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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

By E. L. LORBER
Melbourne, Australia

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 feature of the year. The Cardinal said he received the approval not only of his Holy Father but also of many Protestant and Jews. 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 the theaters, however, he has received to date, however, only 10,000. One has but to look at newspaper advertisements and the bills posted in the theaters to see that the ban is being enforced. The Cardinal said that he had received the approval of the bishops of the United States and that he had also received the approval of the bishops of the United States and that he had also received the approval of the bishops of 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 excerpts.

OFFERS BILL TO REGULATE MOVIE FILMS

Albany, N.Y. — Senator John C. Spencer, Republican, today introduced in the State Legislature a bill to regulate the content of motion picture films shown in theaters.

Struggle Against Incomprehensible A Charge Against Religion Is Laid by the State Legislature

Albany, N.Y. — The State Legislature today passed a bill which charges that religion is being used as a cover for the sale of worthless securities.

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 "foreign 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 of Mexico, Archbishop of Mexico, has addressed Mexican Catholics to stand firm in their loyalty to the Church and to seek the path of prayer and sacrifice in the face of the persecutions which the Government is inflicting upon 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 de los Rios and there 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 Benarita Ruiz, late Governor of Coahuila.

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, N. Y., on the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th of January.

NOTRE DAME PRIEST GETS HIGH HONOR

Washington, (NCWC) — The Rev. Father John J. O'Connell, Notre Dame, Ind., has been named as one of the recipients of the highest honor conferred by the State of Indiana.

Reports of Early
Jesuit Missioners
Sell for \$10.00

Scranton Police Seek Bogus Priest

Scranton, Pa. (NCWC) — It has been learned here that the State Police are searching for a man who has been passing as a Catholic priest. Scranton police are looking for a man who has been passing as a Catholic priest. Scranton police are looking for a man who has been passing as a Catholic priest.

Inviting Comment

IRISH TAXPAYER VOICE OPPOSITION TO MEXICO CHURCH PERSECUTION

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 66th Congress met, is identical with the so-called Birth Control Bill which the same Congressman introduced in the Senate.

WILL ENFORCE LAWS

The Ministry of Government with an exactitude will see that our laws are complied with. It will pay attention to the strict observance of the organic legislation in matters of religious worship and internal discipline, and will be the firmest in the prosecution of the laws.

OUR PRIEST RETURNS

Washington, (NCWC) — The Rev. Father John J. O'Connell, Notre Dame, Ind., has returned from a mission to the State of Indiana.

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