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UNIVERSAL LIBERTY FOR RELIGION URGED BY HOLY NAME MEN OF DIOCESE

Former Rochester Newswriter Says Persecution in Mexico Is Political Tool of Calles

Non-Catholic Newspaperman, Formerly on Old Herald Staff, Who Spent 25 Years in Mexico Describes Violations of Rights of Church

For political reasons, former President Plutarco Calles of Mexico has permitted priest-baiting and war on religion to develop according to caprice and the political or financial exigencies of the various local State chieftains in that country, Robert Hammond Murray, a non-Catholic journalist, and former Rochester newspaper man, declares in an article in the current issue of Today, a magazine edited by Raymond Moley.

Mr Hammond's article recalled to Willard E Marable, assistant commissioner, New York State Department of Labor and former editor of the Catholic Journal this week, that Hammond was a member of the old Rochester Herald staff in the nineties Mr Hammond has spent 25 years in Mexico.

Although pleas and protest have been increasing, the article says, the persecution of the Catholic Church continues unabated.

"To excuse himself," the article states, "Calles, through his political tools, declares that the persecution of the Church, its priests, and religion in general, is authorized by the Constitution. But when it is suggested that the National Government should insist that the Church be allowed to enjoy its constitutional rights in the States, it is straightway argued that any attempt in this direction would interfere with home rule in the States and violate their sovereignty

Church Rights Violated

The Church is utterly impotent to exercise its theoretical privilege also constitutional of appealing to the cpurts or the Legislature for relief or amendment of the laws which the Church asserts are unjust and the operation of which results in torts against its constitutional guarantees. Unhappily for the Church, and for a great many individuals and interests, both the Legislature and the courts are controlled by Calles"

Stressing the ban on religious publications as a further violation of constitutional guarantees, the author remarks "But what is a Constitution between friends especially friends like Calles and his amigos"

The article then deals at length with Narciso Bassols and his attempt to introduce sex education in the schools "Parents with children in the schools objected." The article says. "The majority of the Mexican parents are Catholics. Hence the circumstance automatically provided Bassols with an opportunity to twist the issue:

"The Catholics are opposing sex education therefore, the Catholics are in rebellion against the regime, incited thereto by the Church and their priests, who are plotting to regain control of the Government and 're-enslave the people'

"Actually, the parents' Catholicism had little to do with their protests The conscientious objectors were above all else, parents who believed that their sons and daughters were being taught things they should not know That would have aroused most parents the world over and inflamed them to militant opposition, regardless of denominational lines

Protests of Parents

"Followed alarms, mass meetings and parents' strikes against the schools These meetings were hallyhooed by Bassols and the Government as organized unpatriotic maneuvers The tumult became so persistent that in the end Bassols

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EDUCATORS OPPOSE U. S. SCHOOL CHECK

Chicago (NCWC) The adoption of resolutions stating the stand of the Catholic Church in educational matters and policies and the re-election of the Most Rev Francis W. Howard, Bishop of Covington as President General, concluded the thirty-second annual meting of the National Catholic Educational Association here Saturday

Leading educators from every section of the United States gathered in Chicago for the occasion.

Nine resolutions were adopted by the association, five of which dealt specifically with problems challenging Catholic educational systems One resolution protested the persecution of religion in Mexico warning that the situation is fraught with a significance that reaches far beyond the borders of that unhappy country

What was considered the most forceful of the several resolutions drafted relative to the safeguarding of the traditional system of American education asserted the determination of the association to oppose encroachment on the part of the Federal Government in the formulation of education policies "We hereby record our opposition to the adoption of any procedures for the distribution of federal funds which would give to any federal agency the power to dictate to the States in matters that concern the welfare of American childhood and the direction of American education," this resolution said

Current Spirit of War Assailed by Cardinal In Charities Pastoral

New York (NCWC) Condemning the current war spirit in the world, His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, in a pastoral issued Sunday regarding the annual appeal for the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese, declares that "justice social economic legal international is the cry of the hour"

His Eminence said that a decisive conflict must be fought between Christianity and communism, declaring that "communism by its very nature hates the Church preaching its gospel of charity" "The widow's mite the cup of cold water given in God's Name almsgiving the care of the poor and the afflicted, the love of neighbor the forgiveness of injury and charity to all" he adds, "are more potent to bless mankind with wisdom, happiness and joy of life here and hereafter than the forging of armaments that breed hatred, avarice, injustice and mass destruction of human life"

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Montreal K. of C. Net Signal Gains in Drive

Montreal (NCWC) Remarkable results were announced at the closing dinner of the Knights of Columbus membership campaign It was reported that the drive for new members to mobilize men for Catholic Action had been given a 100 per cent response

Montreal Council No. 284 exceeded its quota by more than 135 per cent, Grand Knight J Leo Keohan, said

SCHOLAR HERE

REV. MARTIN C. D'ARCY, S. J.

DR. D'ARCY NOTED JESUIT GIVES LECTURE

Distinguished Philosopher From England Heard at Nazareth College

The Rev. Martin C. D'Arcy, S J gave a lecture on "St. Augustine" to the students of Nazareth College on Wednesday afternoon, May 1, and was scheduled to give a public lecture on "Trends of Modern Thought" in the evening. Father D'Arcy is Master of Philosophy at Campion Hall, Oxford, and is widely known in England as radio lecturer on religious and philosophical subjects His literary work includes the book entitled "Nature of Belief," which won praise from the "Gloomy Dean" of England, Dean Inge.

According to an N C W C bulletin, Father D'Arcy is to receive the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, from Georgetown University next Saturday, May 4, on the occasion of a visit to Washington Father Nevils will confer the degree at a special convocation attended by prominent Washingtonians and officials.

Father D'Arcy in his afternoon lecture spoke at some length of the life of St Augustine "He was a brilliant boy," declared the Jesuit "with the makings of a rotter or a saint in him" Though his life was immoral before his conversion he never took comfort in sin and he never praised it, the priest continued

Through study of the Greek philosophers, especially the Platonists Augustine arrived at his first conception of a spiritual God "They saw God from afar off," Augustine said of the Platonists.

Father D'Arcy mentioned that a frequent remark of non-Catholics is this the language of the "Confessions" is that of a fervent convert, but the language of the "Dialogues" is that of a cool doubting, almost sceptical-minded person.

This is a misconception declared Father D'Arcy The body of Augustine's faith was firm and whole-hearted, and this is expressed in the "Confessions", but his dominating passion for truth made him search out and analyze all the little creeping doubts which his past philosophical study had implanted in him, which he wrote down in the language of the "Dialogues"

Father D'Arcy summarized his estimate of the saint as a philosopher by saying that the one great idea of Augustine's philosophy is a perpetual one "Only with Mind and Love together can one arrive at Truth."

Announce Winners Of Catholic Rural Life Essay Contest

Ames, Ia (NCWC) The winners of the national essay contest conducted by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference have been announced The Rev James A Campbell of this city, is president of the Conference

The winners as announced are as follows

Margaret Washington Brown, 12 years old, of Sacred Heart School, LaPlata, Md., on the subject, "My Happiest Day at School" Class I and Margaret Delaney, 15 years old, of Holy Name High School, Marcus, Ia., on the subject, "The Kind of Reading I Enjoy," Class II

Dominican Tertiaries Inaugurate Crusade Of Prayer for Peace

New York (NCWC) The Dominican Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, here, was the scene on Sunday of an impressive religious demonstration, when members of the Third Order of St Dominic convoked by the Very Rev T S McDermott, O P, Provincial of the Dominican Fathers, gathered to honor St Catherine of Siena and to inaugurate a nation-wide crusade for peace under her patronage.

Appeals for peace were made by Father McDermott and the Rev. Dr. Ignatius Smith, O. P., of the Catholic University of America. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J Lavelle, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New York and rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, presided A choir composed of 250 Dominican Sisters representing 14 Dominican Sisterhoods laboring in the Sees of New York, Brooklyn and Newark, furnished the music.

VICAR MARKS JUBILEE

Port Elizabeth, Africa (NCWC-Fides) The Most Rev. Hugh MacSherry, Vicar Apostolic of the Eastern Vicariate, Cape of Good Hope, has just celebrated the diamond jubilee of his ordination. The Bishop was born at Loughgilly, Archdiocese of Armagh, Ireland in 1852, and became head of the Eastern Vicariate in 1896.

FATHER MOIA AUBURN PASTOR IS DEAD AT 50

Rev Pietro Moia, pastor of St Francis of Assissi Church, Auburn aged 50 years died Wednesday in Mercy Hospital, Auburn, following an illness of two weeks, it was learned at the Chancery Office early today.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning in St. Francis of Assissi Church Auburn. Archbishop Mooney will officiate Vespers of the dead will be sung Friday evening. Burial will take place in St. Joseph Cemetery, Auburn.

Assisting Archbishop Mooney in the Mass will be Assistant Priest the Very Rev. John A Conway, V F.; Deacons of Honor, the Rev Benedict Maselli, the Rev. John Richard, Deacon, the Rev Lee Jones, Subdeacon, the Rev John B Crowley, Master of Ceremonies, the Rev William F. Bergan, Assistant, the Rev Lawrence Gannon, Acolytes, the Rev. William Heisel, the Rev. George Kalb, Censor Bearer the Rev Charles Azzi, Mitre Bearer, the Rev. Michael Fufferd, Book Bearer, the Rev. John Neary; Candle Bearer, the Rev. Francis Waterstrat.

Bearers will be the Very Rev John A Conway, the Rev Dr William E. Cowen the Rev John B Crowley, the Rev. Frederick C Straub, the Rev. Stephen Pobutsky and the Rev Julius Kozekowski

Eulogy will be delivered by the Rev Adolph Gabbani pastor of St Francis of Assissi Church Rochester

Born in Turin, Italy October 1 1885, Father Moia was ordained a Turin, March 1908 He served as a missionary in South America for two years after ordination In 1910 he came to the Diocese o Rochester and for a short time served at Mt. Carmel Church Rochester

Father Moia was assigned as pastor of St Francis of Assissi and served there zealously and faithfully from Sept 1911 to the present time His passing is deeply mourned by parishioners and friends throughout the diocese

He is survived by two sisters Miss Mary Moia and Miss Ida Moia, both of Auburn and a brother, Joseph Moia in Turin, Italy

SODALITY MARKS FOUNDING

Cochin, India (NCWC-Fides) A procession of the Blessed Sacrament was held in the streets of Cochin, South India, recently to celebrate the three-hundred-fiftieth anniversary of the Primary Sodality of Cochin The Sodality was approved by Pope Gregory XIII in 1585 Hundreds of persons wearing the insignia of their rank in the society and carrying the banners of their respective groups marched in the procession

Sum of $10,000 Left Church by Man Whose Wages Were Only $10 Weekly

London The remarkable story of a man who saved $10,000, which he bequeathed to Catholic causes, out of a weekly wage which hardly exceeded $10, is revealed by the death of John McGuire, a laborer, of Falkirk, Scotland.

Mr. McGuire, aged 64 at his death, was a railroad laborer. He lived alone in a single room, and had no relatives. He never had a holiday. Every penny he could save after paying for his simple needs he invested with the idea of helping the Church some day.

One of his friends says Mr. McGuire came from Ireland and that, apart from a short spell just after the war, his wages were never much more than $10. All the money he accumulated was due entirely to his thrift

Once he said something about "leaving something to the Church" when someone made a remark about his frugal life, but the extent of his fortune has come as a surprise.

McGuire left $500 to a local hospital, $1,000 to his parish church $500 each to a Carmelite convent in Scotland, to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, to a convent in Ireland, to the diocesan sick priests' fund, and certain sums for Masses, with the residue to his parish church.

Leaders Confer at Holy Name Union Convention

National, Diocesan and Parish spiritual directors were present Sunday at the third annual convention of Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union held in Canandaigua. In the picture, left to right: The Very Rev. Thomas F. Conlon, D. D., of New York City, national director of the Holy Name Societies and editor of the Holy Name Journal; the Rev. Michael C. Wall, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua; the Rev. William Stauder, spiritual director of the Diocesan Union and pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, Rochester; and B. Edward Shlesinger, re-elected as the convention as president of the Diocesan Union.

HOLY NAME IS PARISH ASSET, SAYS PRIEST

By REV DR. OWEN B. McGUIRE, D. D.

Last Sunday was Holy Name Sunday in the diocese of Rochester The Society of the Holy Name held its annual Convention at Canandalgua I was not there, and perhaps you were not there either. So let us make some reflections on that event in retrospect It may interest you to know that the diffusion of this devotion to the Holy Name throughout the United States is due, in great part at least, to the Dominican Fathers, and especially to the late Father McKenna, O. P., a saintly priest and a great pulpit orator who was for many years attached to the Dominican parish of St Vincent Ferrer in New York City.

For nearly half a century he gave missions throughout the United States; and in every parish in which he gave a mission he had the pastor establish a Society of the Holy Name. I "made the mission" which he gave in the Immaculate Conception parish, Rochester fifty-three years ago and have still a vivid memory of his eloquent sermons. His tall, gaunt figure with large dark eyes that, as he warmed to his subject, flashed light and fire from beneath heavy shaggy eyebrows the white robes of St. Dominic beneath the flowing black cloak which seemed to be devised for the public speaker, the whole man garb and personality, were calculated to leave a lasting impression on the hearer, and reminded one of St Dominic himself when he smote the Albigensian heresy in the South of France, or of another Dominican, St. Vincent Ferrer, in Spain in the 15th century, when the crowds that hung on his word and followed him from town to town and province became so great that special laws had to be passed to control them

Parish Foundation

And now that I have touched the subject of parochial societies let me tell you something that I think you and all parishioners should keep constantly in mind. The success of the Holy Name Society is undoubtedly due to the fact that its diocesan and national organization depends on is fed by, the parish organizations And this is as it should be The parish should be the organization from which all other organizations are built up, especially when they are of a devo-

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Y. M. C. A. Club Hears Catholic Journalist

Baltimore (NCWC) Members of the Tuesday Night Club of the Young Men's Christian Association were addressed by Vincent de Paul FitzPatrick, managing editor of the Baltimore Catholic Review, who spoke on "The Legion of Decency."

Although formed at the behest of the Bishops of the Catholic Church, Mr. Fitzpatrick remarked, the Legion numbers many Protestants and Jews among its members. The Baltimore Scholastic Legion of Decency, he said, is preparing to launch a campaign against objectionable stage presentations.

Bishop In Letter Lauds Holy Name Courier Campaign

Mr. B. E. Shlesinger,
President, Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union,
36 Hurstbourne Road,
Rochester, N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Shlesinger:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 26th, with its detailed report of the intensive drive for subscribers to the Catholic Courier which the Holy Name Union has conducted during the past year,

I have already had occasion publicly to voice my appreciation of this significant effort of Catholic Action, and to thank the officers and members of the Holy Name Union for their devoted service to this worthy cause.

I regret that my Confirmation engagements make it impossible for me to be present at the Canandaigua Convention to give personal expression to my deep sense of gratitude to all the members of the Union. I am sure, however, that Father Bergan will do this in my name, and will, as well, convey to you all my heartfelt greetings and my cordial blessing on your work during the coming year.

With every best, I am
Devotedly yours in Christ,
Edward Mooney, Abp.,
Bishop of Rochester.

Holy Name Men Score Use of U. S. Mails for Mexican Propaganda

Washington, (NCWC) President Roosevelt and other Government officials were called upon to check the sending of anti-religious propaganda of the Mexican Government through the United States mails in a resolution adopted by representatives of 42,000 members of the Holy Name Society in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Five hundred delegates attended the meeting held here.

The resolution called attention to the distressed conditions of Catholics in Mexico and scored the use of "franking" privileges in the dessemination of Mexican propaganda in this country.

Adoption of the resolution followed an address by the Rt. Rev Msgr Peter L. Ireton, spiritual director of the Archdiocesan Union

RESOLUTIONS OF HOLY NAME VOICE ACTION

Canandaigua—Following several hours deliberation and study of such important questions as religious persecution in Germany and Mexico, birth control, sterilization, the so-called Child Labor Amendment, Catholic education and lending libraries, eight resolutions complete text of which is given below, were acted upon at the third annual convention of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union, here, Sunday.

The Resolutions Committee headed by former County Judge Philip H. Donnelly as chairman, consisted of Dr. Walter C. Erwin, Elmira; Silas S. Gilbert, Geneva; Frank J. Lesch, Auburn; William Driscoll, Corning; Fred Frisch, Edwin Kolb, and William Powers, Rochester, and Thomas O'Sullivan, Canandaigua.

Resolutions as presented follow:

OUR HOLY FATHER

We renew our loyalty and devotion to His Holiness Pope Pius XI gloriously reigning. We rejoice at the cordial appreciation given by him to the suggestion that a triduum be held at Lourdes during the month of April, 1935, to mark the conclusion of the Jubilee proclaimed to commemorate the redemption of mankind. During these three days mass has been celebrated continuously at Lourdes.

It is significant that we are holding our annual convention at the same time that the final mass is being celebrated by the apostolic delegate at Lourdes and upon the day which has been given over to the boys and men's association at Lourdes.

We are gratified at the efforts of Our Holy Father during the past year in the cause of true peace, and we urge our members to join with the celebrations at Lourdes in prayer for the success of his efforts in the cause of peace.

OUR MOST REVEREND ARCHBISHOP-BISHOP

We again pledge our loyalty to our most beloved Archbishop Mooney, Bishop of Rochester. We

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L. C. B. A. Trustees Board Addressed By U. S. Comptroller in Washington

Washington (NCWC) J. F. T. O'Connor, Comptroller of the Currency, addressed a meeting of the board of trustees of the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association held here. Mr. O'Connor outlined for the board the progress made in the work of reopening closed banks throughout the country.

The meeting here, a regular session of the board, discussed plans for the future development of the association, which has a membership of more than $100,000 adult members and more than 10,000 junior members. Financial statements considered at the meeting showed the association to have a balance of some $22,000,000, and an actuarial degree of solvency of 107.29. The board invested some $350,000 of the association's funds at the meeting here. The association is composed entirely of women and is managed entirely by women.

Among those attending the board's session were: Miss Kate Mahoney, of Troy, N. Y., supreme president; Mrs. M. Catherine Fagan, of Chicago, supreme vice-president; Miss Bertha C. McEntee, of Erie, Pa., supreme recorder; Mrs. Mary E. Costelloe, of Queens Village, N. Y., supreme treasurer; Miss Margaret F. Gallagher, of New York, Mrs. Julia A. Ward-Clingen, of Oak Park, Ill., Mrs. Alice M. Dilworth, of Detroit, Mrs. Cora McParlin, of Rochester, Mrs. Augusta Lauber, of Toledo, Mrs. Alice S. Maloney, of Dorchester, Mass., Mrs. Estelle F. Schlesinger, of Brooklyn, Mrs. Catherine O'Donnell, of Wilkes-Barre, Miss Margaret M. Carroll, of Lakewood, Ohio, and Mrs. Elisabeth Geiger, of Jersey City, N. J.

PERSECUTION IN GERMANY, MEXICO HIT

Union Convention at Canandaigua Voices Stand on Current Ills

HOLY NAME LAUDED FOR COURIER WORK

Meet Problems by Christian Living, Intelligent Action, Speakers Urge

Canandaigua—With particular stress laid upon present conditions in Germany and Mexico, vigorous advocacy of universal religious liberty was embodied in the series of resolutions adopted at the third annual convention of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union held here today in St. Mary's Parish

With an Observance of the Spiritual Anniversary representing the Sacrifice of Calvary, the Holy Name Societies of the Diocese, into three hours of business which the busy delegates devoted to matters pertaining to the welfare of Catholic principles and Catholic citizens and took action based upon sound Catholic philosophy and doctrine.

The convention opened at 9 o'clock with impressive solemn services in the beautiful Church with sermon by Rev. Father Grant was the Rev. F. William Stauder, spiritual director of the Union; Rev. Lee Jones, Rev. William Bergan, vice chancellor of the diocese; and the Rev. Francis Mahan, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church. The Rev. Michael C. Wall, pastor of the host parish, was master of ceremonies.

Mass Is Pontifical

In the sanctuary was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, V. F., pastor of St. Francis de Sales, Geneva and dean of the Seneca deanery, in which district Canandaigua is located. Priests of the diocese were in the sanctuary and vested with the men of the Holy Name Society in the congregation. The singing of hymns was led by the Rev. Francis Harding, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church.

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Idolatry Is Basis Of Neo-Paganism, Bishop Declares

Amsterdam (NCWC) "Apostasy and revolt against the Creator are at the bottom of German neo-paganism, says the Most Rev. Clemens August von Galen, Bishop of Muenster, Westphalia, in a recent Lenten Pastoral he has just published. "To consider the living creature instead of the Creator, the nation instead of God as the primary and most important entity, the Bishop says, is idolatry."

Bishop von Galen vigorously condemns Nazi racialism, which is freely preached in Germany today. Hatred against Christianity is being taught and Catholics are no longer given the freedom to worship God in the open way the constitution grants them. Persecution shall never give up hope, says the Bishop, for the conviction that there is something higher than race and nation, that is Almighty God.

SOON You'll Know

SOME OF the inside facts about what people think about their diocesan newspaper. Hundreds of readers have told us their opinions—their likes and dislikes. They have told us what they want, and what they don't want. Every suggestion and criticism is being weighed and pondered. Some of the suggestions will be put into effect. Others will be impossible. Watch for the announcement of the new COURIER.