

ELMIRA PRIESTS ANSWER ATTACK ON MEXICO CHURCH

DATA 'FERA' DENIES, MADE PROPAGANDA

Birth Control Advocates Use Repudiated 'Relief Babies' Figures

Washington (NCWC) — Recently the Associated Press sent out a story in which it was stated that the Federal Emergency Relief Administration had compiled data showing an especially high birth rate among families on relief rolls and that government officials were concerned over the situation. The FERA, the government agency charged with this relief work, denied that it had compiled any such figures and officials of the organization stated they were criticizing themselves in the subject. Friday, a second large secular news agency, the United Press, sent out a story containing substantially the same statement regarding FERA figures from a supposed survey inquiry at the FERA brought a second emphatic denial Saturday.

The first story was published by numerous large secular dailies throughout the country. A reproduction of excerpts of the story as it appeared in the New York Times Sunday, March 10, credited to the Associated Press, was used in a propaganda release sent to Members of Congress by the National Committee on Federal Legislation for Birth Control, of which Mrs. Margaret Sanger is president. The disputed FERA figures were used as an argument in favor of the enactment of birth control legislation.

Denied by Director

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State Aid to Parish Schools Can Save Taxes, Figures Show

Medina, Ohio (NCWC) — Figures demonstrating that State emergency aid to the parochial schools of Ohio, as proposed in bills before the Legislature, would effect a saving to the taxpayers are presented in a compilation made by Hubert Root of this city.

In parochial schools of the State found themselves without financial means to function and the students had to be provided for in the public school system. Mr. Root points out the cost to the State, exclusive of the cost of building enlargements, would be more than three times the amount of emergency aid the legislation proposes.

Mr. Root said:

"One-sixth of Ohio's population is Catholic. Catholics should therefore pay toward the special sales tax, one-sixth of \$60,000,000, \$10,000,000. Of this amount less than one-third, or \$3,000,000 is requested in Senate Bill No. 280, as emergency partial support of parochial schools."

"For the last few years parochial schools have been maintained only with the greatest difficulty. If Catholics pay their share of the special sales tax, they can no longer keep up the parochial schools and the 170,000 children there educated will have to be dumped on the already crowded public school system."

The following figures are then presented:

WITHOUT STATE AID	
Children in parochial schools	170,000
Conservative cost of public school education per pupil	\$60
Total	\$10,200,000
WITH STATE AID	
Children in parochial schools	170,000
Partial State aid asked	\$17.50
Cost to the State for a year	\$2,975,000
Saving to the State for a year	\$7,225,000

In most instances, it is noted, the public school buildings would have to be enlarged.

NAZI LEADERS BAN CATHOLIC PUBLIC TALKS

Germany Heads Move To Restrict Church's Activities to Sacristy

Amsterdam (NCWC) — Lectures given by two of the most prominent Catholic scholars of Germany have been seriously interfered with by the political police of Dusseldorf, Rhineland, according to information received here.

Dr. Karl Adam, Professor of Catholic Theology at Tübingen University, known the world over for his standard work "The Spirit of Catholicism," accepts a speaking engagement in Dusseldorf for the Catholic Alumni League on "Jesus Christ and the Spirit of Our Age." The lecture was to be given in a building belonging to one of the local Catholic associations and was to be open to the public. The police, however, ruled that only members of the Alumni League and personally invited guests could attend.

Similarly, a lecture by Dr. Theodore Haeker, of Munich, prominent Catholic writer on "The Christian and History" which was to be held in the same place was not allowed by the police to be arranged for the general public. The reason given by the police was that religious lectures must take place in the churches.

The Nazi authorities are well aware that the Catholic Alumni League has for many years arranged lectures in public places on Catholic subjects and given by prominent Catholic speakers and writers. These lectures never were intended to be German in the strict sense of the word, but discussions of problems of the day from the Catholic point of view. Never before had any difficulty arisen.

Reflected to Sacristy

The Nazi police now quietly apply the theory that the Church's activities must be restricted to the sacristy, that Christian influence on public life is not required and should therefore be repressed. If this practice be continued, and all indications in Germany now point in the direction, as similar although less important lectures have likewise been restricted to non-public audiences in other towns, the result will be that Catholicism will be almost helplessly exposed to the campaign of the neopagan movement. Representatives of that movement who attack the Christian churches without restraint continue to speak in public throughout Germany, and never fear that the police interfered with them. The Dusseldorf ruling, therefore, is a palpant injustice.

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Social Justice Union Can Bring Recovery, Fr. Coughlin Holds

Detroit (NCWC) — The National Union for Social Justice prescribes a panacea for the many ills with which the depression has afflicted the nation, but offers a program of action for birth control, of which Mrs. Margaret Sanger is president. The disputed FERA figures were used as an argument in favor of the enactment of birth control legislation.

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Low Wages Chief Depression Cause, Dr. Haas Asserts

Washington (NCWC) — Low wages were the chief cause of the depression and they have prolonged and deepened the depression, according to the Rev. Dr. Francis J. Haas, Director of the National Catholic School of Social Service and a member of both the Labor Advisory Board and the General Code Authority of the NRA.

This statement was made in a letter addressed by Dr. Haas to Marjorie Wall, third vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, who is collecting opinions on wage scales.

Declaring that he is firmly convinced that the "furn about in wages" was the greatest stimulant to recovery, Dr. Haas said: "We must not merely maintain but increase wage levels if we are to go on from here."

"Facts and not theories dictate the necessity of higher and higher wages," Dr. Haas' letter continued. "Clearly, if a man has his wages reduced from \$25 a week, he can and will buy \$15 more goods. His added demand, multiplied by that of millions situated like him, will cause re-employment as nothing else can. Markets cause depression and purchasing power creates markets."

Edward J. Heffernon Appointed Executive Secretary of N.C.C.M.

Washington (NCWC) — The appointment of Edward J. Heffernon as Executive Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men has just been announced at the N. C. C. M. headquarters office here.

Mr. Heffernon, formerly Executive Secretary of the Council, has been appointed to the post of Field Secretary. It was announced at the same time.

Mr. Heffernon has been with the National Council's headquarters staff for three years, and for the last two years has been Director of the Catholic Evidence Bureau and Director of Program for the Catholic Hour, a nationwide religious radio program produced by the N. C. C. M. He is a graduate of Columbia College, Dubuque, and of the Law School of Georgetown University, and is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

Portraits of Actors in Jesuit Play Being Painted by Nun-Artist

Chicago (NCWC) — Sister Mary Stanisla, noted nun artist and head of the Art Department of the Academy of Our Lady here, has completed sketches for the portraits she will make of actors in "The First Legion," Jesuit play now showing here.

Posting for her this week in her studio at the academy were Bert Lytell, leading man of the play and his associates, Thomas Findlay, William Ingersoll, Charles Coburn, and Whitford Kane.

Woman Learns Russian To Aid Woman Convert

Genoa (NCWC) — In the latest report issued by the Genoa Apostolate del Mare branch there is an account of the reception into the Church of the Russian wife of an Italian sailor, the regularization of their marriage, which had taken place in Russia, and the baptism of their three children.

An English woman who is a member of the Genoa Apostolate del Mare Women's group learned Russian, in order to be able to instruct the sailor's wife and to teach her Italian, since the woman spoke only Russian.

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EDITING and publishing a newspaper is far more than a mere matter of type and paper and ink, or of pastes and shears.

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THE QUESTIONNAIRE on Page 5 of this issue is printed to enlist your aid in making this more than ever.

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PRIESTS AUCTION DONATED PRODUCE TO MEET CHURCH REPAIR EXPENSE

Paris (NCWC) — Paris has just been treated to an extraordinary sight, a market conducted by priests.

In a hall in the exclusive faubourg Saint-Germain three priests directed the auctioning of sacks of potatoes, bunches of carrots, baskets of beans, guinea-hens, and geese.

The priests were from a little village in the Diocese of Versailles called Mouchamps. The town has about 180 inhabitants, and a church that is many centuries old. The church was crumbling for lack of important repairs and the parishioners had no money with which to pay the costs, for not only are

they few in number but have little money.

Determined, however, to be generous towards the sanctuary in which they are devoted, their lands, they sold the produce of their farms and animals from their barnyards. Everything was loaded on trucks and they asked the priests to accompany them to the city, where Parisians would be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity to buy farm produce and the sum raised could be used for the restoration of the parish church.

Appripped of this event by the press, Parisians flocked to the sale and offered good prices for produce on sale.

An Appeal to Our Readers:

- Rarely does the CATHOLIC COURIER ask its readers for direct information about themselves. But in trying to make this a better newspaper, we must periodically ask about their changing preferences and interests. We have made it easy for you to supply certain details in the simplified questionnaire on Page 5. You can fill in the blanks in the next 10 minutes. (Regular subscribers will receive questionnaire leaflets by mail or carrier boy delivery.)
- The replies of ALL our readers are necessary in order to give us a thorough, all-comprehensive picture of your tastes and conditions. This information will be extremely valuable not only in guiding our editorial policies, but also in our subscription and advertising activities.
- Please give us your cooperation as this data can be obtained only from yourselves. Helping us keep the CATHOLIC COURIER standards high is a worthy Catholic Action in which every reader can participate with little effort at the trivial expense of a postage stamp.

—Rev. LEO C. MOONEY, Managing Editor

PRELATE MARKS 50th SACERDOTAL ANNIVERSARY



MONSIGNOR HARTLEY ARCHBISHOP MOONEY MONSIGNOR GOGGIN

Observing the golden jubilee of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood on Monday, the Rev. Magr. James J. Hartley, rector emeritus of St. Bernard's Seminary is shown above with the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester and the Rt. Rev. Magr. J. F. Goggin, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary following celebration of the jubilee Mass in the Seminary chapel.

Msgr. Hartley Marks Jubilee By Pontificating at High Mass

In the chapel of the Seminary where he has served zealously and faithfully as a member of the faculty since that Seminary was founded, the Rt. Rev. Magr. James J. Hartley, D.D., P.A., rector emeritus of St. Bernard's on Monday observed the golden anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood.

Monsignor Hartley at 9 o'clock pontificated at a high Mass by virtue of the authority given him as Protosacrista Apostolic, the highest rank of Monsignor.

Present to honor the beloved prelate and teacher was the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bis-

hop of Rochester, and the fourth Bishop under whom Monsignor Hartley has served since his ordination, March 25, 1885, by Bishop McQuaid. Monsignor Hartley taught at St. Andrew's Seminary before St. Bernard's was established in 1893.

The Archbishop was attended in the Mass by the Rt. Rev. Magr. Charles F. Gray, pastor of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the Rt. Rev. Magr. George V. Burns, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, as deacons.

A number of priests, members of St. Bernard's faculty and former students under Monsignor Hartley attended the ceremony. Students of St. Bernard's assisted in the Mass and furnished the music. Relatives of the jubilarian and old associates were present.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Archbishop Mooney paid tribute to the jubilarian as one who has given all his years in training others to become priests of God.

He expressed the hope that Monsignor Hartley would be able to continue for many years in the service to which he devoted himself as a young priest.

A dinner at the Seminary in Monsignor Hartley's honor was attended by the Archbishop, by Monsignor Hartley's relatives and his faculty associates following the Mass.

Alumni of St. Bernard's Seminary will honor the jubilarian at a reunion to be held in May at the Seminary.

STATEMENTS BY SPEAKER DRAW DENIALS

Fathers Brien, Green, Others Reply to Facts Claimed in Mexico

Elmira — Coming straight and vigorously to the defense of the Catholic Church in Mexico, and scathingly denouncing the commission and atheistic influences in that republic, priests of the city, from their pulpits today made emphatic and authoritative denials of statements made the previous Sunday in Elmira by Monsignor A. Moreno, Mexican and confessed Catholic who claimed to have arranged the Church in the religious war now raging in Mexico.

Moreno, who accused Bishop Cullen by his publication of the Catholic press, said he was a priest, but that he was a native-born American. He said he was a member of the Society of the Holy Cross, which he said was an organization of the Church in Mexico.

The priest of the Seminary was born by the Rev. William J. Brien, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, and the Rev. Monsignor A. Moreno, Mexican and confessed Catholic who claimed to have arranged the Church in the religious war now raging in Mexico.

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Rotary Unit Praised Priest Who Resigned as Mexico Protest

New Orleans (NCWC) — The Board of Directors of the De Paul Rotary Club, Louisiana, praised the resignation of the Very Rev. Arthur J. Keenan, pastor of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New Orleans, who had resigned his position as a protest against the religious persecution in Mexico.

The Religious persecution in Mexico was discussed at the meeting of the De Paul Rotary Club, which instructed its board of directors to back up Father Keenan. It was pointed out that the plans are to hold the international convention of Rotary in a country where such being attempted to overthrow Christianity, liberty and democracy expressed were unattainable in the conviction that Rotary would suffer serious harm to the promotion by refusing to change the plans.

READERS as People

SOME of the questions in the Questionnaire on Page Five are quite intimate. BUT BEFORE you jump to the conclusion that we are being unduly inquisitive, please note that the name or address of the person answering the questionnaire does NOT appear anywhere on the form.

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