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## SCHOOL STRIKE CALL ISSUED DESPITE BAN

### Mexico Parents Denied Mails A Range Home Instructions in Groups

By CHARLES BETICO  
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N. C. W. C. NEWS SERVICE)  
Mexico City.—The refusal of postal authorities throughout the country to accept in the mails the "extra-urgent" circular of the National Union of Fathers of Families calling a nation-wide school strike did not prevent the circulation of the manifesto. It was passed from hand to hand by parents and other individuals all of whom are determined that Mexican children shall not be subjected to a system of education which, according to an interview granted reporters by Minister of Public Education Garcia Teller, is definitely Communistic in purpose.

So that their children shall not be left without educational opportunities, parents are working out a plan that they have had under consideration for several months, that of establishing a system of "home schools" where nine children receive instruction. The teacher would receive pay for six pupils and three would be educated without charge. This would provide tutors for children whose parents are not financially able to bear the cost of private education.

Teachers Resist  
It is interesting to note that this plan for a concentrated and determined opposition to the Government's scholastic system of education is being waged by a parents' and not by the Church or a Catholic organization. Nor are the parents alone in their opposition. In the city of Leon, State of Tlaxcala, 62 teachers have resigned from the official schools stating that the imparting of the scholastic education required by law is contrary to their religious convictions.

The circular issued by the National Union of Fathers of Families declares that following the promulgation of the Constitution of Article 3 of the Constitution, it became a fact that scholastic education is being imparted in the schools. The Union, "conscious of the serious evils that this education will bring to our children and to our country," although not wishing to oppose the

## Mexico's Policy Of Persecution Draws Increasing Protests in U. S.

### Washington—(NCWC)— Additional Catholic, Protestant and Jewish groups continue daily to register condemnation of the persecution of religion that is being carried on in Mexico. From widely-separated sections of the country word arrives in the Nation's Capital of action taken at mass meetings calling for a cessation of the godless campaign below the Rio Grande.

Official civic action was taken on the Pacific Coast, when the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County adopted a resolution petitioning President Roosevelt to intervene.

All religions and all governments should unite in a protest against the anti-religious attitude of the Mexican Government. Rabbi William Rosenthal of Eastview Temple, Baltimore, declared in an address to his congregation, "The fact of the matter," he said, "is that Mexico is not only anti-Catholic but anti-religious. It is determined to build up a nationalism that denies God."

Condemnation of the persecution of religion in Mexico also was expressed in a resolution adopted by the Chester, Pa., Goodwill Council, composed of Catholics, Protestant and Jews. The resolution was submitted by a Protestant, Dr. William R. McNett, of "Crosser Theology" Seminary.

WAINS MEXICO REFUGEES  
WILL SWELL RELIEF ROLLS  
Washington (NCWC)—Declaring that a continuation of the religious persecution in Mexico will inevitably flood the United States with hundreds of thousands of Mexican refugees to be fed, housed and maintained at the expense of the already overburdened people of this country, a Concurrent Resolution introduced Friday by Representative Clere G. Frerdy of Pennsylvania would direct the U. S. Department of Labor to report to the Congress concerning the number, nationality, condition and manner of entrance to this country of aliens from the States on the Mexican border who are being supported by public or private charity, participating in relief funds, holding positions normally occupied by citizens of the United States, or otherwise derogating American citizens by cheap labor competition.

The Resolution asks the United States Government to call upon the Government of Mexico "in the name of liberty and humanity" to cease in its policy of denying fundamental and inalienable rights to American citizens resident in Mexico regardless of religious convictions or affiliations, and that "if the present policy be persisted in, future diplomatic recognition of the Government of Mexico will be withheld until such time as the policies and conduct of the said Government in relation to religious and other liberties and in regard to the natural rights of educational, moral, and religious institutions of all creeds and

## Need Of Assured Annual Income For Workers Cited By Dr. Haas

### Methods of Attaining Social Security for Labor Reviewed at Public Hearing Held by Industrial Recovery Board

Washington.—(NCWC)—All American workers must be assured of a yearly income that will maintain them at a decent standard of living and this amount should be set at not less than \$2,500. The Rev. Dr. Francis J. Haas, Director of the National Catholic School of Social Service, declared in an address delivered Thursday at a public hearing on employment policy conducted by the National Industrial Recovery Board. Dr. Haas spoke on "The Need for Higher Annual Earnings."

Dr. Haas presented statistics to show that the annual wage of workers in seven major industries is far below this figure and pointed out that the contrast in many others is even more striking. He reminded that the Codes of Fair Practice adopted by many industries under the NRA contain declarations favoring an adequate wage to all workers, but noted that methods adopted have been ineffective. "Something more than pious wishes and general statements of belief or intentions is necessary," Dr. Haas said, "if the American worker is going to be protected under the codes of fair competition."

Refusal to Cooperate  
"In formulating its ongoing policies," Dr. Haas said, "the Administration will recognize that the problem must be met. Labor calls upon the Administration for a

yearly income that will maintain them at a decent standard of living—this amount should be set at not less than \$2,500. In a country as rich as ours, in natural resources and as equipped and over-equipped with plant capacity, this amount is by no means outside the range of practicability. The essential approach is that which the NRA has been following. It has recognized and endeavored to enforce the principle that each industry must carry its basic labor cost, and that this cost must be withdrawn from the area of competition. We cannot expect the voluntary action of the enlightened employer to carry all the burden of this protection. The advanced employer cannot do it. There are a number of large, powerful and profitable enterprises in this country who by their refusal to cooperate...

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## FR. BALL WILL DIRECT RURAL LIFE BUREAU

### Religious Vacation Schools First Undertaking of New Bureau

The Rev. John M. Ball, pastor of St. Rose's Church, Lima, N. Y., has been appointed Director of the Diocese of Rochester Rural Life Bureau according to an announcement made this week by the Chancery Office.

Catholic rural life bureaus have been established in several dioceses of the United States particularly in the west. The program is directed by the Rural Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference of which the Rev. Edgar Schmiedeler, O. S. B., Ph. D., is the director with headquarters in Washington.

Establishment of religious vacation schools especially in rural parishes of the diocese is the particular work to be engaged in by the Rochester Diocesan Rural Life Bureau, Father Ball said this week. (See editorial on page 4, this issue.)

The Catholic Rural Life program outlined by Father Schmiedeler, national director, includes: the Rural Family, the Association of the Holy Family, Parent Education, the Rural Parish, Public Devotions, the Rural Family Social Activities, Rural Education, the Parish School, 4-H Clubs, Religious Instruction, the Religious Correspondence Course, the Religious Vacation School, the Community of Christian Workers, Rural Economic Welfare, Parish-Credit Unions, Other Co-operatives, such as purchasing and marketing; Rural Health, and Rural Life Conferences.

Announced in the Nov. 15 issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER, the thirteenth annual convention of the Catholic Rural Life Conference will be held in Rochester, this year, at the home of the extended Holy Year, April. Masses will be said at the home of the extended Holy Year, April. Masses will be said at the home of the extended Holy Year, April. Masses will be said at the home of the extended Holy Year, April.

## ARCHBISHOP'S PRESS LETTER OPENS HOLY NAME CAMPAIGN

### Archbishop Mooney's Message for Catholic Press Month

The Diocese of Rochester  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE  
DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER  
DEARLY BELOVED IN CHRIST

The fact that February is set apart as Catholic Press Month prompts me to address you again on this ever timely topic. I shall not merely restate general considerations which ought to be familiar to all, but which unfortunately fail to stir up in many the practical conviction which, to my mind, they immediately inspire. I find it difficult to escape the conclusion that one who is not interested in the Catholic Press to the point of supporting it, is not deeply interested in the teaching of the Church, it defends the cause of the Church and it portrays the world-wide life of the Church.

In a very concrete way, some events of the past year have shown both the need and the power of the Catholic Press. The campaign of the Legion of Decency to eliminate some of the most glaring abuses of the moving picture industry could never have had the measure of success which it attained if that movement had not had the Catholic Press to set forth and defend its aims and record its progress. Without the Catholic Press the tyrannical persecution of our fellow Catholics in nearby Mexico, the ruthless suppression of the most elemental human rights on our very borders would have been practically unknown; or, worse yet, would have been taken as a significant movement of social and political reform.

For the Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester, the Catholic Press should mean first of all the "Catholic Courier". I am happy to be able to say that the past year has to a notable degree brought out that meaning. Due chiefly to the generous efforts of the members of the Holy Name Union, the circulation of the Courier has had a significant increase. This has been a factor in enabling the management to make noteworthy improvements in the paper, which in turn should enhance its attractiveness to new subscribers.

The Holy Name men do not feel that the goal they set themselves has been attained. They plan to mark Catholic Press Month by renewing their subscription campaign. They have undertaken this task in no monopolistic or exclusive spirit and the collaboration of other groups or individuals is urgently solicited. In parishes where there is no Holy Name Unit the initiative must of necessity fall upon others and I fervently hope that others will generously come forth to take it.

The goal we are aiming at is to put our diocesan paper in every Catholic home in the diocese. To make a material advance towards this ideal we need not ask that our Catholic people make an added outlay of funds for reading matter, but only that they divide the money spent for this purpose in such a way as to provide for at least a minimum Catholic content in their reading. No one who wants to be an informed Catholic can do less than this. What a consoling manifestation it would be if everyone who can in this way include the Catholic Courier in the reading matter which he provides for himself and his family, would not wait to be solicited but would come forward of his own accord and become a subscriber on one of the various plans offered.

In this sense I earnestly bespeak the cooperation of priests and people in making Catholic Press month an occasion to strengthen the influence and effectiveness of our diocesan Catholic paper.

Devotedly yours in Christ,  
+ EDWARD MOONEY  
Archbishop-Bishop of Rochester.

## WORKERS MAP PRESS TALKS AT MEETINGS

### Parish Meeting Scheduled Next Week—Second Stage of Campaign

With the reading of Archbishop Mooney's message for Catholic Press Month (last of which appears on this page), the workers of the diocese will begin their campaign with the distribution of press letters to the parishes of the diocese. The Catholic Courier will be distributed to the parishes of the diocese by the workers of the diocese. The Catholic Courier will be distributed to the parishes of the diocese by the workers of the diocese.

## Non-Catholic Posts Notices in Store of Catholic Hour Talks

Washington (NCWC)—A non-Catholic merchant of Western Minnesota has been so favorably impressed by the nation-wide Catholic Hour radio broadcasts that he has posted announcements of coming addresses in his store, according to word received by the National Council of Catholic Men. The Council's release gives the man's name as Peter R. Sande, of Underwood, Minn.

"I have listened to the lectures by the editor of the Catholic World and would like to have a copy when it is printed," Mr. Sande's letter said. "Although I am not a member of the Catholic Church, I have posted a notice in my store calling the attention of my customers to the coming lectures."

## FR. COUGHLIN TELLS FUTURE AIMS OF UNION

Detroit.—(NCWC)—"If you are determined that the National Union for Social Justice shall continue to exist, it shall be independent of partisan politics of creed and race, to be your avowed ally with the provision that I shall never seek or accept public office," the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower at Royal Oak, Notted Radio Speaker and sponsor of the National Union, told his listeners in the course of his address Sunday.

Speaking of the defeat in the Senate of the proposal to have the United States adhere to the World Court, Father Coughlin said that the people "can be aroused to democratic action over an abstract foreign policy" it is logical to say that "when united in a solid organization these same people can be doubly aroused to fight democratically for their simple human rights."

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## LOURDES WILL HAVE MASSES FOR 3 DAYS

By GEORGE BARNARD  
(London Correspondent, NCWC  
News Service)

London.—An English priest, the Rev. J. P. Markkey, conceived the great idea of the three-day Lourdes triduum of Masses at Lourdes to which the Holy Father has just given his approval.

News has been received here that the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower at Royal Oak, Notted Radio Speaker and sponsor of the National Union, told his listeners in the course of his address Sunday.

The intentions will be those of the Holy Year and the extended Holy Year, the pacification of the world.

Suggested by London Pastor  
The first suggestion in connection with the triduum, the N. C. W. C. News Service correspondent is able to state, was made by Father W. J. Zerkow, London pastor, who is secretary general of the Society for the Maintenance of the Apostolic See. The Society has sponsored a world-wide Holy Mass Crusade which has resulted in the savings of many thousands of Masses for the Holy Father's intentions and the hearing of millions of weekday Masses for the same object.

Father Waterkey put his idea of a triduum of Masses before the late Cardinal Bourne who gave it his support at once and suggested that Lourdes was the obvious place in which to carry it out.

## K. of C. To Rally Behind Campaign For Clean Films

Washington (NCWC)—It will be an aim of the forthcoming Knights of Columbus Mobilization Campaign to rally Catholic youth members behind the crusade of the Legion of Decency, Martin H. Carmody of Grand Rapids, Mich., Supreme Knight of the K. of C., announced in a letter to the members of the organization.

The mobilization, Mr. Carmody said, "is an organized movement to arouse the present membership of the Knights of Columbus, as well as eligible non-members, to a keen sense of the pressing need for lay leadership for which the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus are so well equipped."

It will attempt to add, to align the Catholic manpower of the United States and Canada for concerted and effective protest against invasions of civil and religious liberty such as current atrocities against Catholics in Mexico, and it will rally hymen more strongly behind the Legion of Decency, and provide stronger organization of Catholic education, social service and community welfare work."

## Student From Pavia U. Arrives at Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Ind.—(NCWC) The University of Notre Dame launched its student exchange agreement with the University of Pavia, Italy, this week when Francesco Tamagna arrived to enroll for the new semester.

A graduate of the University of Pavia, Signor Tamagna will specialize in post graduate work, studying the credit of agriculture and the movement of capital, especially in the field of Catholic education, two months in New York, learning the rudiments of banking at Columbia University and the Federal Bank Reserve.

## Late Richard W. Child Was Catholic Convert

New York (NCWC)—Richard Washburn Child, noted author and former United States Ambassador to Italy, was received into the Catholic Church shortly before his death of pneumonia here Wednesday. He was baptized by the Rev. Martin Killian, O. P., of St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, where funeral services are being held this morning.

Mr. Child had been taking instruction in the Catholic Faith for the last three or four years. His widow, Mrs. Dorothy Gallagher Everson Child, is a Catholic and she and her husband attended St. Vincent Ferrer's church together every Sunday for several years. When he was taken ill, Mr. Child sent for a priest and expressed a desire to be baptized and receive the Last Sacraments before his death.

## Report President Plans Mexico Visit This Summer False

Washington (NCWC)—In view of the fact that secular newspapers in this country have published stories inspired by Mexican politicians to the effect that President Roosevelt was contemplating a visit to Mexico City next summer to greet President Lázaro Cardenas, the N. C. W. C. News Service made inquiry at the White House today to ascertain whether such a journey by the Chief Executive was contemplated. It was officially stated at the White House that no plans whatever have been made by the President for a trip to Mexico City next summer.

The first report came out by a secular news service came from Mexico City and was published last Thursday. It told of the return to Mexico of former President Abelardo Rodriguez, who had been a luncheon guest of President Roosevelt while in Washington. The dispatch said General Rodriguez had indicated that President Roosevelt might visit Mexico late next summer.

## A New Series OF SPECIAL Advertisements begins in this issue on Page Four.

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## Quebec Premier Bans Lotteries on Appeal Of Cardinal Villeneuve

Montreal (NCWC)—Following an appeal made in a national letter by His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve at Quebec, Premier L. A. Taschereau here announced that all lotteries would be stopped by the provincial police.

The Premier said he would see that the law was observed even though he favored a national lottery. He recalled that Cardinal Villeneuve in his pastoral had called upon all Catholic bodies, charitable organizations and public institutions to cease organizing lotteries.

## SENATE CRIME COMMITTEE'S BILL WOULD REMOVE BIRTH CONTROL BAN

Washington.—The ban on the dissemination of birth control information and devices would be relaxed under the provisions of one of the Senate Crime Committee's bills introduced by Senator Copeland of New York.

The bill represents a re-writing and re-introduction of the measure which Senator Copeland introduced some days before but almost immediately withdrew. The original bill, aimed at traffic in obscene books and literature, made it an offense to receive as well as to send matter on birth control information or devices. As re-written, the bill exempts from the penal provisions information on birth control and drugs, medicines and devices for the prevention of conception which are for the use by a physician or by his prescription, for use by a woman in filling a physician's prescription for use by any medical college or for use by any hospital or clinic.

The bill has been referred to the Judiciary Committee, which also received the Hearings bill to relax restrictions on the dissemination of birth control information and devices. The Copeland measure is held certain to receive a hearing since it is part of the anti-crime program.

Senator Hayden of Arizona this week introduced a bill to tighten restrictions on the mailing and delivery of matter declared non-mailable by Section 211 of the Criminal Code. Among the things declared non-mailable by this section are birth control information and devices.

## Credit Union Advances During Depression Era

Lincoln (NCWC)—Despite the fact that it was founded in February, 1930, and its five years of existence have paralleled the delivery of matter declared non-mailable by Section 211 of the Criminal Code. Among the things declared non-mailable by this section are birth control information and devices.

## J. B. Kirby, A. Iselin, Die; Trustees of C. U.

Washington.—(NCWC)—A member and a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic University died during the week. Joseph B. Kirby, president of the Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore, and Adrian Iselin, head of the banking firm of A. Iselin & Co., New York, respectively.

## C.P.A. VIGILANCE HEAD SOUNDS WARNING AGAINST BOGUS AGENTS

Chicago (NCWC)—Because of the reported operations of a fraudulent subscription solicitor in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, the Rev. W. De Fender, O. R. M., chairman of the Circulation Vigilance Committee of the Catholic Press Association, has made public some precautions which he urges that the Catholic public take in dealing with subscription agents.

The solicitor against whom complaints have recently been received is said to be one who falsely holds himself out to be a religious Brother and intimates that he represents an Eastern monastery. He is said to collect one dollar or more wherever possible, and to promise the donors that a reward will be forwarded to them and that they will receive a magazine for one year. His usual grocery store order blanks as receipts and never signs his name, the reports assert.

In view of this, the warning is issued to all Catholics not to accept a grocery store order blank as receipt; to ask anyone soliciting at the door to show his credentials and see that the credentials are properly filled out; always insist upon a printed receipt showing the name of the institution, the name of the magazine or publication, the serial number of the subscription blank, and make certain that the name signed on the receipt is the same as the name which appears on the credentials held by the solicitor or salesperson.

Complaints against the dishonest solicitor referred to in the warning, are being forwarded to J. H. Meier, secretary of the Catholic Press Association, at 64 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Ill.

## Miss Isabel Goss Elected President Of Hospital Board

Auburn.—Miss Isabel T. Goss was elected president of the Board of Directors of Mercy Hospital at the annual election meeting held last Friday. Other officers were elected as follows: Charles M. Gehring, vice president; Frank J. Leitch, secretary; Sister Mildred, treasurer. Dr. Louis F. O'Neill, one of Central New York's leading physicians, declined re-election of the presidency of the Board which was tendered to him unanimously. Dr. O'Neill had served as president of the Board since the inception of the institution and his efficient administration was justly lauded and it was with regret that his resignation was accepted.

The Goal for February  
CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH  
A COURIER IN EVERY CATHOLIC HOME  
The Appeal Voiced by  
ARCHBISHOP MOONEY