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FERA HEADS DENY COMPILING OF DATA ON 'RELIEF BABIES'

Story in Secular Newspapers Branded as False By Federal Officers

QUOTES ADVOCATE OF BIRTH CONTROL

No Such Federal Statistics Available; No Such Survey Planned

Washington - (NCWC) —Officials of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration Saturday branded as false a story published in several secular newspapers about the country, asserting that the FERA directors are "becoming concerned over the birth rate among families on relief." The story presented what were claimed to be "FERA figures" showing the increase in the last four years in the number of babies that "have arrived in families on relief rolls." The FERA, it was definitely stated Saturday, has never compiled any statistics on births among families on relief.

The story also presented a chart compiled by the Milbank Memorial Fund, of New York City, and made reference to "another study made by Prof James H S Bossard, sociologist of the University of Pennsylvania." Professor Bossard has been one of the country's foremost advocates of birth control at Congressional hearings.

As evidence that the story was taken to have been based on the findings of the FERA, a secular newspaper in the Nation's Capital made it the subject of an editorial captioned "Relief Babies," which contained this statement: "Certainly these findings of the FERA emphasizes the desirability of transferring employable persons from relief rolls to jobs which will necessitate maintenance of their families out of their own earnings."

Story Widely Circulated

A New York secular daily which has probably the largest national circulation of any newspaper in the country carried the story under the heading "High Birth Rates Worry FERA Heads."

The first paragraph of the story said the "birth rates among families on relief are becoming the concern of governmental agencies as the relief rolls reach the 20,000,000 mark."

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Protests Arrest

The Most Rev. Pascual Diaz, Archbishop of Mexico City and Primate of Mexico, who was released from custody following denials by government officials of his arrest. The Archbishop was held incommunicado for 24 hours and was ordered to pay a fine for an alleged violation of Mexico's anti-religious laws. He has protested his arrest to the president.

ROTARY HEAD QUITS—MEXICO MEET CAUSE

West De Pere, Wis (NCWC) - The Very Rev Anselm M Keefe, O. Praem, Rector of St Norbert College here, has resigned as president and a member of the local Rotary Club, in protest against the moral support which is given to the persecution of religion in Mexico by virtue of this year's convention of Rotary International being held in Mexico City.

At the same time, Father Keefe dispatched some 1,500 circulars setting forth his position to members of the Catholic and Episcopal clergy in cities where there are Rotary Clubs to members of Rotary International, to all district Rotary governors, leaders the country, and to many Congressmen.

Printed in the circular is correspondence which Father Keefe had with Chesley R. Perry, of Chicago, Secretary of Rotary International, which reads in part as follows:

"If we are loyal to Rotary International we must give our financial and moral support to its convention in Mexico City next June. If on the other hand we are loyal to our convictions we are placed in the equivocal position of supporting a project diametrically opposed to our constitutionally guaranteed civil and religious liberty.

Conspiracy of Silence

"If this convention takes place we Rotarians through our representatives will accept the official hospitality of, will make professions of friendship for, and openly eulogize the present irreligiously communistic Mexican government.

"This is unfair to the thousands of Rotarians who cannot condone, much less tacitly approve, a situation which has not only met with the open condemnation of eminent Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders, but has also been discussed

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MEXICO HEADS WARNED 'RED' MENACE NOTED

Mexican Daily Says U. S. Regards Regime As Soviet Influenced

By CHARLES BETICO
(Mexico City Correspondent, NCWC News Service)

Mexico City La Prensa Mexico City daily, sounds a note of warning against the danger of having a neighboring power such as the United States think that just across its borders, under the complacent view of the Mexican Government, there is a breeding ground for Bolshevist propaganda that has as its object the inoculation of the United States.

The editorial was occasioned by the recent meeting held in Philadelphia to protest against religious persecution in Mexico, at which His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia charged that agents of the Third Internationale, in the pay of Russia, are guiding the Revolutionary Government of Mexico along the path of atheism and Communism.

We verify once more," La Prensa states, "the frank and inflammable hostility of Catholic elements in that country towards our Government because of the persecution which they denounce and for which they say they have good proof. But there is something of no less importance. Mexico is accused of becoming a formidable focus of Bolshevistic propaganda, the object of which is inoculation of the United States, a focus supported by Soviet gold and all under the complacent view of our Government.

"We know that President Roosevelt, in a manner, has proved to be somewhat of a revolutionary in the White House; but no matter how his conduct has been in contrast with that of his predecessors, in some fashion he tries to keep within the traditional American rights as to private ownership, and liberty of expression, of thought and of conscience, basic and intangible principles for all the sons of Washington who are more or less profoundly religious. We know also that in establishing relations with the Union of Soviet Republics, liberty for citizens of the United States resident in Russia to practice religious worship freely and with every sort of guarantee was stipulated. In spite of rapprochement, there is evident small cordiality in the diplomatic relations between the two countries, because of irreducible mental incompatibilities.

"For all these reasons, and after dispassionately weighing the facts, we believe that the United States Government, for electoral and political reasons, might feel itself constrained to take into consideration this clamor on the false existence of a focus of bolshevist propaganda at its doors which, the agitators proclaims, is going to have an effect upon its national tranquility.

"Because of immutable geograph ic circumstances therefore we hold that with a most powerful country, a neighbor at the very door of our house we ought to maintain decorous relations of friendship and it would not be convenient for the interior and external tranquility of Mexico for the idea to be diffused in the United States that we are to use a familiar phrase, the cat's paw for Russia trying to draw out it chestnuts."

Anglican Church Vicar Received Into Church

London (NCWC) The Rev C Derek Harbord, vicar of the Anglican church of the Good Shepherd at West Bromwich, Staffordshire, had been received into the Catholic Church. Before becoming a clergyman 10 years ago he was an attorney. He is married and has a family.

For four years he was vicar of Mindolvestone and built a church there.

DUTCH CATHOLIC PARTY ENVISIONS STATE BASED ON ENCYCLICALS

By REV. ANTHONY COPPENS
Belgium Correspondent, NCWC News Service

Amsterdam A new Dutch State similar to the present Austrian State, which is, in turn, avowedly and patently based in many important respects upon the plan to be found in the papal encyclicals has

It is indeed a desirable thing to encouraged by the Catholic Party of Holland.

Such a plan comes at a time when the so-called liberal school in the economic and political fields is obsolete and clear-sighted sociologists and administrators can see been envisioned and is being imminent. The plan of the Catholic Party, which, it is admitted, is inspired by the encyclicals, shows that a most important group of the Holland population is not advocating a turn to the order of the Middle Ages. But the application of this plan would mean the definite abolition of liberalism and of socialism.

An outline of this new State plan has issued from a session of the higher authorities of the Catholic Party, through Minister of State Aalberse. Prime Minister Colijn, together with Protestants of various denominations, are opposed to any change whatsoever, since they are strong supporters of liberalism and individualism. And, of course, any union of Catholics and Socialists, even for the purpose of achieving such a new state, is out of the question, at least so long as the Socialist leaders are shackled to the Third Internationale and the Socialists themselves remain sympathetic toward the revolutionaries of Austria, France, and Spain.

Cooperation with the Dutch National Socialists is, to even a greater degree, out of the question, since this group boasts that its "new state" will have nothing whatsoever to do with Christianity.

Oberammergau Plans Tribute to Composer Passion Play Music

Oberamergau -- (NCWC) The municipality has decided to erect a monument to the memory of the composer of the Passion Play music, Rochus Dedler, who died in 1820. A competition was arranged and the prize for the best sketch awarded to Wilhelm Lechner. The monument, which is to be placed on Dedler's grave, is to be completed sometime during this summer season.

K. C. COUNCILS BEGIN ACTION DRIVE WORK

The Knights of Columbus Mobilization for Catholic Action was formally launched Sunday morning with a coast-to-coast radio broadcast originating in New York, in which Supreme Knight Martin H. Carmody, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and William P Larkin, international chairman of the Mobilization were speakers. The program was broadcast over a network of the National Broadcasting Company.

Responding to the call of the Supreme Officers are the various Councils in this diocese, Rochester Council had its "kick-off" meeting Thursday evening of last week when the Rev Conrad O'Leary, O F M., spiritual director of St Bonaventure College gave a stirring address to over 400 team workers.

"One of the finest things to the heart of a Catholic priest is to see organized Catholic manhood," Father Conrad said. He urged combating forces opposed to the Church with intellectual weapons made up of sound Catholic philosophy.

The Rev F William Stauder, pastor of Holy Redeemer Church and honorary chairman of the Rochester Council campaign urged team workers to persevere in their efforts to bring into the Council members who will prove their interest in K of C work. Grand Knight Dr Walter B. O'Neill presided.

In Elmira, Dr Michael Williams, editor of the Commonweal sounded a call for organized Catholic lay action. Geneva Council heard former County Judge Philip H Donnelly of Rochester on Thursday evening at a largely attended meeting. After defining Catholic Action as "the co-operation on the part of the laity with the hierarchy in the great work of the apostolic mission of the Church," Judge Donnelly said:

"There is no Catholic Action, but what pertains first to you and me. We cannot start on the other fellow, until we finish with ourselves. Do not attempt to do for others what you have not done for yourself."

The "kick-off" banquet for Auburn Council was held in the K of C home, Genesee Street, Sunday. Grand Knight Raymond J Wall, District Deputy John J. Leo and Chairman Frank Lesch, principal speakers spoke on the aims and purposes of the mobilization.

Hornell and Dansville Councils got underway in the campaign at Hornell where the second degree was conferred Sunday. District Deputy F J Kelly was in charge. Seneca Falls Council has also organized for the campaign.

Films Improved, Bishops State But Urge Continued Vigilance

Cincinnati (NCWC) Gratified with reports of a marked improvement in the moral character of motion pictures released in recent months, the Episcopal Committee on Motion Pictures, in a statement just made public, stresses "the necessity of constant vigilance if the evil film is to be permanently banished."

The statement, issued by the Most Rev John T McNicholas, O P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, the Most Rev John J Cantwell, Bishop of Los Angeles and San Diego, the Most Rev Hugh C Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh, and the Most Rev John F Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, urges "the continued and united support not only of Catholics, but also of the unnumbered thousands not of the Catholic Faith who have joined in concerted action against the menace of the immoral cinema." "This," it is said, "is necessary, that the ground gained may not be lost."

The statement is as follows:

"The Episcopal Committee on Motion Pictures is gratified to receive reports from many sections of the country of a marked improvement in the moral character of the films released since July, 1934. At that time the leading producers pledged themselves, through their association, to a strict self-censorship which would prevent further offense in those matters commonly conceded to be contrary to morality and opposed to the public interest.

'Short-Cut' Methods Unreliable

"The Episcopal Committee from the beginning felt that in protecting the public from offensive motion pictures reliance was not to be placed upon censorship and the control of trade practices by legislation, or any other seeming short-cut to a clean and wholesome screen.

"Two considerations seemed clear to the Committee. First, that it was not within its scope to tell the industry how to make pictures, nor to encourage any group which felt that it had this responsibility. It believed, rather, that the industry itself should be made to realize its duty to the public, and the necessity of discharging that duty not only in a negative way, by not offering films calculated to lower the moral standards of the people, but in a positive way by producing only clean and wholesome pictures. Secondly that public opinion must not only be aroused against salacious motion pictures, but that continued interest must be manifested in the character of the films released by the producers. Every community has been encouraged to criticize fearlessly pictures that offend against morality and decency.

"The Committee expresses its thanks to all who by their cooperation have helped to bring about this moral betterment of the cinema. It is heartened by reports of the substantial progress made, and gratefully acknowledges the splendid support that the Legion of Decency has received from many sources, including the general press

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EDITOR URGES JOINT DRIVE ON SOCIAL ILLS

Michael Williams Stresses Catholic Lay Action in Elmira K. C. Talk

By WILLIAM STOWELL, JR.

Elmira—Catholic laymen should take a firm stand with Protestant and Jewish neighbors in solving correctly the critical problems presented by atheism, war, slavery and alienation of human rights, Dr. Michael Williams, editor of The Commonweal, one of the foremost Catholic lay editors in the country told his 350 hearers at the annual St Patrick's Day banquet of the Knights of Columbus here, Sunday evening at the Mark Twain Hotel.

Dr. Williams spoke on "Catholic Action and the Knights of Columbus." He declared that the future of society depends on "you and your Protestant and your Jewish brothers." A turn to the left or right, morally, is certain to occur. "We are going right or wrong," he asserted. "If we don't make the right decision and back it up with all the energy and wits at our command, we shall go in the wrong direction."

Myles G Kelly was toastmaster. Brief speeches were made by Daniel J Bermingham, chairman of the banquet committee; the Very Rev Frederick Hanstridge, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, the Honorable Thomas F Fennell; the Rev William J. Brien, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Tee, V. F., Rabbi Henry P. Silverman of the People's Temple Beth El, Grand Knight Harry J Lagonegro, District Deputy Cornelius J Millikon, Seymour Lowman, and William (Bill) Hunnefield, manager of the Elmira Baseball team.

Others seated at the speakers' table were Daniel Sheehan, John T Calkins, Attorney J. John Hazzett and Joseph M. Grace. Music was furnished by Springer's Instrumental Quartet, and singing was led by Edward L. (Money) Monroe.

In such an effort as outlined by Dr Williams, the Catholic Church can unite its forces with other faiths and even with pagans who recognize their duty towards society, he said.

Defines Catholic Action

"What do we mean by Catholic Action?" he asked. "We mean the co-operation, even the actual participation of the laity in the apostolic mission of the Church, especially in its corporal, social or educational mission.

"The Church consists of clergymen and laymen. God founded a Church and gave those selected by Himself the authority and duty of selecting successors to themselves. These leaders are our clergymen.

"But must the laity wait until the clergy tells it what to do? I must answer emphatically 'No.' There are initiative, originality, and enormous creative powers in the laity. Of this fact history gives numerous examples.

"Who threw off the shackles of the serfs and brought to the world the idea of universal peace? It was St Francis of Assisi, a layman never a priest.

"Likewise, St Ignatius, founder of the Jesuits, turned back the tide of the Reformation and rescued great stretches of territory for the Church. He was a layman. The

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FIFTY YEARS IN PRIESTHOOD FOR MONSIGNOR HARTLEY WILL BE MARKED, MARCH 25

Rector-Emeritus Jubilarian

THE RT. REV. MSGR. JAMES J. HARTLEY, P. A.

FIRST RECTOR OF SEMINARY TO SING MASS

St. Bernard's Alumni To Note Event At Reunion —To Be Held in May

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James J. Hartley, D.D., rector emeritus of St. Bernard's Seminary will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, Monday, March 25.

In observance of the occasion, a pontifical Mass in the presence of Archbishop Mooney at St. Bernard's Seminary Chapel will be sung at 9 o'clock by the Right Reverend Jubilarian. Members of the clergy, seminarians, relatives and friends will be present to honor him for years of service, spent in the priesthood.

A testimonial dinner in honor of Monsignor Hartley's golden anniversary will be given May 11 at St. Bernard's Alumni Association. There are today about 1,000 priests who studied at St. Bernard's and practically all of whom attended his lectures during the nine-year course of philosophy and theology at St. Bernard's Seminary. The alumni will meet in Rochester to honor their former professor and it is expected he be one of the honor guests at the banquet in the Hotel Rochester.

Family To Attend

Members of his family will be present for the jubilee services, March 25, are his brothers William and Philip J. Hartley of Fairport, New York; his

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PRESS SILENCE IS SCORED BY FR. COUGHLIN

Detroit -(NCWC)—A challenge to the newspapers of the country to take issue editorially with his proposal for a central bank was issued Sunday by the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower at Royal Oak and noted radio speaker, in his regular broadcast.

At the same time, Father Coughlin announced that his series of addresses over the radio, originally planned to end on Easter Sunday, will be continued beyond that time.

Declaring that "you cannot deceive the people by slinging slurs at persons and dodging principles," Father Coughlin said that "it is impossible for the press to remain silent longer." "On which" side stand you," he asked, "the side of the people or the side of the bankers? Today national issues are of paramount interest. Today personages, localisms and party loyalties have been removed into the background."

The only successful "journalistic campaign" which can be waged against the National Union for Social Justice is to disprove its principles, Father Coughlin said. "These sixteen points which have won for the National Union such a magnificent membership, can win for any journal a tremendous circulation if the editorial staff possesses the talent and ability to prove that they are nothing more than assinine absurdities.

"I am not justified in concluding, but I am justified in surmising, that the central bankers through their banker-controlled advertisers have appealed either directly or indirectly to many newspapers throughout the nation to discredit my person when, by the eloquence of their silence, these same news journals neither upheld nor opposed the economic reform which I have suggested."

St. Bona Group To Make Dairy Survey for State

St Bonaventure, N. Y.—(NCWC) In collaboration with the New York State Department of Agriculture, several students of St. Bonaventure College will conduct a milk survey in Olean and vicinity in the near future.

The survey wil study the dairy industry in detail. It is strictly extracurricular.

26-FOOT IMAGE OF JESUS SET ON MOUNTAIN

By Rev. Manuel Grana
(Madrid Correspondent, NCWC News Service)

Madrid—A giant statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with open arms has been erected on El Tibidabo, the 1,647-foot mountain dominating the city of Barcelona. The statue, made of bronze, is 26-feet high and weighs about 12 tons. At present it is on the esplanade of the Temple Expiatorio which is being constructed on the same mountain by Salesian Fathers, but upon completion of the church it will be located on the central tower 177 feet above the level of the esplanade.

Some 14,000 persons from Barcelona climbed the mountain to assist at the dedication of the statue by the Most Rev. Manuel Irurita y Almandos, Bishop of Barcelona. More than 1,000 automobiles collected on the slopes, and large groups of pilgrims crowded the footpaths of the mountain. All day long the street car and railway were crowded with people.

This great religious event, after three years of anti-clerical stagnation, has caused souls to burst into an immense manifestation of that faith which was restrained by the Leftist tyrannies until the revolutionary party that had taken possession of Catalonia was ejected by the Army during the revolt against Spain last October. At the same time anti-Catholic propaganda and impious anarchism, which were at the point of producing another week as tragic as the one in Asturias, have ceased.

Catholic Publications Suppressed in Turkey

Istanbul, Turkey — (NCWC) — Vita Cattolica, an Italian and French Catholic language newspaper, and a Franciscan monthly published for the parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church here have to cease publication by order of the Government. The reason given is that these papers had allegedly engaged in what the Government calls "religious proselytism."

NUNS SERVE 500,000

Montreal (NCWC) - Half a million meals were served by the Sisters of Providence in their soup kitchen in the east end of the city last year. Every day, 1,150 homeless and unemployed men are given food.

FR. CONSIDINE NOTES INCREASED INTEREST IN VIEWS OF CHURCH

Cincinnati (NCWC)— Increase in the amount of news about the Church in the press of the world has resulted from the increased interest in the views of the Church on world crises, the Rev. John J. Considine, M. M., Assistant Superior General of the Maryknoll Fathers, during a visit paid here. Father Considine founded and for ten years directed the Fides Service, the organization which distributes news of the foreign missions to the press of the world.

"During the World War and since, news of the Church has received countless columns in the daily press," he said. "The reason is that in spite of the lax use of the phrase 'separation of Church and State' most persons believe that the Church must interest itself in the moral aspects of economic questions. Consequently the public is anxious to read about the Church's position.

"There is a greater realization, too, of the news value of Church activities in foreign lands. The Christianization of pagan lands is of vital concern to persons interested in economics and international relations as well as to those concerned with the spread of religion.

"Today the canonization of a Saint in Rome receives columns of space in the press where in the older days it would have rated a bare paragraph."

$500,000 Collection Of Obscene Books and Pictures Are Burned

New York — (NCWC) — A \$500,000 pile of the literature of vice, burned Monday in the furnaces of Police Headquarters here, but the fuel was not of the usual sort. The flames were fed by more than 50,000 books, pictures, and plates, valued at approximately \$500,000, considered obscene by courts and police officers.

The burning of the material constituted the climax to a seven months' drive made by police of this city against the traffic in obscene literature, in the course of which time Police Commissioner Valentine urged a boycott by the public of such literature, many persons were convicted of selling such proscribed matter, and a large amount of confiscated material collected in the offices of the property clerk at Police Headquarters. Strong support in the drive has been given by Father Joseph A. McCaffrey, chaplain of the Police Department.

FUNDS

For Boy Leadership

A CAMPAIGN is under weigh in the Rochester Area to raise $500 for the Don Bosco fraternity,—a group organized to train leaders of boys.

MANY FRIENDS of boys have attested to the worthiness of the cause with generous donations.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION —small or large,— may be sent to James J. Ehmann, director of the campaign, at the Columbus Civic Centre Building office, 50 Chestnut Street.

BOYS TODAY need leaders! Shall Don Bosco fraternity members lead them,—or shall we leave the job to gangsters?

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