member of the Post and is the first woman ever selected for the prize.

LATE BULLETINS

(NCWC News Service)

Adelaide, Australia — (NCWC) —The Most Rev. Robert William Spence, O. P., Archbishop of Adelaide, has died in his 74th year. He was born at Cork, Ireland, Jan. 13, 1860, and was educated for the priesthood at Lisbon.

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Paterson, N. J. — (NCWC) — Seven months after the destruction of the St. Bonaventure Parochial School here by fire, St. Bonaventure's Monastery, novitiate of the Order of Franciscan Friars Minor, was wrecked this week by a $50,000 blaze in which three Franciscans connected at the monastery nearly lost their lives.

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Milwaukee — (NCWC) — The extension of State Absolutism and denial of free exercise of religion" in Mexico were protested in resolutions adopted at the convention of the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

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St. Clair Shores, Mich.—(NCWC) —Sixteen years after he conducted funeral services for members of a french mortar battery in France, heedless of shells falling about him, the Rev. Vincent J. Toole, pastor of St. Gertrude's Church, has been honored by recommendation for the award of a Distinguished Service Cross for conspicuous gallantry.

POPE SENDS BLESSING ON SYNOD HERE

Archbishop Mooney Celebrates Mass At Opening of Fifth Diocesan Synod

In a cablegram from His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, received Wednesday upon the occasion of the opening of the fifth diocesan synod in the history of the Diocese of Rochester, the Holy Father imparted his blessing upon deliberations of the synod.

The synod was opened in Our Lady Chapel of St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday with celebration of the votive Mass of the Holy Ghost by the Most Rev Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester Services started at 10 o'clock and continued until noon

The Archbishop was assisted in the Mass by the Rt Rev Msgr Joseph S Cameron, the Rt Rev Msgr Charles F Shay and the Rev Edward T Lyons and the Rev Joseph McDonnell In the sanctuary were The Rt. Rev Msgr William M Hart, vicar general of the diocese, Promotor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr J F Goggin, rector of St Bernard's Seminary, secretary, and the Rev Joseph E Grady, principal of Aquinas Institute Priests of the diocese occupied pews in the chapel

Order of services following the Mass were Recitation of prayers, "Adsumus" and "Omnipotens", chanting of the Litany of the Saints, singing of the Gospel by the Rev Paul Gaffney, assisted by the Rev. Leo Jones who acted as subdeacon.

At this point the Bishop intoned the" Veni Creator" which in turn was sung by all the priests

Following the Bishop's allocution was the profession of faith, the appointment of synodal judges, the reading of the constitutions of the synod and the formal promulgation of the decrees of the diocesan synod

Judges named for the ensuing 10-year period were the Rt Rev. Msgr. James J. Hartley, the Rt Rev Msgr George V Burns, the Rev William E. Cowan, the Rev. Bernard Gefell, the Rev John B Sullivan, the Rev. George F Kettle

Examiners will include the Rev. Louis W Edelman, the Rev Joseph J. Baierl, the Rev Edward B. Simpson, the Rev. George V. Predmore, the Rev. John A. Napier, the Rev Joseph E. Grady, the Rev William W. Heisel, the Rev Francis W. Luddy, the Rev. Joseph C. Wurzer, the Rev. Francis B. Burns, the Rev. Lester M. Morgan.

Parish priest consultors will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Brophy, the Rt. Rev. Msgr Joseph S. Cameron, the Rev. Michael J. Krieg and the Rev. F. William Stauder.

The synod was brought to a close with the singing of "Te Deum laudamus", and the imparting of the episcopal blessing.

Music during the services was directed by the Rev. Benedict A. Ehmann of St. Andrew's Seminary.

Abbess Induces Shaw To Change Offensive Epilogue of His Play

London — (NCWC) — The Mother Abbess of Stanbrook Abbey, Worcester, has succeeded in doing what all the dramatic critics in Britain would fail to do. She has induced George Bernard Shaw to alter one of his plays.

The Mother Abbess complained to Mr. Shaw about a passage in the epilogue of his play on St. Joan, which featured in a manner repulsive to Catholics characters returned from hell.

Music was the link which brought the abbess and Mr. Shaw into correspondence. Mr. Shaw used to be a music critic. In his letters to the abbess he signs himself "Brother Bernard".

MONKS NURSE TIBETANS

Tali, China — (NCWC-Fides) — While awaiting the conclusion of negotiations for the purchase of a site for their mountain hostel, the St. Bernard monks are studying the language and have opened a dispensary at Weisi, on the China side of the forbidden kingdom, where they care daily for a large number of sick and injured Tibetans.

Honored by Pope

Rev. Michael J. Ready, Assistant General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference since 1931, whom His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, has named a Papal Chamberlain with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor.

FATHER READY N. C. W. C. AIDE NOW MONSIGNOR

Holy Father Raises St. Bernard's Alumnus To Private Chamberlain Rank

Washington—(NCWC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XI has named the Rev Michael J Ready, Assistant General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, a Papal Chamberlain with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor, according to word received here from the Most Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland. Monsignor Ready is a priest of the Cleveland diocese.

Monsignor Ready will be elevated to the dignity of Papal Chamberlain at Cleveland on December 23

Monsignor Ready, who came to Washington three and half years ago to assume the duties of Assistant General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, is a native of New Haven, Conn., but his family moved to Mansfield, Ohio, while he was still a youth His studies for the priesthood were made at St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pa.; St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., and Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, Cleveland. He was ordained in 1918

Following his ordination, Monsignor Ready filled pastoral posts in Ohio cities, and for four years taught at the Cathedral Latin School in Cleveland. In 1927, he was appointed the first Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and directed the ganization of the diocese for the furthering of missionary enterprises

Monsignor Ready was named Assistant General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Council in June, 1931, and took up his duties in July Since that time, he has visited virtually all parts of the United States to address national and sectional groups engaged in various Catholic activities

N.C.C.M. Announces Holiday Programs on 'Catholic Hour'

Washington—(NCWC)—Two special holiday programs of a full hour's duration have been arranged for the Sundays preceding Christmas and New Year's in the "Catholic Hour," nation-wide radio broadcast, according to an announcement from the headquarters of the National Council of Catholic Men here, producer of the program.

There will be addresses by the Very Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, and a special program of Christmas music by the Paulist Choristers under the direction of Father Finn.

U. S. Mission Receives Eight Chinese Converts

San Francisco — (NCWC) — The Rev. George W. J. Johnson, C. S. P., director of the Paulist Chinese Mission, here, has just baptized eight Chinese pagans at the mission. One of the converts is a 68-year-old Chinese who was baptized together with his children, a boy and a girl. Another son was baptized several months ago. John Chin, Chinese catechist at the mission, instructed five of the converts.

DEFENDS FAITH FROM ATTACKS BY 'EX-NUN'

Convert From Judaism In Impromptu Debate With Lecturer

New York —(N.C.W.C.)— A convert to Catholicism from Judaism here, courageously stepping to the platform of the Pythian Temple in this city, staged an impromptu debate with a lecturer described as an "ex-nun," after the speaker had assailed the Catholic Church and Catholic religious. As a result of the debate the "ex-nun" was forced to make some damaging admissions.

The convert who defended the Catholic Church against the vilification of the "ex-nun" was Miss Rosalie Marie Levy, author of several books on Catholic subjects and on Judaism.

Miss Levy dropped into the lecture, which was sponsored by an atheist society, and when the "ex-nun," who was introduced as "Sister Mary Rose," allegedly a former member of the Sisters of St. Joseph, finished her "lecture," asked permission to speak in reply to "Sister Mary Rose." The "ex-nun" then spoke further and Miss Levy again replied to her in rebuttal

Miss Levy states that while sitting on the platform beside Charles Smith, head of the atheist society and chairman of the lecture, she asked Mr. Smith the real name of the "ex-nun." The chairman, she relates, replied that he didn't know. Later he gave the woman's name first as Wharton, then as Morgan, said Miss Levy

Miss Levy, in her debate, scored decisively against the "ex-nun" when the Catholic woman denied that persons entering a religious community were obliged to do so by their confessors, a statement made by the "ex-nun." Miss Levy explained that any one entering a community was required to spend some years of novitiate as a test for the authenticity of her vocation before she was admitted. When the lecturer again stood up to speak, several in the audience asked her if Miss Levy's statements were correct, and she admitted that they were.

Among other things, the "ex-nun" made stock charges against convents and religious, all of which Miss Levy covered in her rebuttal.

SCIENTIST AT CATHOLIC U. CONVERTED

Washington, — (NCWC) — Ivar Tidestrom, noted botanist and for more than 30 years a member of the staff of the United States Deartment of Agriculture, an alumnus and member of the faculty of the Catholic University of America, was received into the Catholic Church yesterday in the chapel of St. Anselm's Priory here, by Dom Francis Augustine Walsh, O. S. B., Regent of the Seminary at the University.

The studies, researches and long long service with the Government have made the new convert to the Church widely known in his chosen field. A large number of short papers on a wide variety of botanical subjects appearing in numerous botanic and scientific journals have come from his pen but he is known principally among his fellow botanists for his work on the flora of Utah and Nevada. At present he is at work on an exhaustive monograph on "astragolus," some of the species of which, known as loco-weed, have caused heavy losses to western cattlemen.

Young Law-Breakers Forbidden To Attend Movies For 3 Years

Dublin — (NCWC) — In the matter of the amazing and pernicious influence of some films on young children, there was general approbation of the judgment of District Justice Gleeson at Ennis, County Clare, when he recently passed sentence on four small boys, forbidding them to go to the movies for three years.

The youngsters had been convicted of house-breaking and stealing and admitted that they had been tempted by the revelations of the underworld they had witnessed on the screen.

FR. COUGHLIN OFFERS PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM

Proposes $10,000,000,000 Fund To Be Provided by Congress-Made Currency

Detroit — (NCWC) — A ten-billion-dollar government program of road building, reforestation, power development, land reclamation and slum elimination, to be financed with new Congress-made currency "independent of any banker", was proposed as a method of ending depressions by the Rev Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower at Royal Oak and noted radio speaker, in his regular Sunday afternoon broadcast Sunday.

"I would enter upon this public works program", Father Coughlin said, "with our own United States money, which Congress and Congress alone has the power to issue and regulate according to our Constitution and independent of any banker."

Such a program, he added, would mean the permanent end of depressions and the permanent end of "production of bankers' profits." He charged that the founders of the American Liberty League forgot every other provision of the Constitution "to concentrate on the rights of ownership and use of the property."

The program outlined by Father Coughlin would embrace an 18,000-miles network of roads, to cost $324,000,000; some 50,000,000 square miles of reforestation, to cost $6,400,000,000; the harnessing of the St. Lawrence and other rivers, to yield 7,000,000 horsepower at a cost of $812,000,000; reclamation of 60,000,000 acres of land, to cost $60,000,000; and the replacement of slum dwellings with proper homes costing $1,800,000,000.

Saying that we have $9,000,000,000 of metallic money—gold and silver—in the Treasury, Father Coughlin said there is nothing which prevents the issuance of $23,000,000,000 worth of currency, whereas the plan he proposes calls for the issuance of only $10,000,000,000 in currency.

Explaining the effect of this program in eliminating depressions, Father Coghlin said:

"The moment that industry fails to employ a man at an annual wage that very moment there would be a place for that man either in road building, reforestation, construction of power plants, reclamation of agricultural lands or in the clearing of slums at a salary of not less than $1,500 a year. Soon the purchasing power of the country would be restored."

Non-Catholic Makes Annual Gift of Prize Steer to Nuns' Home

Cleveland, (NCWC)—The carcass of a 1,200 pound steer has been delivered by W. L. Bryans, of this city, to the Little Sisters of the Poor for the Christmas and New Year's dinner of their more than 200 old men and women.

The meat supply was a prize steer at the annual live stock show held here.

Mr. Bryans, who is not a Catholic, has provided the Little Sisters and their old friend with their Christmas dinner for 10 years.

The animal sold for twelve and half cents a pound liveweight.

"The annual donation of meat give me more happiness than any other single deed that I do during the year," Mr. Bryans said, "and, God willing, I shall continue it indefinitely."

Mr. Bryans' wife and children are Catholics.

Orphans Home of Nuns Is Temporarily Closed As Immigration Drops

Ottawa, (NCWC)—Five members of the Sisters of St. Paul have sailed from Montreal for England due to the temporary closing of the St. George's home here.

For nearly 30 years, the Sisters of St. Paul have been engaged in bringing Catholic orphans from England and in that time about 12,000 English Catholic boys and girls have been placed in all parts of Canada through the efforts of the Order.

Chiefly owing to restricted immigration and economic conditions of the past few years, the Catholic Emigration Society of England, with which the home is associated, have not been sending its wards to Canada. The building here will be retained by the association.

CLEAN FILM CAMPAIGN MADE PERMANENT WITH RENEWAL OF PLEDGES

Many Thousands In This and Other Dioceses Take Shorter Legion of Decency Pledge In Accordance With Bishops' Wishes

Responding to the request of the Most Rev. [illegible] Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, over 200,000 [illegible] their respective churches throughout the Diocese of [illegible] last Sunday again took the pledge of the Legion of Decency [illegible] frain from motion picture theaters in which objectionable [illegible] are shown.

A Moral Estimate Of Motion Pictures Recently Released

(Queen's Work—Catholic Service)

Chicago Council, Legion of Decency issues the following lists of motion pictures, classified according to their moral stages in a release of December 14:

Class A: Pictures in this group are considered unobjectionable and suitable for public entertainment:

The Age of Innocence; Anne of Green Gables; Babbitt; The Barretts of Wimpole Street; Berkeley Square; Cavalcade; Charlie Chan in London; College Rhythm; Count of Monte Christo; Dude Ranger; Flirtation Walk; Gift of Gab; Gridiron Flash; Handy Andy; Jane Eyre; Judge Priest; The Lady Gentleman; Lost in the Stratosphere; The Mad Age; The Man Who Reclaimed His Head; Murder in the Clouds; Music in the Air; One Night of Love; Servant's Entrance; She Had to Choose; The Silver Streak; Strange Wives; Student Tour; Successful Failure; That's Gratitude; 365 Nights in Hollywood; Treasure Island; Wagon Wheels; A Wicked Woman; What Every Woman Knows.

Class B: Pictures in this group are considered more or less objectionable in SPOTS because of their possible suggestiveness or vulgarity or sophistication or lack of modesty. Neither approved nor forbidden, but for adults only.

As the Earth Turns; Bachelor Bait; Behold My Wife; Belle of the Nineties; The Case of the Howling Dog; Chained; Church Mouse; Crime Without Passion; Dames; The Fountain; The Gay Divorcee; Girl in Danger; Hide-Out; Kansas City Princess; The Merry Frinks; Million Dollar Ransom; Name the Woman; Pursued Ready for Love; The Richest Girl in the World; The Secret of the Chateau; Straight Is the Way; There's Always Tomorrow; The World Moves on; Walls of Gold; We Live Again.

Class C: Pictures in this group are considered indecent and immoral and unfit for public entertainment:

All of Me (re-issued); Affairs of a Gentleman; Affairs of Cellini; Ariane (or Loves of Ariane); Born to Be Bad; Catherine the Great; Dr. Monica; Enlighten Thy Daughter; The Fighting Lady; The Firebird; Fog Over Frisco; The Gay Bride; The Girl from Missouri; Hat, Coat and Glove; He Was Her Man; I Have Lived; Kiss and Make-Up; The Life of Vergie Winters; Limehouse Blues; Little Man What Now; Madam Du Barry; Manhattan Melodrama; Men of the Night; Morals for Women; Nana; A Modern Hero; One More River; Of Human Bondage; Registered Nurse; Sadie McKee; Scarlet Empress; Side Streets; Springtime for Henry; Wild Gold; Women in His Life; The Youth of Russia.

Data on Birth Control Given Relief Clients FERA Official Admits

Springfield, Mo.—(NCWC)—Assistance in getting birth control information is one of the services supplied to families on relief rolls of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, Mrs. Creet Morris, director of FERA case work here, said Monday.

"There is no rule here on the subject of birth control discussions by case workers with their clients," Mrs. Morris said, "We have no right, of course, to suggest birth control to any of our relief families. I wish we did."

NUNS PLAN NAVAJO HOUSE

Gallup, N. M. — (NCWC) — Plans for the establishment of a foundation of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in the Navajo country are being made by Mother St. Helen, of Cincinnati, and Mother M. Xavier, of Roslyn, N. Y., who were sent here to investigate the proposal.

Priests of the diocese [illegible] the faithful to take [illegible] nounced that there was [illegible] in contain that is not [illegible] the duties of Catholics [illegible] occasions of sin.

University [illegible]

Throughout the country [illegible] to NCWC News [illegible] hundreds of thousands [illegible] Catholics received the [illegible] the Legion of Decency [illegible] with the diocesan [illegible] Bishops at their annual [illegible] Washington last month.

The pledge taken in [illegible] and others was the same [illegible] pared by the National Council [illegible] Motion Pictures.

In the name of the National [illegible] mittee on Motion Pictures, [illegible] Rev. John T. McMahon, [illegible] of Cincinnati, on Sunday [illegible] is all Catholics be asked [illegible] Legion of Decency pledge [illegible] pledge to abstain from [illegible] theaters where immoral [illegible] shown.

Calls on [illegible]

The episcopal [illegible] asked that the [illegible] every parish throughout the country, feeling that "millions of Americans pledging themselves individually, will rid the country of its greatest menace—the nefarious motion picture."

Catholics were informed Sunday throughout the country that [illegible] to continue the [illegible] of Decency would mean that at [illegible] that has been gained in several months in cleaning up the screen. It is obvious that the campaign has had a desired effect and better standards of entertainment is being offered. The quality of the films [illegible] been higher than forced by those opposed to the Legion's campaign. [illegible] now in such a campaign a reducing of film entertainment to the level of children only.

Lists To Be Published

The list of approved and disapproved films prepared by the National Council Legion of Decency and released by the Queen's Work—Catholic Service will be published in [illegible] newspaper and most of the diocesan papers throughout the country. Copies will be posted in church vestibules including the Pro-Cathedral, here.

The general response to the call for a campaign against indecent and immoral motion pictures reveals to us that American public opinion is healthy, vibrant and vigorous [illegible] mercenary interests have lowered the nation's ideals and [illegible] Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, said in a letter to the clergy read at all Masses, Sunday.

"The common good of the people," the Cardinal's letter said, "cannot be such denigration. Such an evil may be suffered patiently for a [illegible] but resentment is quite [illegible] tive in the end."

Cardinal Hayes directed also the shorter form of pledge of the Legion of Decency, prepared by the National Committee on Motion Pictures, be administered Sunday and [illegible]

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Legion of Decency Pledge

The pledge of the Legion of Decency in the shorter form [illegible] taken by Catholics throughout the United States is as follows:

"IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

"I condemn [illegible] moral motion pictures [illegible] which glorify crime [illegible]

"I promise to do all [illegible] to strengthen public [illegible] against the production [illegible] and immoral [illegible] with all who [illegible]

"I [illegible]