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BILL PROPOSES FILM CONTROL BOARD IN U. S.

Congress Measure Would Forbid Bad Pictures; Ban Block-Booking

Washington. (NCWC) - The Bill for the establishment of a Federal Motion Picture Commission, introduced in the Seventy-fourth Congress by Representative Culkin, of New York, would declare the motion picture industry a public utility, make block-booking unlawful, and require that a film have a license from the Commission before it could enter commerce.

The Bill provides that no motion picture would be granted a license by the Commission if (a) the selection and treatment of subject material is not in accord with public welfare, (b) the motion picture is harmful to the public or to any part thereof in any respect or distorts representations of the national life, literature, manners, and customs of this country or disturbs public peace or impairs friendly relations with foreign nations, (c) the motion picture aims to or does assist the election or defeat of any political candidate

Restrictions Listed

A film would be deemed not in accord with public welfare which emphasized or exploited sex, was based upon white slavery, made prominent an illicit love affair "which tends to make virtue odious and vice attractive," exhibited nakedness or scantily-clad persons, was predominantly concerned with the underworld, vice or crime, made drunkenness and gambling attractive gave the morally feeble instructions in methods of committing crimes, ridiculed or deprecated public officials, officers of the Army and Navy, offended the religious beliefs of any person, creed or sect, or ridiculed ministers priests, rabbis or recognized leaders of any religious sect, unduly emphasized bloodshed, or bore salacious titles or employed salacious advertising in its promotion

"Upon the payment of a fee determined by the Commission," the Bill states, "it shall receive and examine any scenario submitted to it, provided the scenario shall be accompanied with the working script and dialogue for spoken parts and shall be complete in details and titles according to forms to be provided by the Commission The Commission shall approve every such scenario, providing that it conforms to the standards required in this section In case the scenario or script shall not conform to the said standards the

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Trappist Monastery Head, Former French Count, is Dead at 80

St. Norbert, Manitoba (NCWC) Father Louis, Superior of the Trappist monastery, here, who once was a French Count, died on Monday. He was 80 years old.

Father Louis was formerly the Comte de Bourmont, of France He joined the Trappist Order in 1886 and came to Canada a few years later His grandfather, the Marshal Bourmont, was a French military hero, being the conqueror of Algiers in 1830

Coming Events

DON'T ALWAYS "cast shadows before" . . . if they are bright and shining in character.

SUCH AN event is scheduled for February, which is to be observed throughout the United States as "Catholic Press Month".

FOR FULL details, see next week's issue of

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Noted Chinese Layman Places New Hospital in Care of Nuns

Maryknoll Sisters To Take Charge Include One Nun From This City

Another Rochester girl is going to the Foreign Missions. Sister Mary Magdalena, formerly Catherine Urlacher, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish, will leave in the near future for Shanghai, China

Sister Mary Magdalena, of the Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic at Maryknoll, N. Y., is the daughter of Mr. Michael Urlacher, 53 Rialto St., Rochester and a graduate of 1922 class, Nazareth Academy

She has been a Maryknoll Sister for seven years, spending three years of training at Providence Hospital, Seattle, Washington, one year teaching at the Japanese School, same city

New York, (NCWC)—The foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic, at Maryknoll, N Y, have been invited by the noted Chinese Catholic layman, Joseph Lo Pa Hong, Knight of St. Gregory, to take over the care of a new hospital in Shanghai for the mentally afflicted.

Mr. Lo Pa Hong, commonly called the "St. Vincent de Paul" of China, has already founded in Shanghai, on his own initiative, the Hospital of St. Joseph, which shelters 2,000 unfortunates, and the Sacred Heart Hospital, with 300 beds. He is planning another hospital and a large college for girls. His zeal is such that he has enlisted the sympathy of his non-Christian friends, by whom the hospitals are largely supported.

The new hospital for mental cases is in the suburbs of Shanghai. It has seven pavilions and a total of 300 beds The men's Section has been confided to a community of German nursing Brothers, and the

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women's section, which will be in the care of the Maryknoll Sisters. has 250 beds.

The first Maryknoll nuns appointed are:

Sisters Virginia Marie Lynn, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mary Mercedes Cusack, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mary Antoinette Geist, of Pittsburg, Pa. Mary Espiritu Venmemn, of Springfield, Ill; Mary Magdalena Urlacher, of Rochester, N. Y.; Joan Miriam Beauvais, of Worcester, Mass., Mary Herman Joseph Stitz, of Salem, Ore., and Mary Roma Shillinger, of New York.

The work of these Sisters in Shanghai will be of a pioneer nature, very little having hitherto been done in China for the care of mental cases.

PEASANT BANK IN BELGIUM STAYS SOUND

By REV. ANTHONY COPPENS
(Belgium Correspondent, N.C.W.C NEWS SERVICE)

Louvain The Bank of the Boerenbond, the Catholic peasants' league of Belgium, has remained sound and stable in spite of the fact that it has suffered from the "freezing" of several large investments and other losses and the fact that other strong credit institutions have gone under

In spite of this wholesome condition the Government, in order to protect the savings of small depositors, has ordered that not more than $25 be paid to depositors a month It is claimed that the measure is hardly necessary since the bank is strong enough to meet all its liabilities It is further stated that the government regulation creates a hardship for farmers, many of whom want relatively large sums at the beginning of the year

Enemies of the Boerenbond have been sniping at the organization but the group has paid little heed to what is described as "the barking of the dogs." With other institutions failing, the Bank of the Boerenbond published in its weekly De Boer the announcement that anyone desiring to withdraw his account at the bank could do so without trouble. But very few depositors took advantage of the offer. Even when a young "anti-Christian" of Brussels a "Young Turk," as his kind is called—charged in Parliament that investors in the bank were anxious, no farmer became alarmed or even made a move to withdraw his savings, so great was the faith in the institution.

The Boerenbond promotes the religious, moral and professional education of its members, at the same time providing material assistance, such as magazines and technical books It has 1,244 local guilds, with 121,374 heads of families as members. The secretary general is a Catholic prelate and its most important projects and activities are under the direction of priests

MSGR. RYAN CITES NEEDS FOR RECOVERY

Baltimore (NCWC) The needs for sound future recovery include the elimination of the incompetent small business man, a $15,000,000,000 public works program in the next three years, and a marked reduction in interest rates on both public and private loans, the Rt Rev Msgr John A Ryan of the Catholic University of America, Director of the N.C.W.C. Department of Social Action, and a member of the Industrial Appeals Board of the NRA, told a Baltimore audience Sunday evening

Speaking on "The Present Outlook for Economic Recovery," Monsignor Ryan attacked some widely accepted economic theories, and said that "all Americans who take an interest in their Government will hope that neither Congress nor the President will listen to the futile pleas to adopt conservative courses in the present emergency" "Unless we now achieve recovery," he added, "we shall have Government ownership or Fascism or Communism or worse."

Expenditures Necessary

Monsignor Ryan said a revival in the capital goods industries emphatically is not essential to recovery that the inefficient small

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Missionary Spirit Of Irish Lauded by Bishop in Address

(Special Correspondence, N C W C NEWS SERVICE)

Dublin (NCWC) Ireland has always been a prolific ground for religious vocations for both men and women, and the numbers of Irishmen and Irishwomen to be found in the churches and convents of the whole English-speaking world testifies to their missionary spirit.

Referring to the growth of a native clergy in Great Britain, the United States and Australia formerly so dependent on Ireland for recruits, the Most Rev. Daniel Cohalan, Bishop of Cork, speaking at St. Finbarr's Diocesan College, pointed out that Irishmen would now probably devote their increasing number of vocations to the conversion of the heathen.

Bill Proposed To Make Holiday of Good Friday

Albany, (NCWC) - A bill to make Good Friday a holiday has been introduced in the New York State Legislature here.

FR. SELDEN P. DELANY WILL SPEAK BEFORE NEWMAN CLUB CONVENTION

New York. (NCWC)—The Newman Clubs of the New York Province of the Federation of College Catholic Clubs will convene March 1, 2, 3 for their annual convention.

The convention was originally scheduled for January 11, 12, 13.

The informal tea dance and business meeting will take place Saturday, March 2. The following day the members of the province will attend the Corporate Communion Mass, which will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral, followed by a Communion breakfast.

The principal speakers will be: Saturday afternoon March 2, Dr Ross S. Hoffman, of New York University and Sunday, March 3 at the Community breakfast, the Rev. Selden P. Delany, and Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, president of Vassar College.

It is expected that about 400 delegates from out of town and other provinces will attend.

FR. COUGHLIN UNION PASSES 6,000,000 MARK

Social Justice Union Sponsor Takes Part In Monetary Conference

Washington (NCWC)—The opening of quarters here for the National Union for Social Justice was announced this week by Louis B. Ward of Detroit. Mr. Ward, who said he represented the Union here, announced that its membership had passed the 6,000,000-mark this week.

The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower at Royal Oak, Mich, noted radio speaker and sponsor of the National Union of Social Justice, was in Washington last week. Father Coughlin took part in a monetary conference held Wednesday and in which Senators, Congressmen, educators, economists and others participated.

Father Coughlin issued a statement here Jan. 17 in which he said "the so-called World Court is nothing more than the created office and mouthpiece of the League of Nations" and declared that "the best traditions of our country warn us to refrain from European entangling alliances" He declared himself opposed to American entrance into the League Court.

Father Coughlin was a speaker at Wednesday's monetary meeting which was also addressed by Senator Thomas of Oklahoma, Senator Smith of South Carolina, Senator Wheeler of Montana, Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale University, Dr. Gordon Wood of Melbourne University, Australia; Representative Patman of Texas, E. E. Kennedy of the National Farmers' Union, and others.

Following the meeting a resolution was made public stating that the object of the National Monetary Conference is "that there be established an equitable price level for goods, commodities and services of this country, to assure to labor a living, just and annual wage, to guarantee to the farmer a price that will cover the cost of production plus a profit, to protect the profit motive in commerce and industry, and to relieve the taxpayer from a present unjust burden."

The resolution then sets forth an eight-point program designed to accomplish these ends Those points include conversion of the 12 Federal Reserve banks into a new central bank, government-owned and government-operated, detachment of the dollar from a fixed relationship to gold and the remonetization of silver, that the central bank be sole bank issuing national currency; payment of the veterans' adjusted compensation certificates in full with currency, that public borrowing of the United States Government cease and that central bank issue non-interest bearing legal tender notes, retirable when necessary by taxation, that when present obligations of United States become due they be retired by an exchange of legal tender notes issued by central bank; that the value of dollar in terms foreign currencies be controlled through an equalization fund, and that there be a Congressional investigation of the identity of holders of United States obligations as of January 1, 1935, together with identities of all who have become creditors of Government since January 1, 1935.

Ask Sodality Groups To Study Program of Social Justice Union

Detroit (NCWC) Sodality conferences throughout the country are asked to study the Christian principles embodied in the program of the National Union for Social Justice, in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Catholic Students' Conference here, attended by 1,400 representatives of some 40 Catholic high schools and colleges in Detroit and out-State The Union is the organization launched by the Rev Charles E Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower at Royal Oak, near here, and noted radio speaker

Asserting that "Communism is taking an alarming hold on the youth of the country", that "Communism is opposed to the Christian principles set forth in the Encyclicals," and that "the Christian principles are embodied in the program of the National Union for Social Justice," the resolution directs that "the Secretary of the Detroit Catholic Students' Conference communicate with the central office of the sodality, informing it of the National Union and exhorting the central office to promote similar action by all the sodality conferences throughout the country."

New League Is Formed To Fight U. S. Atheism

New York—(NCWC) A new group, called the Trinity League has been organized in this city, for the purpoes of combating, by means of the press and the radio, the threat of atheism. The league was officially organized this month on the Feast of St. Hilary, great defender of the doctrine of the Trinity, who spent his life crusading against heresy.

'CHILD LABOR' AMENDMENT IS OPPOSED HERE

Fr. Foery of State Catholic Welfare Council Issues Statement

Albany, (NCWC) Opposing ratification of the proposed child labor amendment to the Federal Constitution, the New York State Catholic Welfare Committee has made the following points in a memorandum submitted to the New York State Legislature here:

"1. It would permit unwarranted intrusions on State authority and Federal invasions of personal freedom by allowing Congress to prohibit any labor, no matter how harmless. Wording of the amendment is ambiguous, making no reference to children but taking in youths of 16 and 17.

"2. It would suspend State laws and force New York State to abandon its advanced and effective labor policies.

"3. Harmful child labor is now practically non-existent in the United States. Gains made under NRA codes will be made permanent by Congress.

"4. Federal laws cannot be an efficient substitute for State and local action.

"5. A uniform child labor act and interstate compacts are urged to eliminate unfair competition between States with different labor standards.

"6. It is doubtful whether the child labor amendment, once rejected by 34 States, can legally be revived."

The Rev. Dr. Walter A. Forey, director of Catholic Charities and Rochester diocesan representative of the Catholic Welfare Council of the State of New York in a statement issued, this week, sees the proposed child labor amendment as an unfair extension of the police power of the Federal government.

"We are opposed to child labor

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STATION WLWL URGES WIDER RADIO SCOPE

Washington (NCWC)—The Federal Communications Commission has before it for consideration a proposal presented by the Very Rev. John B. Harney, C.S.P., Superior General of the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle, affecting radio station WLWL, owned and operated by the Paulist Fathers in New York, and intended to benefit the interests of listeners in a wide area east of the Mississippi. The proposal provides for station shifts involving nine stations and five clear channels.

The proposed realignment would assign to Station WLWL a frequency of 810 kilocycles, with full-time service. In recent years, WLWL has been broadcasting on a frequency of 1,100 kilocycles for periods totaling 15½ hours a week, the other periods on the same frequency being assigned to Station WPG, Atlantic City.

The change in assignment for Station WLWL, the proposal states, would permit it to provide an enlarged and extended program service, "particularly to the 2,587,291 persons of Catholic faith resident within the primary service area and the approximately 3,500,000 persons of Catholic faith within the good secondary service area."

Missionary Airplane Destroyed In Crash At Solomon Islands

Brisbane, Australia —(WCWC-Fides) The airplane which was to have served Bishop Thomas J. Wade, S. M., in his visits about the North Solomon Islands, has crashed during a trial flight over one of the islands. The machine, a gift of the MIVA, the German Catholic association which supplies missionaries with modern means of transport, has been damaged beyond any repairs possible in the islands and is being shipped back to Germany. There were no fatalities.

Father Tonjes, Marist Missionary, an aviator during the world war, was in the plane with the MIVA engineer when the machine suddenly dove to the ground from a height of 50 feet. When the two men were pulled from the wreckage they were found to be suffering from slight injuries and shock.

Godless Will Convene Next March In Moscow

Geneva, (NCWC)—The next annual convention of the Russian Godless organizations is to be held in Moscow on March 20 this year, according to reports from Soviet Russia.

Rotary Adheres to Plan To Convene In Mexico in June

Mexico City.—(NCWC)—Minister of Gobernacion de Dlos Rojorquez has given to the press a copy of the wire received from the headquarters of the International Rotary Club in Chicago assuring the Mexican Government there has been no change in the plans to hold an International Rotary convention in Mexico City next June. The wire was in response to a message sent in the name of President Cardenas to the president of Rotary International, as the result of information received here that there is a movement on foot in the United States to have the convention held elsewhere.

The wire reads: "Please transmit to President Cardenas our profound appreciation of his courteous message. We eagerly look forward to the pleasure of holding our convention in Mexico next June."

MEXICO FORCES NON-CATHOLIC MISSIONS OUT

Southern Baptists Report Closing of Their Missions in Mexico

Atlanta.—(NCWC)—The Mexican Government's war on all religion has caused the closing of the Southern Baptist missions in that country, according to an article published on the front page of the Christian Index, official organ of the Baptists of Georgia.

"Secretary C. E. Maddry, of the Foreign Mission Board, returning from a meeting of the Texas Baptist Convention at San Antonio, was in the office last week," the article says. "For several months serious trouble has been brewing in Mexico, and for weeks we have been expecting our foreign missionaries to be expelled from the country. All of the Mexican missionaries met the Secretary at San Antonio for a conference as to what was best to be done with respect to the continuing of our foreign mission work in Mexico.

"The Government of Mexico has put on an extensive socialistic program of education throughout the Republic. They have placed a ban on the teaching of all religions. The Bible is excluded from all schools, and they have now closed our Baptist Theological Seminary at Saltillo. All church properties being 'Federalized,' they have passed into the hands of the Government. Some of our Baptist churches have already been taken over as offices for school superintendents, mayors and other public officials, and the Mexican flag is now flying from the steeples of Baptist churches.

"The Mexican missionaries reported to the Secretary in San Antonio that, in all probability, all of our seminary and school property, together with church buildings and pastors' homes, will be 'Federalized' within a few weeks. The Seminary at Saltillo has enrolled sixteen students this year, and will be moved to LaRado, on the Texas side of the River, where Missionaries Branch and Neal will try to complete the year's work

"Secretary Maddry has arranged with the Texas State Board for the transfer of several of our Mexican missionaries to the State Board of Texas for work among Mexicans in South Texas, the Foreign Mission Board paying the salaries and the Texas Board paying their expenses. This is a temporary arrangement, awaiting the day when, it is hoped, our missionaries may go back into Old Mexico. Five Mexican missionaries, who have attained the age of sixty-five years, have been placed on the pension rolls.

"The Mexican Government is determined to exclude Catholicism in all of its phases from the Republic, and in doing so, of course, they are excluding all Baptists, Presbyterians and Methodists alike.

"The outlook for our work in Mexico is dark, indeed, and our people everywhere are urged to be much in prayer that God may overrule this turn of events in our neighbor Republic, to the glory of His Name."

CONVERT THROUGH 'CATHOLIC HOUR' DECIDES TO ENTER BENEDICTINES

Washington.—(NCWC)—Brought into the Church less than five years ago through the instrumentality of the "Catholic Hour," Miss Marie-Peter Ducq, formerly of Detroit, is now on her way to Antwerp, Belgium, to enter a convent of Benedictine contemplatives, according to a letter received here by the National Council of Catholic Men, producer of the nationwide broadcast.

Miss Ducq's letter is, in part, as follows:

"With regard to what you say of the Catholic Hour having been 'the disposing cause of hundreds of conversions,' it may interest you to know that it was my own happy lot to have profited by your radio apostolate. Only four years ago I was converted by the radio sermons of Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen, and today I am packing to leave for the Benedictine convent of contemplatives near Antwerp, Belgium. There I shall devote my life to winning souls for the Mystical Body of Christ through the apostolate of prayer—and you may be sure that the Catholic Hour will be frequently in my prayers.

"Monsignor Sheen's current series on The Mystical Body of Christ should easily be one of the Catholic Hour's most significant offerings, opening up to eager listeners a thrilling view of Catholicism as active participation in the life of Christ. May he win many new souls to our Blessed Saviour."

CENTRAL OFFICE OPENS IN BALTIMORE TO ASSIST PERSECUTED IN MEXICO

Archdiocesan Confederation Formed for Defense of Religious Liberty in Mexico Will Coordinate and Systematize Activities

Baltimore—At the request of His Excellency, Archbishop Leopoldo Ruiz y Flores, D. D., Apostolic Delegate to Mexico, the Most Rev. Archbishop Michael J. Curley, D. D., has directed the establishment here of an office where all activities favorable to the persecuted Church in Mexico might in the name of Archbishop Ruiz y Flores be systematically and authoritatively coordinated.

With the title "The Baltimore Archdiocesan Confederation for the Defense of Religious Liberty in Mexico," the office has been opened at 415 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Md., with the Most Rev. Archbishop Curley, Chairman, the Rev. Louis Vaeth, Director, and Florence A. Colford, Secretary of the Confederation.

Father Vaeth in charge of the office requests that any society, confraternity or organization established to assist the persecuted Mexican Church send the name and address of the organization and the name and address of the society to him at the above address.

In a letter announcing the opening of this central office, Father Vaeth states: "Our organization has no intention of exerting any political influence upon our nation, or any other nation, in order that our nation, or any other nation, may be influenced to interfere, directly or indirectly, with the internal governmental regime of the Mexican nation. Neither is this organization in any way connected with any society, confraternity or organization advocating an armed or military movement in behalf of the Church in Mexico."

Information relative to the Mexican situation will be furnished upon request to the above office.

Father Vaeth asks from all Catholics in the United States an occasional prayer that God will protect, comfort and cheer the Mexican Hierarchy, priests, religious and laity.

ALUMNAE WILL PRE-VIEW FILM IN BRITAIN

Brooklyn—(NCWC)—The Motion Picture Bureau of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, through its chairman, Mrs. James F. Looram, has just announced plans for the organization of a pre-view group of the I. F. C. A. in England under the chairmanship of Lady Armstrong, wife of Sir Harry Gloucester Armstrong, former Consul-General in New York. This will facilitate the work of the East and West coast pre-view committees of the Bureau in the appraisal of English productions before their arrival here. Twenty-five radio stations carry the Bureau's weekly broadcasts.

The report of the membership committee on the results of the recent questionnaire sent to members lists the following as active members of this pre-viewing group: Mrs. Richard Auspitzer, Mrs. Thomas Bannin, Mrs. John J. Barry, Mrs. Frank Briody, Mrs. Robert Bauer, Mrs. William Dalton, Mrs. James Fee, Mrs. James Ferciot, Mrs. Robert Griebe, Mrs. Leo Malican, Mrs. Hugh Markey, Mrs. Cornelius Schmid, Mrs. Peter P. Smith, Mrs. Jerrold Stearns, Mrs. William Moyles, Mrs. William Magee, Mrs. Robert Manning and the Misses May Canavan, Blanche Cunningham, Bernadette Dolan, Mary Fitzpatrick, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Susan T. Lyons, Eleanor McGovern, Anna McDermott, Anna McLoughlin, Mary Meehan, Katherine Reilly, Anna Russell, Grace Shannon, Mary Sheridan, and the following who have just completed their probationary term and have been nominated to active membership, Misses Regina Lamb, Jane McGoey, and Adelaide Stephens.

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Supreme Body Issues Statement [illegible] Persecution of Church

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The resolution which formed the basis of discussion here Monday was adopted by the Supreme Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus meeting in New York on January 12 and 13. At that time

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Running Comment

ON THE outstanding improvements that have been made in the CATHOLIC COURIER, are printed this week on Page Five

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