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## Card, Dougherty Orders Film Theater Ban To Be Extended

### Pictures Must Be Shunned As Occasions of Sin Until They Are Transformed, Prelate Says in New Year Message

Philadelphia, (NCWC) — Moving picture theaters as they hitherto have been and still are must be shunned as occasions of sin and the faithful are urged upon them until they are transformed, His Eminence, Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, announced in a New Year message to the faithful.

## ACTION PLAN IN AUSTRALIA LIKE N.C.W.C.

### Bishops Map Program To Function in Religious and Social Fields

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Three hundred thousand persons in the Archdiocese, Cardinal Dougherty made known have sent in written pledges to abstain from frequenting film theaters. The boycott on moving picture theaters is a new step in the campaign of the Holy Father to bring about a moral and social reformation in the world. In this diocese more than 20,000 sent in written pledges to abstain from frequenting moving pictures on account of their danger to faith and morals. Without pledging themselves to abstain from frequenting moving pictures, the bishops of the Holy Father have issued a program to function in religious and social fields. The program is a copy of the program of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, which is being carried out in the United States. The program is a copy of the program of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, which is being carried out in the United States. The program is a copy of the program of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, which is being carried out in the United States.

## ELMIRA'S NEW HOLY NAME A. A. LEADERS CONFERENCE



Guidance of activities now being sponsored in the Elmira parishes by the Holy Name Athletic Association. In the photograph above they are: (left to right) Thomas McGill, Vice-President; Harry O'Neill, Treasurer; Roy Quinn, Basketball Commissioner; Andrew Van Hens, Secretary; and Bernard Harrott, President. (See "Along the Sports Horizon," page 4 for comment on this new Holy Name Association.)

## State Will Lose Anti-Church Fights, Warning Of Mussolini

Washington, (NCWC) — Declaring that "all those who have favored by that road have sooner or later been forced to recognize their error," Benito Mussolini, Premier of Italy, issues an impressive warning against States interfering with religion in an article widely published in newspapers of this country, and copyrighted by American Newspapers, Inc., and United Service, whose permission was obtained to reprint the extracts.

## OCTAVE FOR CHURCH UNITY PRAYERS SET

### Services In New York Jan. 18-25; Plan Nation- Wide Observance

The St. Paul Guild will conduct the octave in the Church of St. Paul, New York, on the days of the octave of the Consortium of the Holy Spirit, from Jan. 18 to 25. The speakers and their intentions are: Jan. 18, St. Paul; Jan. 19, St. Peter; Jan. 20, St. John; Jan. 21, St. James; Jan. 22, St. Philip; Jan. 23, St. Andrew; Jan. 24, St. Thomas; Jan. 25, St. Matthias.

## OFFERS BILL TO REGULATE MOVIE FILMS

Albany, N.Y. — Senator John C. Little has introduced a bill in the New York State Legislature to regulate the content of motion pictures. The bill is titled "An Act to Regulate the Content of Motion Pictures." It provides for the establishment of a board of censors to review and approve or disapprove of motion pictures before they are shown in public places.

## NOTRE DAME PRIEST GETS HIGH HONOR

Washington, (NCWC) — A bill to amend three sections of the Criminal Code, introduced by Representative Walter M. Pierce of Oregon on the first day that the 65th Congress met, is identical with the so-called Birth Control Bill which the same Congressman introduced in the Senate in the third Congress on June 8, 1933.

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## BE FIRM IN FAITH; MEXICO PAPAL DELEGATE COUNSELS

### CATHOLICS OF U. S. FLAYED BY CARDENAS

#### Mexico President in Radio Message Assails 'In- sidious Propaganda'

Mexico City, (NCWC) — Catholics in the United States were assailed by Lázaro Cardenas, President of Mexico in a New Year message, which was broadcast by radio throughout this country. General Cardenas made reference to "pernicious Catholic elements who are engaged in an insidious propaganda against the activities which the national Government has put into practice to free the nation of blind 'religious oppression.'"

### Booklet Opens Truth Group Mexico Drive; Organization Formed

Brooklyn, N. Y. (NCWC) — The publication of a pamphlet, "Catholic Mexico," inaugurates a "Mexican Campaign" of the International Catholic Truth Society, which is designed to disseminate throughout the United States and Mexico the facts about the persecution of the Church in that country and thus to enlighten the public, particularly non-Catholics, about the situation in the nation to the south.

### ARCHBISHOP RUIZ PROTESTS PERSECUTION

#### Urges Mexican Catholics Labor and Sacrifice; Refutes Calumnies

Mexico City, (NCWC) — Archbishop Ruiz y Flores, Archbishop of Mexico, has addressed Mexican Catholics to stand firm in their loyalty to the Church and to work the path of prayer and sacrifice. He refuted the calumnies of the Government and urged Mexican Catholics to labor and sacrifice for the Church.

### DISTURBANCE BLAME PUT ON 'RED SHIRTS'

#### Slaying of Five Catholics in Mexico Causes Gen- eral Indignation

Mexico City, (NCWC) — More than 20,000 people accompanied the remains of the five Catholic victims of the Coahuila riot to the cemetery of San Juan and Santa Clara where they were laid to rest. The bodies were borne on the shoulders of the men while a distinguished group of women, many of them members of the Mexican Young Women's Catholic Action Association, walked in procession behind that of Benito Ruiz y Flores, Archbishop of Mexico.

### Inviting Comment

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### Will Enforce Laws

The Ministry of Gobernacion has announced that it will enforce the laws which prohibit the sale of birth control pills. The ministry stated that it would take action against anyone who violated these laws.

### BIRTH CONTROL BILL BEFORE NEW CONGRESS

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### Struggle Against Incomprehensible

A struggle against religion is a struggle against the incomprehensible. It is a struggle against the forces that are working to destroy the faith of the people.

### OUR PRIEST RETURNS

Our priest returns from his mission in the Holy Land. He has brought back with him many precious relics and a wealth of information about the life and times of our Lord.

### HIBERNIAN VOICE OPPOSITION TO MEXICO CHURCH PERSECUTION

The Hibernian Voice has expressed its strong opposition to the persecution of the Church in Mexico. It has called for a boycott of Mexican goods and services as a protest against the actions of the Mexican Government.

### Scranton Police Seek Bogus Priest

Scranton, Pa. (NCWC) — It has been learned here that the Scranton Police are searching for a priest who has been identified as a Catholic. The police are looking for a priest who is believed to be involved in a recent case of church property.

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