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HUGE, REVERENT THROUGH ASSEMBLES AT CLEVELAND TO PAY FITTING HOMAGE TO SAVIOUR IN EUCHARIST

New Church-Seizure Decree Of Mexico Seen One of Most Severe of Anti-Religious Laws

Property May Be Taken Without Notification To Owner; No Recourse After Final Order; Every Possible Religious Structure Covered

Mexico City—(NC)—Careful scrutiny of the new decree on the new decree on the nationalization of church property in Mexico issued by President Cardenas, the text now being available, convinces observers here that it is one of the harshest anti-religious laws that this country, which has seen many such laws, has yet had to face. It has even been stated that probably no country in the world has ever issued a decree on seizure of church property which is as sweeping and oppressive.

FR. COUGHLIN BROADCASTS START NOV. 3

Detroit (NC)—The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, Mich., and founder of the National Union for Social Justice, will resume his radio broadcasts on Sunday, November 3, with "all the stations we had last year and the year before, plus several other stations," he announced last week.

The contract calls for 20 broadcasts. "There will be no public meetings before the opening of the broadcasting season."

Father Coughlin's addresses were carried by a chain of 29 stations last winter. New outlets this year will probably be Detroit, St. Louis, Lake City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Spokane. It was said by Leo Fitzpatrick, manager of Station WJR.

Father Coughlin also announced the formation of an anti-Communist school of an anti-Communist club which he hopes will spread all over America. The club is called the "Irene Club" in memory of the Irish saint.

Father Coughlin described as the first martyr killed by Communists in America. The object of the club, Father declared, is to teach the elements of communism and to show its fallacies. "We will take the candy from the pill and show what's inside," he said.

Detroit (NC)—Promotion of Christian principles and of living as a requisite of social justice is the general intention for which the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, Mich., asks the members of the audience to join with him in a novena to St. Therese, beginning Wednesday, September 25, and ending on October 3.

"As I receive social justice," Father Coughlin writes in his appeal for the novena, "I am fully aware that there can be no such thing as a just and living wage."

With this thought in mind, permit me to suggest that St. Therese (Continued on Page 5)

BENNETT RULES AID DUE ALL NEEDY PUPILS

Free Books for Indigent Pupils in Catholic Schools Declared Legal

Indigent school children attending a school in New York State State Education Law, John J. Bennett, Jr., Attorney General, declares in a letter to the State Department of Social Welfare.

Construction of the specific law dealing with the matter is made by the Attorney General in his letter to the State Department of Social Welfare, State Office Building, Albany, attention Mr. W. A. Hinesley, Secretary, in which the Attorney General states:

"This will acknowledge yours of September 13th in which you ask to be placed upon Section 627-F of the Education Law as amended by Ch. 638 Laws of 1934. Inquiry has been had also from the Public Welfare Department of the City of Utica in respect to its application to pupils in the Utica Catholic Academy."

Section 627-F of the Education Law reads: "Duties of public welfare officials with respect to indigent children. Public welfare officials, except as otherwise provided by law, shall furnish indigent children with suitable clothing, shoes, books, food and other necessities to enable them to attend upon instruction, as hereinbefore required by law."

"By this amendment the Legislature has made it the affirmative duty of 'Public Welfare Officials' to furnish 'indigent children' with the necessities of life, including books, shoes, clothing, etc., to enable them to attend upon instruction as hereinbefore required by law. Compulsory education is the rule in this State. Such education may properly be afforded by parochial as well as public institutions. Pierce et al. v. Society of Sisters, 268 U. S. 510 (Oregon School Case). No distinction or discrimination is made as to the religious character of the school. The only basis is need. There are observed no exceptions which provide otherwise in our statutes."

"You are, therefore, advised that the public welfare officials (and this should include those 'public welfare officials' administering relief under the Weeks Act) should and must provide children who are indigent with the necessities of life, whether it be public or parochial in character. It may also be noted that the parochial schools are in substance public in character. The foregoing applies with force to those children attending parochial schools of other denominational character, be they Jewish, Protestant or of other persuasion."

Very truly yours,
JOHN J. BENNETT, JR.,
Attorney-General

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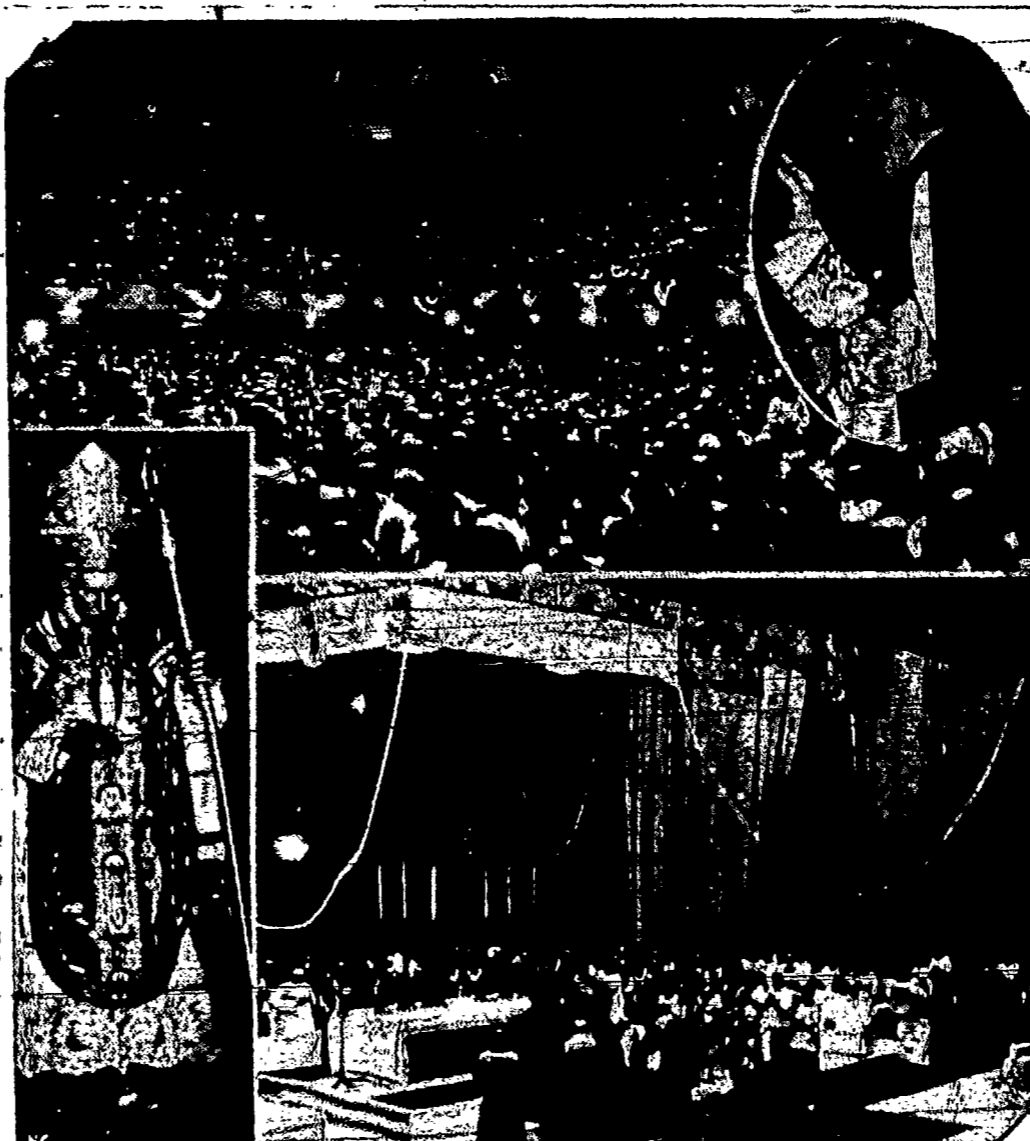
Milwaukee (NC)—The Most Rev. James A. Griffin, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois, and the Most Rev. Aloysius J. Muench, Bishop-elect of Fargo, J. Muench, Commissioner Garrett W. Cotter, A warrant charges him with mailing objectionable advertisements to federal officials and to religious institutions.

Campaign For Fallen-Away Catholics Gains 1,017 For Diocese of Mobile

Mobile, Ala. (NC)—This year's Drive for Fallen-Away Catholics in the Diocese of Mobile has resulted in a total of 1,017 persons returning to the Sacraments, the Most Rev. Thomas J. Toolen, Bishop of Mobile, has just announced. Those returning to their religious duties had been away from the Sacraments for periods ranging from one to 77 years.

In this year's drive, the priests of the Diocese of Mobile visited 1,411 families, in which there were a total of 5,044 individuals. They baptized 222 persons and validated 34 marriages. Among those persons visited, the priests found 1,518 children of Catholic families attending public schools and 44 persons who were members of secret societies. Among those brought back to the Sacraments in this year's drive 202 had been away from the Sacraments for one year, 15 for one

AS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS OPENS IN CLEVELAND



Amid an impressive outpouring of clergy, religious, and laity from all parts of the United States and the rubric splendor of the Catholic Church, the Seventh National Eucharistic Congress opened in Cleveland's huge Public Auditorium, "Cathedral of the Nation" during the four days of the congress. Top photo shows Public Auditorium thronged by the congregation of 30,000 that assisted at the Pontifical Mass, which formally opened the congress. Lower photo is a view of the high altar at the Mass, showing His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and over 100 Archbishops and Bishops seated in the sanctuary. Top inset, the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, preaching the sermon in which he struck the keynote of the congress. Lower inset, the Cardinal Legate fully vested as celebrant of the Mass.

DELEGATE AND OTHERS TALK OF EUCHARIST

Cleveland (NC)—"It is the presence of Christ" in the Blessed Eucharist "that makes Christianity what it is," declared His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, in his address at the Meeting of Priests Tuesday at the Seventh National Eucharistic Congress in turn he said, the priest as a Shepherd, Teacher and Sacrificer is a "bridge divinely built to join earth to heaven, to unite the finite being to the infinite and supreme being."

He urged especially the promotion of even more Eucharistic functions and services and "frequent and daily Communion."

His Excellency spoke on "The Eucharistic Life" and declared that "every follower of Christ must be Eucharistic."

Assessing the "Catholic Action has only one object and that is to secure the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ." His Excellency said that by means of it "it is easier to put into effect the program of sanctification and redemption, the program of Jesus Christ, furthered by His suffering His mortal life, and still conducted and inspired by Him from the Holy Altar."

Eminent members of the hierarchy and prominent members of the clergy and of the laity addressed the various sectional meetings Tuesday and Wednesday.

Fr. Parsons To Speak On National Broadcast

New York (NC)—The Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S.J., Editor of America, will speak in the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Churches of the Air" program to be broadcast from 1:00 to 1:30 o'clock Eastern Standard Time the afternoon of Sunday, September 29. It was announced here today. Father Parsons will speak on "Religion on Weekdays."

Holy Father Hears Broadcasts Of Eucharist Congress

Cleveland (NC)—By means of the radio, His Holiness Pope Pius XI, participated closely in the Seventh National Eucharistic Congress, which closed here Thursday not only by sending a message and the Apostolic Blessing to the great gathering, but by listening to many of the events of demonstration, it is reported by Congress headquarters here.

Through the short-wave hook-up of several networks of radio stations in this country, the Holy Father was enabled not only to send his paternal greeting to the Congress, but also to hear those broadcasts which were afforded on four days of the impressive sessions.

A telegram received at Congress headquarters here from Franklin D. Roosevelt, of the National Broadcasting Company, stated that the Holy Father told John Royal, vice-president of the company, that he would listen to the short-wave programs of the Congress broadcast by that chain.

Practically every happening of the Congress was broadcast many of the events being disseminated throughout the world as well as the United States.

50 Colored Converts In Confirmation Of 730 In Cleveland

Cleveland (NC)—Fifty converts who have been received into the Church by the Rev. Michael L. Stevenson, pastor of the church of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Colored, were included in a class of 730 men, boys and girls of various nationalities, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. John's Cathedral last night.

DIocese WELL REPRESENTED AT CLEVELAND

Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester numbering almost 1,000 will be returning home Friday from the Seventh National Eucharistic Congress in Cleveland inspired by the vast extent of the Congress program in which they participated since Monday.

The Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester had a prominent part in the greatly impressive religious ceremonies of the Congress, and on Wednesday addressed the Young Women's sectional meeting on "The Holy Eucharist and Catholic Action Amongst Young Women."

The Archbishop voiced a vigorous appeal to Catholic young women of America to concern themselves with efforts to provide religious education for Catholics in public schools and to take a definite stand against "paganism."

Monsignori, priests and laymen from various parts of the diocese attended the Congress. The Rev. Joseph H. Coffey, diocesan director of the pilgrimage, led the group that went by boat to Cleveland and which arrives in Buffalo, Friday.

First Mission Health Nuns Reception Dec. 8

New York (NC)—The first reception of the habit by members of the new community of Mission Health Sisters, established by His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, to work for the Medical Missions, is scheduled for December 8, it is announced here.

CARDINAL HAYES CENTER OF IMPOSING ARRAY OF DIGNITARIES PRESENT

Brilliantly Decorated City Scene of Impressive Religious Rites and Civic Events Marking Nation's Tribute To Blessed Eucharist

NOTED SPEAKERS, CLERIC AND LAY
DECLARE FAITH IN REAL PRESENCE

By E. FRANCIS McDEVITT
(Staff Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)
Cleveland—American Catholic seventh congress, national manifestation of love for and loyalty to Our Lord King in the Eucharist began Tuesday when the great National Eucharist Congress formally opened in Cleveland's Public Auditorium.

This great cosmopolitan city in the very heart of America revealed the heart of American Catholics as thousands upon thousands of pilgrims flocked to the city to witness half a million Catholics of the Diocese of Cleveland to pay their tribute to the Saviour in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

For ten days the tremendous and varied of the workday world as the city glowed with flags, banners and the official Congress shields festooning business houses and public buildings, displaying its might to witness the greatest demonstration of faith.

For a week her many churches and oratories had been crowded. A diocesan-wide liturgy closed Friday and was marked by unprecedented attendance. Long before the opening ceremonies the wives' table approved by the Congress Committee reported all ready for the families throughout the city, including non-Catholics, made their homes available for the great influx of pilgrims.

In the presence of more than 300 Archbishops and Bishops from the United States, Canada and other parts of the world, and a capacity throng of approximately 30,000 pilgrims—cleric, religious, and lay—massed in the huge Public Auditorium, the Mass, center of Eucharistic devotion, was celebrated by the Holy Father's official representative at the Congress, His Eminence Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

Listening to the keynote of the Congress, "The Holy Eucharist—Source and Inspiration of Catholic Action" in the course of the Mass by the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, the living presence of Christ was proclaimed.

His Holiness, the Pope, in his address to the Congress, declared that the Eucharist is the source of unity, the source of the supernatural life, the source of the authority of the Church that He established. The living presence of Christ, human and divine, on Catholic altars is the chief point of difference which separates all Christian groups in our country from the Catholic Church.

"It is truly tragic that those Christians who are one in baptism should, like the Jews of old, find it so hard saying, and walking with, the sacramental Christ; that they make His Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament the occasion of misunderstanding and division in the Christian family. It is especially sad to think that in the Eucharist, Christ's last and most divine gift, which He intended to be the bond of unity, the common banquet table of His children, should separate us from one another, and that we should be unwilling that they may fulfill God's will in being willing to be united at Mass."

These questions are often asked: What is the secret power of the Catholic Church? What is the secret of its extraordinary growth? Why are its churches crowded many times every Sunday, and why are Catholics so earnest, so willing to make every possible sacrifice to be united at Mass? What power has drawn thousands from every section of our country to this Congress? What is the inspiration of Catholic Action? The answer is to be found in the beauty of the Church's sacraments, not in the solemnity of the liturgy, not in the splendor of the vestments, not in the pomp of the pontifical, but in the sublime mystery of the Eucharist.

The Cardinal Legate, after the Mass, referred Holy Father to a message of blessing that was broadcast to the entire world. The Cardinal Legate, in his address, declared that the Eucharist is the source of unity, the source of the supernatural life, the source of the authority of the Church that He established. The living presence of Christ, human and divine, on Catholic altars is the chief point of difference which separates all Christian groups in our country from the Catholic Church.

"My own experience in this life consistently brings home to me the abiding truth of those words of our First President: 'God will take care of those who take care of one another.' It is a beautiful and inspiring thought that from our common table of the Eucharist, we are drawn together and encouraged to live our lives in the love and charity of the Eucharist."

President's Letter To Eucharist Congress

Cleveland (NC)—The President Roosevelt's message to the Eucharist Congress, which is being held in Cleveland, is as follows: "The Eucharist is the source of unity, the source of the supernatural life, the source of the authority of the Church that He established. The living presence of Christ, human and divine, on Catholic altars is the chief point of difference which separates all Christian groups in our country from the Catholic Church."

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