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STATE DEPARTMENT TO PROBE ACTIVITIES OF MEXICO CONSULS

Holy Name Men Charge Interference with Religion in California

CITE INSTANCES

House Committee Promises Investigation; Protests Sent President

Washington, (NCWC)—An immediate investigation of the charge that a consul of the Mexican Government at San Bernardino, Calif., interfered with the religious practices and religious freedom of American citizens has been promised by the State Department, it is set forth in the report of the House of Representatives Committee appointed to investigate an American propaganda in the United States, made public Feb. 15.

The committee, headed by Representative John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, reported to the House of Representatives that it had received evidence justifying an inquiry into the San Bernardino matter and that "the evidence submitted to the committee by the State Department and assurances have been given that an immediate inquiry will be made."

Los Angeles (NCWC)—In response to vigorous representations made to President Roosevelt by official representatives of the government of Mexico within the very United States with religious observances and freedom of expression on the part of our citizens and others residing here, the Holy Name Union of the Diocese of Los Angeles and San Diego has been advised by the State Department that its protest has been turned over to that Department by the White House.

Last Sunday, more than 200 parish branches of the Holy Name Society adopted and forwarded to the California Senators and to the Southern California Representative resolutions protesting against the pernicious activities and unwarranted interference in religious matters on the part of certain Mexican consular officials within the State of California, and ap-

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High Chemical Award Presented at Dinner to Father Nieuwland

New York (NCWC)—The Rev. Julius A. Nieuwland, CSC, of the University of Notre Dame, has just formally received the gold medal of the American Institute of the Institutes annual dinner in this city.

Father Nieuwland is one of the two recipients of this year's award of the Institute for outstanding work in the field of science. The other recipient who also received the medal at the dinner is Dr. Carl D. Anderson, young scientist of the California Institute of Technology, who discovered the positron, or positron electron.

Catholic Press Month Duties

NEXT THURSDAY will bring Catholic Press Month to an end.

WE HOPE that this period devoted to special consideration of Catholic Press Month has caused our readers to appreciate more fully the significance of their own Catholic newspaper.

If OUR hope is fulfilled, each reader will want to assume the pleasant duty of urging a friend to subscribe to

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H. N. Secretary

Meat On Friday

As the Catholic Church does not claim to know everything, so she does not claim to be able to do everything. As with God himself, some things are impossible with her.

Legislative authority is necessary to the fulfillment of the purpose of society. Men are free and inclined to seek their own individual advantage, often to the detriment of the common good. Hence, unless a society possesses the power of directing its members and enforcing such direction, it cannot attain its end.

Societies legislate. The Church, a society, legislates. As the State forbids or prescribes things not forbidden or prescribed by the law of God, for the general good of its subjects, so the Church. The State insists that every citizen should learn to read and write, although this is not a part of man's duty as a moral being. Similarly, even as matters were the law of God forbids the free, the Church legislates for her own subjects, for the sake of their own good. Thus she prescribes abstinence from meat on Fridays although the divine law has given us no precept of abstinence.

For our practices of fasting and abstinence, we have the example of Christ and the saints. They are recommended as a means of penance. Also as a way of schooling, of training us in habits of self denial, so that when assailed by alluring temptations, we shall be prepared to resist.

As regards the relaxation of the law of abstaining from meat on Fridays or dispensation, as we call it—there enters no question of positive divine law. It is impossible for the Church in any circumstance to abrogate or relax the law of God, leaving its purpose frustrated, as for instance in the case of a duly ratified, valid sacrament, and consummated marriage. In divine positive law, such a marriage is indissoluble. The Church may not say otherwise.

Not, of course, is there in the matter of Friday abstinence any question of the natural law, "the eternal law of God as it is made known to us by human reason, which is concerned with the moral order. It is based on the nature of things as known to God from all eternity. Whence comes the essential difference between what is always and under all circumstances good and what is always and under all circumstances bad? The natural law, therefore, is independent even of the will of God. Not even God can make blasphemy, as an instance, right. Under the natural law, things are forbidden because they are wrong. In matters like the Friday abstinence, things are wrong because they are forbidden.

In time, then, the law of abstaining from meat on Fridays is solely a Church law. But the Church has the right to make laws binding her subjects in conscience. Also, to lose in conscience, when as we have said, the positive divine law and the natural law do not enter the case.

"Veni I save to you whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, shall be bound also in heaven." (Matt. 18:18)

John E. Massett



ROY W. CRISSY

WEEK REMAINS IN CAMPAIGN FOR COURIER

St. Mary's Holy Name Workers in Auburn Forge to 2nd Place

ONE WEEK LEFT IN CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

At the end of the third week in the Catholic Press Month campaign for the CATHOLIC COURIER being conducted by the Holy Name Union, new subscriptions from all over the Diocese of Rochester continue to come into the COURIER office.

The report when compiled each week shows that the Holy Name men are leading every effort to make the campaign a success. The Rev. William F. William Stauder, spiritual director of the Union said this week "St. Mary's of Auburn is showing the way during this month. A jump from fourth place to second place in one week again proves that consistent and concerted effort produces results. This is the first out-of-town parish to enter the 200 class in Rochester, must now look to their laurels."

Secretary Roy W. Crissy reported that returns from seven more parishes had been received during the past week making a total of 116 parishes that have now sent in subscriptions. It is hoped that before the campaign closes on Feb. 28, that every parish will have been heard from.

The following list of the twenty-five leaders, Tuesday night, Feb. 19, shows a notable change with St. Mary's of Auburn, rising to first place, and St. Patrick's of Auburn, rising to second place.

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Contracts Are Awarded For Father Ligutti's Homesteads Project

Washington (NCWC)—Homestead houses for 50 families in the Subsistence Homestead project sponsored at Granger, Ia., by the Rev. L. G. Ligutti, pastor of the Church of the Assumption in that city, have been provided for in construction contracts awarded this week by the Department of the Interior.

U. S. CATHOLIC PROGRESS DEPENDS ON RURAL PARISHES, PRIEST SAYS

Omaha, Neb. (NCWC)—"If Catholicity is to develop in America, we must depend on the rural communities and rural parishes," the Rev. Luigi G. Ligutti, of Granger, Ia., noted sponsor of a federal government subsistence project for coal miners near Granger, told members of the Omaha Catholic Charities Board and pastors of the Diocese of Omaha.

"Children from Catholic families in rural parishes," Father Ligutti said, "gravitate toward the cities, where they marry and raise small families. We must give to our country parishes all the advantages of the Catholic school system."

"Catholicity in the United States is an urban religion. We must develop ten thousand strong Catholic rural parishes. We've got to put more Catholics on the land or more Catholic population is going to die out."

Dr. Cox Declares Sterilization Is Vicious Class Legislation

According to an Associated Press dispatch from Albany the first bill for sterilization of "diseased or defective" New Yorkers was introduced in the Legislature, Tuesday.

Speaking before the Catholic Evidence League, Dr. Cox termed sterilization "an arbitrary mutilation forbidden by the very fact that it is not an independent act, but dependent on God."

The basis of the logic of eugenics, he said, is not biologic but economic. "Social injustice," he said, "in large measure, is responsible for our slums, disease, helplessness in human life, dependency and consequent neuroses."

Papal Delegate Lauds High Degree Acquired By Medical Profession

Washington (NCWC)—Praising the high esteem which the medical profession has everywhere acquired, in an address delivered to the faculty and students of Georgetown University Medical School, His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States reminded that whenever an attempt is made to build up a science which denies or disregards the existence of God, crimes are multiplied among men. Those who make such attempts to destroy the concept of God he said, are guilty of the same crime as the surgeons to perpetrate their offenses.

The Apostolic Delegate spoke at an informal reception held in the library of the Medical School, Friday morning. The reception was arranged at the request of Archbishop Cicognani.

Priest, Minister, Rabbi Address Legislature

Montgomery Ala. (NCWC)—Dr. Everett R. Chincy, Presbyterian minister, Father J. J. Lawson, S. J., and Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, who have just made a speaking tour in the South under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Jews and Christians, addressed the Alabama State Senate and House of Representatives in joint session a few days ago, and received a rising vote of thanks.

The speakers also were greeted by Governor Bibb Graves of Alabama, who listened with interest to an account of their tour through the South and wished them success in their undertaking.

'Father Baker' Marks Ninety-third Birthday

Lackawanna, N. Y. (NCWC)—The Rev. Magr. Nelson H. Baker, Vicar General of the Diocese of Buffalo and for years widely known for his famous Our Lady of Victory institutions for the needy, celebrated his ninety-third birthday on Saturday.

SPEAKER FLAYS RELIGION, NUN GIVES ANSWER

Mother General Protests Anti-Religious Talk at Teachers' Meeting

Adrian, Mich. (NCWC)—A vigorous protest to Governor Martin L. Davey of Ohio against what are denounced as "anti-religious" and "immoral" utterances of Samuel S. Weyer, consulting engineer in the employ of the State of Ohio, in an address delivered at a meeting of the Lenawee County Teachers' Institute, Feb. 14, has been given by the Rev. Mother M. Cecile, O. P. Mother General of the Sisters of St. Dominic, who conduct St. Joseph's College and Academy here.

The Mother General asserted that the speaker departed from the topics to which he had been assigned and made a bitter attack on Christianity in general and the Catholic Church in particular. Some twenty members of her Order, she pointed out, were present at the meeting.

Following protests from members of the clergy and Catholic laymen, the Adrian Telegraph, local newspaper, published an editorial in which the inflammatory speech was deplored and hope expressed that those in charge of the teachers' institute would avoid a repetition of the scene in future years.

Attack Upon Religion

The text of the Mother General's letter of protest follows: "On Friday, February 14, 1935, it was the misfortune of some twenty Sisters of St. Dominic from St. Joseph-Collège and Academy to be present at the Lenawee County Teachers' Institute held in Adrian, Michigan. One of the principal speakers at this institute was Mr. William Weyer, Consulting Engineer and Economist, Columbus, Ohio, whose topics as listed in the program were Educational Contributions to a Safe Social Order and 'Contributions to a Way Out of Today's Depression.'"

"Instead of confining himself to the proper subject, he indulged in these topics, the speaker, who bears

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Ithaca C. D. A. Give Mohawk Indian Girl Nurse Scholarship

Ithaca—Miss Cecile Bero, 19, a Catholic Mohawk Indian girl of the St. Regis reservation at Hogansburg, was chosen during Farm and Home Week by the Cornell Indian Board to receive the new Indian girl nursing scholarship given by the Catholic Daughters of America.

Miss Bero is a delegate to Farm and Home Week from her reservation, and while in Ithaca was the guest of Mrs. Sullivan at her home, 120 Linden Avenue. At a tea, she was introduced to the other members of the committee, who are Mrs. Emma Hutchinson, Mrs. Edw. Hill, Miss Mary Boyer, Mrs. Harold Perkins and Mrs. Edith Goethius.

Dr. Earl Bates, advisor in Indian extension at Cornell University, through whom the Daughters of the American Revolution were interested some time ago in providing a home-made scholarship at Cornell for Indian girls, appealed to the Catholic Daughters of America in Ithaca, for a nursing scholarship. Though white nurses have been assigned by the state to the St. Regis, the Onondaga and Allegany reservations of late years, there has been a definite need for native nurses, with their knowledge of the native tongue and customs.

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Missionary Receives Honor Legion Cross

Paris (NCWC)—The President of the Republic has awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honor to the Rev. Joseph de Ville, S. J., missionary to Madagascar.

Now 88 years old, Father de Ville has spent more than 50 years for a missioner. Without personal resources and armed only with an admirable perseverance and proverbial goodwill, he founded the children's home at Tamaraive where a great number of children, without family connections, are cared for.

Ontario Orangemen Are Rebuked By Premier For School Protest

Toronto (NCWC)—The Ontario government will not be cowed by any propaganda and has no intention of permitting a religious feud between the Catholics and Protestants of Ontario, Premier Mitchell Hepburn told a delegation of the Orange Order here today.

The Orangemen protested to the government any proposal to give the Catholics of the province a grant of school taxes levied on big corporations and public utilities, which a Catholic delegation two weeks ago urged and which there appears every possibility of being granted at the coming session of the Legislature.

Premier Hepburn at the outset of the interview assailed the size of the delegation; it consisted of more than 200 Orangemen. "We

SODALITY UNION WILL OPEN HEADQUARTERS FOR DIOCESE, MAR. 4

Clearing House For Sodality Movement In Diocese To Be Set Up In The Catholic Evidence Library In Columbus Building

Headquarters for the Sodality movement in the Diocese of Rochester will be opened in the Catholic Evidence Library, main floor, Columbus Building on Monday evening, March 4, it is announced this week by the Rev. Robert J. Fox, director of the Rochester Parish Sodality Union.

PRIEST ASKS MOVIE ACTOR BE BACKED UP

Each evening that the Library is open, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 7 to 9:30 o'clock, a member of the Sodality Union will be on hand to answer inquiries about the Sodality movement, direct inquiries elsewhere and furnish Sodality literature and supplies.

Famphlets, diplomas, medals, Little Office of the Blessed Virgin and other supplies, for example, are available in the Rochester headquarters, eliminating the necessity of writing to St. Louis direct.

The Library will be prepared to answer questions and valuable literature interested in the Sodality movement. Small inquiries from the Diocese will be handled for a personal call will be made at the next meeting.

Buffalo (NCWC)—An appeal to members of the Legion of Decency to support a motion picture actor who has voiced objection to appearing in a forthcoming film, the stage production of which was widely condemned for immorality, is made by the Rev. Dr. Edward S. Schwieger, Diocesan Director of the Legion of Decency, in an article which he is contributing to the Catholic Union and Times and The Echo, local Catholic papers.

The actor is Bing Crosby and the play "Sailor Beware." Dr. Schwieger points out that many persons addressed letters of protest to film actors for having appeared in improper pictures and that this is the first opportunity they have had to come to the support of an actor who is seeking to avoid participation in a picture that is based on an objectionable play.

"Here," Dr. Schwieger says, "is an instance of a movie star trying to be decent and his stand being met with immediate condemnation from all over the country. Last summer, when the Decency campaign was first launched, any number of people wrote to the different stars, protesting against this or that picture in which they had appeared. Here is a chance to protest before the damage is done; here is an opportunity to look the actor when Crosby is still in the barn."

"We are convinced that if Bing Crosby could take a sheet of letters to his producers and say: 'Here is the public reaction to my picture, and does not want me to appear in it,' he would be hailed as a hero. But if nobody interested, and Mr. Crosby finds himself standing and waving his arms on the bulwarks of decency, he will simply be laughed at."

"Come on, now—some of you people who wrote the stars indignant letters last summer, take up your pen and write a note of commendation to Bing Crosby. His address is Paramount Pictures, Inc., 5451 Marathon Street, Hollywood, Calif."

Canadian Woman Was Mother, Grandmother Of 7 in Religious Life

Quebec (NCWC)—Madame Cecile Masse Dubé, widow of Louis Dubé, who had died at just two months before her eighty-second birthday, was the mother of the Rev. Ernest Dubé, chaplain of the Quebec prison, and of two Montreal religious members of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart and the Dames of the Congregation, and grandmother of the Revs. Wilfred and Armand Dubé, professors at the College of St. Ann de Poitiers, the Rev. Alphonse Dubé, a missionary in Manchukuo, and the Rev. Gilbert Dubé of the Seminary of Saginaw.

The expansion of the provisions contained in the new bill is seen as a further step in the part of birth control advocates to the use of birth control propaganda with the current economic depression and to create a sentiment for its dissemination as a part of the relief program.

Guidance for Movie Goers

THE PROBLEM of what to see, and where and when to see it, ceases to exist with the weekly publication of the CATHOLIC COURIER "A Guide for Movie Goers."

TURN TO page five for complete information on the status of motion pictures to be shown in downtown theatres, and a reference list of approved current pictures.

THESE LISTS are typical of the information services rendered to readers of

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The Goal for February CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

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