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## Bishops Committee Requests That Economic Security Act Recognize Private Agencies

### Important Relief Work of Hospitals, Asylums Cited By N. C. W. C. Administrative Committee In Letter Sent to Congress Leaders

Washington—(NCWC)—That the Economy Security Act, if enacted into law, give definite recognition to the extended and essential contribution which private institutions, hospitals and homes make toward the care of the nation's needy, unemployed, sick and orphaned is asked by the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in identical letters submitted to the two committees of Congress which now have the measure under consideration

The Administrative Committee asks that "this recognized and most laudable work of private institutions, fostered by members of every religious denomination and of none and always encouraged in our nation's history by both State and Federal authorities be not further burdened because of any unfavorable interpretation of any of the provisions of the proposed Economic Security Act, but that such legislation make it explicit that no State is prohibited, through acceptance of Federal funds, from using as agencies of relief and prevention the private institution, hospital or home" "This legislation," the Administrative Committee adds, "would then recognize what is pre-eminently true that the private institution is an essential element in the promotion of the self-sacrifice so necessary to the happiness and prosperity of our country."

**Just Legislation Supported**

The letters, addressed to Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Representative Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina, Chairman of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, and signed by the Very Rev Dr John J Burke, C S P, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, read as follows

"The Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference would not, of course, venture to express a detailed opinion on the proposed Economic Security Act as a blanket measure Many expert minds were called into service in the compiling of that Act, and to specialists the wisdom of many of its measures must be left.

"Everything that promotes just legislation, and particularly such legislation as is beneficial and helpful to our needy citizens in this time of widespread distress has received and will receive the full support of the National Catholic Welfare Conference

"But the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference respectfully submits that this proposed legislation, to be known under the title of the Economic Security Act, should explicitly do justice to every agency that contributes to the public welfare

**Private Agencies Contributions**

"The President and many other public leaders of the day have appealed time and again for the generous support of the private agency of prevention and relief The private agency has played an essen-

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## SEEK PROMPT APPLICATION OF CONCORDAT

### German Catholics Point to Saar Plebiscite as Showing Loyalty

Amsterdam (NCWC) The Saar Catholics having given such an impressive demonstration of their loyalty to the German Reich in the plebiscite which resulted so overwhelmingly in favor of Germany Catholics of that country feel that the Hitler regime should delay no longer in bringing about the full application of the Concordat with the Holy See

A thanksgiving service held in the city of St. Ingbert was attended by the Most Rev Ludwig Sebastian, Bishop of Speyer. The occasion was the first visit paid to the Saar territory by Bishop Sebastian since the plebiscite Similar services were held in all Catholic churches in the Saar

In his sermon the Bishop said the predominantly Catholic communities of the region had been in the forefront of the national cause and had cast their votes almost unanimously for reunion with the Fatherland. Thus, he said, they had refuted the frequent attacks made chiefly by the neo-pagans, who have charged that Catholics were less patriotic than members of other religious groups. "Let us hope that this voice of God will not go unheeded." Bishop Sebastian said The basic hope of the general unrest in the world today, he said in conclusion, results from godlessness, from the fact that the masses

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## Dr. Peter Guilday, Noted Historian, Named Monsignor

Washington (NCWC) The Rev Dr. Peter Guilday head of the Department of American Church History at the Catholic University here, has been named a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor by His Holiness Pope Pius XI, the distinguished scholar has been informed by His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia

It is understood that the honor has been conferred upon Monsignor Guilday in recognition of his outstanding work in the field of Church history

N. B.

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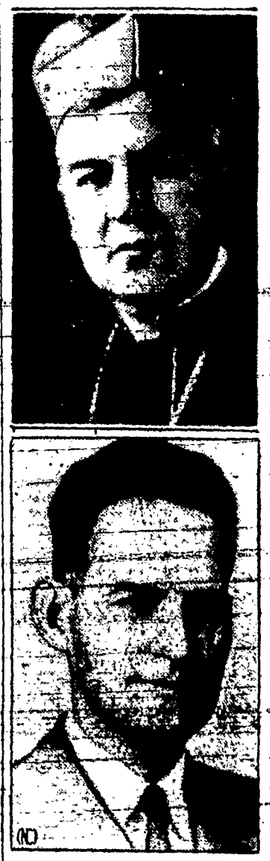

Most Rev Hugh C Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh and Episcopal Chairman of the Press Dept, National Catholic Welfare Conference, and Joseph J Quinn, of Oklahoma City, editor of "The Southwest Courier," and president of the Catholic Press Association, who have issued special statements on the observance of February as Catholic Press Month.

## PRESS DRIVE OF HOLY NAME GETS RESULTS

The first half of the Catholic Press Month Campaign of the Diocesan Holy Name Union for the CATHOLIC COURIER has been completed and officers of the Diocesan Union have expressed themselves as extremely well pleased with results to date. From all over the diocese subscriptions have been coming in

Roy W Crissy Secretary of the Holy Name Union reports that subscriptions from a total of 109 out of the 130 parishes of the Diocese have been received in the campaign to date, and that during February 80 of these 109 parishes have added to their totals. "This is indeed gratifying", Mr Crissy states, "because it shows the widespread interest and cooperation our campaign has elicited"

The Catholic Press Month campaign is now entering its final stage Under the proposed plan this is to invoke an active canvass on behalf of the CATHOLIC COURIER by the respective Holy Name societies of ther several parishes.

"The number of subscriptions which we have received to date in this February effort have been very satisfactory to us", said B Edward Shlesinger, President of

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## Felicitations of NCWC Administrative Group Sent to Holy Father

San Francisco (NCWC) —The felicitations of the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference have been tabled to His Holiness Pope Pius XI on the occasion of the thirteenth anniversary of the coronation of the Sovereign Pontiff The greeting was sent by the Most Rev Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco and Chairman of the Administrative Committee

The text of Archbishop Hanna's message is as follows:

"The Holy Father, Vatican City

"In the name of the Administrative Committee, N C W C, of the United States, I wish Your Holiness every Divine blessing.

"Archbishop Hanna".

## THIRTY NEW CHURCHES BUILT IN 3 YEARS IN VIENNA ARCHDIOCESE

By DR. FREDERIC FUNDER

(Vienna Correspondent, N C W C NEWS SERVICE)

Vienna In the Archdiocese of Vienna, the construction of the thirtieth church within the last three years was recently completed. Nineteen of them were erected in the Capital and eleven were built in other parts of the Archdiocese. In no period of equal length have so many churches ever been built.

The difficulties with which Vienna had to cope in pastoral work have long attracted the attention of the Congresses of Catholics and religious writers. While the districts forming the ancient part of Vienna have an abundance of houses of prayer, and the parishes there often count not more than 3,000 souls, the rapid growth of the younger districts produced parishes with 40,000 and, in the district of Favoriten, even 75,000 people Pastors in those districts, inhabited mostly by the working classes, faced almost insuperable obstacles, and the socialistic propaganda for atheism had an easy task.

As regards the appearance of those churches dignified simplicity prevails. Much as the Viennese were accustomed to their pompous churches in the Baroque style, the people, especially the working classes, now prefer the plain new style.

## ASKS BISHOPS OF WORLD TO JOIN TRIDUUM

### Continuous Mass Celebration at Lourdes To Be Offered for Peace

By GEORGE BARNARD

London Every Bishop in the world is being invited by the Most Rev Peter Gerlier, Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes, to take part in the great act of supplication for the world's peace which is to be staged at Lourdes on the three closing days of the extended Holy Year.

I am able to reveal that Lourdes will hold, for the ceremonies, more people than have ever before gathered there. Because the town's hotels and houses will not hold even nearly all the pilgrims who are expected to go, special trains will be run daily from nearby towns where the pilgrims will be housed.

Masses will be said continuously at the Grotto throughout three days The Holy Father, in a letter to Bishop Gerlier, has given permission for this remarkable departure

**Masses in Grotto**

Before the first Mass at Lourdes there will be a great procession to the Grotto

As it will not be possible for huge crowds to gather near the Grotto as the place is now planned, arrangements are being made to accommodate many thousands on the sloping fields on the other side of the River Gave

Bishops throughout the world are being asked to organize national pilgrimages. Already the French national pilgrimage plans have been cancelled in order that every effort may be made to co-operate with the great triduum

During the triduum every Bishop will be urged by Bishop Gerlier, at the request of the Holy Father to make arrangements for local services so that those who cannot go to Lourdes may join in this world-wide storming of heaven for the peace of the world

The intentions of the triduum are those enumerated by the Holy Father in his Encyclicals announcing the Holy Year and later its extension

**150 MASSES TO BE SAID IN TRIDUUM AT LOURDES**

By M. Massiani

(Paris Correspondent, NCWC News Service)

Paris The number of Masses to celebrated uninterruptedly at Lourdes to mark the closing of the Holy Year has been fixed at 140. They will begin Thursday, April 25, at 4 p m, and continue until the same hour on Sunday, April 28.

The wish of the Holy Father is that these Masses be celebrated by bishops and priests representing all nationalities and all the approved rites. The entire world will participate in this unique triduum

## Will Dedicate Church Begun 50 Years Ago

London (NCWC) Downside Abbey church the building of which was begun 50 years ago, will be consecrated on September 12 next, the Downside Review states The Benedictines have a famous school and abbey at Downside which is near Bath

## Movie-Goers Guide

Starting this week the CATHOLIC COURIER is presenting for guidance of Legion of Decency members a report of the first-run pictures in Rochester's downtown theaters These will serve as a guidance for theaters throughout the diocese Second run picture guide will be found on Page 5.

**Coming Attractions Endorsed**

CAPITOL
"Change of Heart" (Family)
"The First World War" (Adults)
"Red Morning" Adults)
"Hell in the Heavens" (Family)
"It's a Gift" (Adults)

CENTURY
"Devil Dogs of the Air" (Family) very good

LITTLE
"Man of Aran" (Family) Excellent

LOEW'S ROCHESTER
"Biography of a Bachelor Girl" (Neither endorsed nor condemned)
"Mills of the Gods" (Family)

R K O PALACE
"The Good Fairy" (Family)

R K O TEMPLE
"Romance in Manhattan" (Adults)
"A Notorious Gentleman" (Adults)
"Bordertown" (Adults)
"Rocky Mountain Mystery"
"Maybe It's Love" (Family) (Family)
"Rendevous at Midnight" (Adults)

REGENT
"The President Vanishes" (Adults)
"Mystery Woman" (Adults)
"Red Hot Tires" (Neither endorsed nor condemned)

### Official

## Catholics of Diocese To Be Allowed Meat Washington Birthday

The following letter was released at the Chancery Office today:

In accordance with the faculty granted to the Bishops by the Holy See in 1931, a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence is hereby granted to all Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester for Washington's Birthday, Friday, February 22, 1935.

✠ EDWARD MOONEY,
Archbishop-Bishop of Rochester

## Reports Show Rev. Mr. Burns Not A Priest

### First Dispatches From Hauptman Trial About Clergyman Corrected

The Rev Vincent G. Burns is not a priest of the Roman Catholic Church According to the United Press dispatch, the Rev. Vincent G. Burns, who interrupted the murder trial of Bruno Hauptmann last Tuesday (February 12) is reported to have said

"Hauptmann is not guilty." "He is not the man who confessed the Lindbergh baby kidnapping to me in my church on Palm Sunday, 1932."

Earlier Mrs. Burns, according to the United Press dispatch, had said of the supposed confession

"There must be some mistake somewhere. There was nothing nearly so definite as that."

It was most unfortunate that the daily press carried headlines inferring that the Reverend Burns was a priest of the Roman Catholic Church.

One of the most sacred things in the Catholic Church is the seal of the Confessional Never has it been known to be violated by a priest Only Catholics can appreciate the sacredness of this great sacrament Mr. Burns who wears a Roman collar as part of his clerical garb, was a former pastor of the South Congregational Church in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He resigned that pastorate about five years ago. After leaving Pittsfield, he went to Palisades, New Jersey as pastor of the Community Church.

Church According to latest reports he is not now affiliated with any particular denomination

## Alumnae To Fight Communism's Gain Among U.S. Negroes

New Rochelle, N Y. (NCWC) Resolutions to combat the spread of Communism and anti-religious forces in the United States and Mexico and among the Negro race were results of a forum meeting of the College Section of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, directed by Rev John LaFarge, S. J., Associate Editor of America, at the College of New Rochelle, here, Saturday, February 9

The program included, in the morning session, a paper on "The Philosophy of Communism" by Dr Elizabeth Salmon, College of Mt. St Vincent, and one on "Communistic Action vs. Catholic Action" by Miss Helen Toole, head of the Sociology Department, College of New Rochelle.

Dr Salmon pointed out that Communism must be seen not only as a false theory, a political party, an experiment that is about to fail, a delusion, but as a culture and a life.

She warned that the answer to Communism must be, not primarily a defensive criticism, but a thought and action equally as positive, equally as logical, based on a philosophy that takes in the whole of man, his material, his vital and his spiritual effects, a philosophy that considers facts as carefully and as insistently as the communist, but considers far more than facts above all facts of revelation."

## Five Sick Nuns Saved When Convent Burns

Lawrence, Mass. (NCWC) Five Sisters of Charity who were ill in bed were assisted from the building by other members of their Order and by firemen, when flames swept St. Patrick's Convent here.

The Rev. Edmund D. Daley, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, nearby, saw the flames and rushed into the building, assisting in rescuing the 28 nuns resident there. The Rev. William E. Culhane, an assistant, saved the Blessed Sacrament.

## MEXICAN LAWS WOULD CRUSH RELIGION HERE

### Bishop Tells How Anti-Religious Measures Would Effect U. S. Sect

Oklahoma City—(NCWC) — The situation in Mexico today was made vivid to an audience of some 1,500 persons—half of whom were non-Catholics—when the Most Rev Francis C. Kelley, Bishop of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, showed how the anti-religious laws of Mexico would work against a particular denomination if they were in effect in the United States.

Bishop Kelley portrayed the background of the present situation in Mexico, and said that the whole regime of President Calles was under the control of radical and anti-religious influences which continue to the present day.

To illustrate the injustice of the anti-religious laws of Mexico, Bishop Kelley showed how 33 points of these laws would apply to the Methodist Church, North, if the measures were in effect in the United States. The laws would affect that denomination, he said, as follows:

"1. The denomination would not be permitted to own any building church, parsonage, club or school for the purpose of religious worship or instruction, nor hold property of any kind in the corporate name for endowment.

**Confiscation of Property**

"2. If such property were held in the name of an individual or other juristic personality, the simple opin-

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## COMMEMORATE CORNATION OF POPE PIUS

Washington (NCWC) His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, presided at a Solemn High Mass celebrated in the crypt of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception here Wednesday morning, to commemorate the thirteenth anniversary of the coronation of His Holiness Pope Pius XI. Three Bishops, diplomats from some 30 countries, distinguished priests, high officials, persons prominent in the civil and social life of the Nation's Capital, and the faculty of the Catholic University were present.

The Most Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh, preached the sermon and at the outset expressed to the Apostolic Delegate, "as the personal representative of His Holiness the Pope in this country, our sincere congratulations on the anniversary of his coronation."

"We take this occasion," Bishop Boyle continued, "to assert again our filial obedience to him, our profound reverence, and our deep and affectionate attachment to his office and to his person. We renew in ourselves, and we affirm to him, our sense of unity in the Catholic world, by reason of the spiritual authority which he possesses and exercises We confess its authenticity, and we adhere to his office, as to a center around which the forces of Christian Faith, and of Christian morality gather for the benign conquest of the world for Christ a conquest for which we pray when we ask in the Our Father that God's name may be hallowed, and that His Kingdom may come among men. We wish for him, Your Excellency, length of days, might and wisdom from that power that first created the world, that now sustains and governs it, to which at the last it will return."

The Very Rev. Msgr Francis E. Hyland, Secretary of the Apostolic Delegation, was celebrant of the Mass.

## RFC WILL INVESTIGATE PROPOSALS TO ADJUST CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS

Washington (NCWC) The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is planning an investigation to determine what means of assistance can be given to the readjustment of financial obligations owed by churches, Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the RFC, told the NCWC News Service Friday.

The RFC, Mr. Jones said, has received requests for assistance or information from religious groups of all denominations in every section of the country whose church buildings and properties are involved financially. "Thus far," Mr. Jones said, "only in the City of Detroit have representative of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish churches formed an organization to seek to bring about an adjustment of their indebtedness. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation plans an investigation to determine whether means of providing assistance to the churches can be devised."

The Church Indebtedness Adjustment Commission of Detroit presented a plan for the refinancing of church debts to Mr. Jones last December. The plan presented contemplates, among other things, a lower interest rate on refinanced mortgages; extension of payments, and segration of church mortgages and notes from other securities held by the RFC as collateral on loans to closed Detroit banks.

The plight of the churches has been brought directly to the attention of officials in Washington by a campaign to raise $50,000 to pay off a mortgage on a Presbyterian church in the Nation's Capital which is facing foreclosure. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has identified herself with the drive.

## DENIAL OF PERSECUTION DISPROVED BY FURTHER ARRESTS OF CLERGYMEN

### Protests to Cardenas Reveal Continuing Violations Of Rights of Individuals in Mexico; Catholics Pursued Like 'Mad Dogs', Says Letter

By CHARLES BETICO

(Mexico City Correspondent, N. C. W. C. NEWS SERVICE)

Mexico City.—With the statement of President Lazaro Cardenas that there is no persecution in Mexico being followed promptly by one making the same claim and issued by Minister of Foreign Affairs Portes Gil, there remain definite word of the arrests of Catholic priests as well as protests from Mexican citizens that there has been and still is real religious persecution in Mexico.

One of these protests addressed to the President himself by Senor Luis Vanegas, a citizen of Queretaro, charges that Catholics in that State are pursued like "mad dogs."

Senor Vanegas informs the Chief Executive that in spite of his declarations that "it is not true that the Government is persecuting any citizen for professing a religion, the authorities at Queretaro, Capital of the State of Queretaro, are paying no attention to his declarations for, throughout the whole State of Queretaro, citizens who profess the Catholic religion are pursued like mad dogs."

Senor Vanegas cites as instances of the persecution of Catholics the arrest and detention for several days of the Rev. Gonzalo Lopez Agustin Bills, Tomas Macias, Modesto Morales and Pablo Camacho, all of whom were then expelled from the State of Queretaro He cites further that Leonardo Camacho, Domingo Garcia, M. Luz and Carmen Rodriguez were arrested by the authorities on suspicion of being Catholics and were condemned to forced labor on the State highways.

**Constitution Violated**

In conclusion, Senor Vanegas informs the President of the Republic that the Queretaro authorities have violated Articles 14, 16, 18 and 22 of the Constitution. Article 14 provides that "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, property, possessions or rights without due process of law instituted before a duly-erected court . . ."; Article 16, "No one shall be molested in his person, family, domicile, papers or possessions, except by virtue of an order in writing of the competent authority setting forth the legal ground and justification for the action taken . . ."; Article 18, "Detention shall be exercised only for offenses meriting corporal punishment, The place of detention shall be different and completely sephrated from that set apart for the serving of sentences, etc.", and Article 22 defines and limits the punishments and penalties permitted by law.)

The Catholic Society of the State of Guerrero known as Pro Catolicismo Mexicano has sent to President Cardenas a petition asking for the further amendment of Article 3 of the Constitution so as to remove the present restrictions of liberty of education and religion, and permitting the establishment of seminaries so that young men may be educated for the priesthood The Society also asks for the promulgation of a law that would punish those who attack or villify religious beliefs. Socialistic education, the petition states, will obscure both civil and religious morality and will corrupt the Mexican people, dividing them and subdividing them because of irreconcilable hatreds.

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## Orangemen in Ontario Plan School Tax Fight

Toronto (NCWC) — Ontario Orangemen are preparing for an intensive campaign against the extension of corporation tax grants to separate schools in Ontario.

The drive is described as the "most deadly since the famous Manitoba school question" and will be directed through church, educational bodies and student groups along educational lines.

## FLAY MEXICO PERSECUTION IN CONGRESS

### House Members Demand Investigation; Say Religious Rights Denied

Washington (NCWC) Mexican persecution of the Catholic Church was denounced on the floor of the House of Representatives this week, in a particularly moving session in which a half-dozen members took part.

That same day, Representative Emanuel Celler of New York, inserted in the Record, as documents available in the case of the religious persecution in Mexico, historical data on the numerous instances of intercession by the United States in behalf of oppressed racial or religious groups in foreign countries.

Representative Clare Gerald Fenerty of Pennsylvania turned attention to Mexico once more the following day, reading into the Congressional Record his joint resolution calling for an investigation by the Department of State into the number and condition of Americans from Mexican persecution now in the United States. He also had put into the Record again his bill repealing the Secretary of State to enter into any reciprocal treaty agreements or understandings with any nation engaged in religious or racial persecution."

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## Bishop Who Spent Years in Bolshevik Prison Succumbs

Warsaw. (NCWC) The Most Rev. Anthony Malecki, former Apostolic Administrator at Leningrad, who spent many years in Bolshevist prisons and in exile in Siberia, has died at the Hospital of the Sisters of St. Elizabeth here. Bishop Malecki was 72 years old and had been a priest for 46 years and a Bishop for eight.

Bishop Malecki was liberated last April on condition that he leave Soviet territory immediately. When he arrived in Poland he was attired in ragged clothing, without shoes, and was in a state of utter exhaustion. He had been confined to his bed for nine months prior to his death.

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