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HOLY FATHER EXHORTS FAITHFUL TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN WHOLE WORLD

In Message to Peru Eucharistic Congress Pope Specifically Cites Europe and Africa; Fears For Greater Disturbances Among Nations

Vatican City—(NC-Cable)—Once more His Holiness Pope Pius XI has fervently petitioned prayers for peace in all those parts of the world, "above all of Europe and Africa, where peace, alas, is already too disturbed and gives fear of worse misfortune."

BISHOPS URGE CIVIC ACTION IN MEXICO

By CHARLES BETRO

(Mexico City Correspondent, N. C. News Service)

Mexico City The Mexican Hierarchy has issued a joint pastoral on the civic duties of Catholics. The document was signed September 28 but was not made public until October 18, in view of the Bishops' decision to issue first their joint petition to President Cardenas asking revocation of persecutory laws. It follows clear upon a previous joint Pastoral on the need for liberty for the Church in order for her to carry out her mission in the field of social betterment. The Bishops appeal for the amendment of Articles 24, 27 and 130 of the Constitution and the abrogation of the new Law for the Nationalization of Property, addressed to President Lazaro Cardenas under date of September 20. It has so far elicited no definite reply.

The new Pastoral is prompted by the situation of Mexican Catholics whose rights have been treated with contempt and even ridiculed. In such a situation, the Pastoral states, the Bishops can do no less than "manifest to them, with all the grief and sincerity of our hearts, that they are the ones who in their quality as citizens and by exercising their natural rights, should have remedied and ought to remedy such an ignominious situation, since we are only able to raise our voice in the name of Justice to petition their representatives in our Country to respect the natural right of those who are at the same time citizens and Catholics and rise for the fulfillment of their obligations with respect to the Civil and the Ecclesiastical Authority, but which they cannot do so long as the persecutory laws exist.

Lack of Civic Action

It is a natural and logical consequence of the fact that the best Catholics make the best citizens, by reason of the doctrine they profess, but there has been a lack of civic action by Mexican Catholics, and this is the cause of the temporal difficulty. There also has been a lack of unity in action and action the Pastoral adds.

Eucharist Congress Article Is Rebuked

Cleveland (NC) A letter of rebuke for the manner in which it handled the story of the seventh national Eucharistic Congress has been sent to the magazine Time by the Most Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland.

"Some time ago I was advised that Time Magazine intended to extend itself in the cause of the seventh national Eucharistic Congress," Bishop Schrembs writes. "However, since I read the article published in Time of September 20, I have no comment to make other than that you gave us an unusual amount of space. The character, however, of your article under the caption 'Religion' was anything but reverent and dignified, in fact, it was rather flippant and insulting. We have no need of such publicity in the Time or any other magazine, and are far from grateful for articles written in such flippant tone.

MEANS OF COMBATTING COMMUNISM ARE SET FORTH AT CANADA MEET

Toronto (NC) — "We need to teach Catholic people to get up on their feet before communists, atheists or anyone else and defend their religion and express their objections to these movements and for this there must be proper training and instruction," the Rev. W. D. Muckle, of this city, stated at the annual meeting of the Catholic Truth Society of Canada, here.

The Rev. Dr. P. O'Brien, of Guelph, Ont. pointing out that communism was destructive to the faith when it touched Catholics, said that more simple leaflets presenting the Church's attitude should be prepared. Communist literature, he said, was written in simple language to appeal to people of even meager education. Pamphlets produced by the Church were often more understandable by the better educated. "We want something that people can read in a moment and can understand," he added. The Most Rev. James G. McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, speaking on the aims of the C. T. S., said the Divine mission of the Church was to teach the truth and as the world changed, all channels for spreading the truth should be utilized. In spreading Catholic teaching, he said, the Church would be working at the same time to stabilize the life of the country, without which stability the nation could not develop to its highest ideals.

Prelates Attend Mass Opening Two Conventions



Among the distinguished members of the American Hierarchy who came from various points in the United States and Canada to take part in sessions of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference and the National Catechetical Congress were the three prelates above. (Left to right) the Most Rev. Richard O. Geary, D. D., Bishop of Natchez, Miss.; the Most Rev. Felix Casparius, O. P., Bishop of Alexandria, Ontario, Canada; and the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, D. D., Bishop of Great Falls, Mont., founder of the Rural Life Conference and preacher at the Mass. The solemn political Mass was celebrated by the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester. Shown in the picture is the Rev. Joseph V. Campbell, president of the Conference.

Women of National Reputations Bring Pithy Messages to Meets

Women from the federal departments of the government and from national organizations featured on the programs of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference and the National Catechetical Congress sectional meetings during the week.

Dr. Frances C. Robert of the Children's Bureau, Dept. of Labor, who spoke at the Monday morning session declared that the lack of modern public health facilities has no means been always, or even usually, the fault of the community. Public health work is more expensive in the country than in the cities, and the rural areas have been least able to afford it.

"Tradition," she continued, "says that the country is a healthier place for children to grow, and the city an unhealthy place. But, certainly, I do not need to tell you that the rural child does not have the full advantage of adequate modern scientific health protection."

In connection with the subject, Miss Anne Saxon Hooley, president of the National Council of Catholic Women, came to the fore to quote from Christopher Morley, Sister maintained: "What the country needs is books, some more books than some books, but the right kind of books." The main question of the

Holy Father Blesses Little Ethiopian Tot

Vatican City—(NC-Cable)—When His Holiness Pope Pius XI received a group of missionary Sisters from the colony of Eritrea, East Africa, Thursday, Sister Gabriella Olma brought with her a 22-month-old Ethiopian child. The infant has been cared for by the nuns ever since she was found abandoned in the province of Daridar, near Addis Ababa, Capital of Abyssinia, in December, 1933, when she was but a few days old. At baptism, the child was given the name of Francis. The Holy Father was delighted and blessed the child with paternal tenderness.

CATHOLIC ACTION CALL SOUNDED BY PRELATES, NOTED LAY LEADERS

SECTION MEETS PROBE RURAL LIFE PROBLEMS

Sessions Bring Noted, Informed Speakers; Banquet Is Climax

By JUNE GUNCHERSON

Problems affecting the rural home, school, banking system, economic and social conditions of the country were probed into during sessions of the thirtieth annual convention of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference held here the first three days of this week. Wednesday and Thursday were given over to twenty sessions in which the development of catechetical instruction was deliberated during the second annual meeting of the National Catechetical Congress. (Detailed report of this convention will appear next week.) Section meetings of the Rural Life Conference were held Monday and Tuesday following the opening sessions Sunday when an overflow audience of 4,000 (including at least 1,200 from the rural areas) attended a Mass Meeting in Columbus Civic Center Building. A solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral opened the conference which concluded with a brilliant banquet sponsored by 400 who was jointly held by the Rural Life Conference and the National Catechetical Congress.

Brilliant Banquet of the hierarchy from various points in the United States and Canada attended the banquet. Speakers were the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati; Michael Williams, Editor of Commercial, N. Y.; and the Rev. Stephen J. Byrne, Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Geneva, N. Y. The Rev. John LaFarge, S. J., read resolutions adopted by the conference. A program of successful efforts of all active in the two conventions was expressed at the close by Archbishop Mooney, host to the two gatherings. The Rev. McGrath, Director of the National Catechetical Congress, presented the speakers. Noted speakers heard Regional meetings on Monday and Tuesday brought learned speakers with vast experience in their particular fields to give comprehensive discussions seeking solutions of a multitude of problems. Interest settled around the rural home and school on Monday. Dr. Frances C. Robert of the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor, described the lack of modern public health facilities particularly in the rural districts. "Public health," she said, "is more expensive in the country than in the cities." (Continued on Page 5)

Confraternity in All Parishes Urged by Apostolic Delegate

Washington—(NC)—The Confederation of Christian Doctrine should be organized in every parish and should take every opportunity to bring about a closer cooperation of all other parochial societies, the Apostolic Delegate, the Most Rev. Antonio Giovanni (Giovanni), Apostolic Delegate in the United States, declared in a nationwide radio broadcast to the Catholic school children of the country, their parents and teachers, Wednesday.

The teaching of the Confession by the Apostolic Delegate was the most notable and most eloquent work of Catholic Action. The address was delivered under the auspices of the development of Christian Doctrine, which was sponsored a National Catechetical Congress being held in Washington. The broadcast was heard by the delegates to the National Catechetical Congress, which included his young hearers to consider the importance of studying the teaching of the Confession as found in their Catechism and said "The Confession is not a collection of questions and answers, it is also a manual to guide you in your life as Christians."

CONFERENCE NAMES SLATE, MEETING CITY

The Rev. William T. Malloy of Grafton, N. D., was elected president of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, which was held in Columbus, N. D., on Tuesday evening. Fargo, N. D., was selected as the 1936 convention city. Other officers named were: Vice President, Frank Brueck of St. Paul, Minn.; Secretary, the Rev. Leon A. McNeil of Wichita, Kan.; Treasurer, the Rev. Joseph Bennett of Carleton, P. M.; Director of the National Catholic Rural Life Bureau and convention chairman was honored by election to the Board of Directors. Other directors elected were: Rev. L. N. Irlin, North Lake, Wis.; Rev. W. Howard Bishop, Clarksville, Mo.; Miss Anna Harcourt Hooley, Kansas City, Mo.; Frank Joyce, Milwaukee, Wis.; Ed. Kelly, Ames, Iowa; and John Malloy, new president of Congress.

50 Women Attorneys Meet To Map Aid For Catholic Action

Chicago (NC) Fifty Catholic women lawyers of Illinois attended a sister party at the University of the Sacred Heart, Chicago, here, to discuss plans for promoting Catholic Action among the Catholic women lawyers of the State. The Rev. Dennis F. Burns, S. J., former rector of the Loyola University School of Law and now president of Xavier University, Cincinnati, Judge Joseph Burke of the Circuit Court and Mrs. Edna Devlin Bowen, former president of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois and a graduate of Loyola University, were the principal speakers. Madame Frances Harrington, of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, a former member of the Massachusetts Bar, also attended. The supper was sponsored by the Religious of the Sacred Heart.

MAYOR'S BAN ON INDECENT PLAY IS SET ASIDE BY JUDGE'S ORDER

Chicago (NC) The producers of "Tobacco Road," play which was closed by Mayor Kelly Monday night, were seeking a writ of habeas corpus to have the play reopened, following the issuance of a temporary order by Judge William H. Holly, of the Federal Court, setting aside the Mayor's action. While the order released the play it did not affect the revocation of the license of the theater in which the play had a seven-week run prior to the Mayor's ban. The Mayor witnessed the play Sunday night and termed the production "a mass of obscenity." Judge Holly, in issuing his order, said that he had read the play and decided that it was not obscene or indecent. Admitting that profanity was used in the play, he said that "it seems to be customary and is accepted by the best people." Commenting on the complaint that "some characters are represented as sexual deviants," the judge said that "there are no characters in the play who are sexual deviants."

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IMPRESSIVE MASS OPENS CONVENTIONS

Church's Work in Social, Civic, Field Stressed at Mass Meeting

The Catholic Church is socially and civically concerned with the economic welfare of its members because of the resultant effect upon their spiritual development.

"It was my earnest desire in Rochester that the Mass be a social and civic as well as a spiritual event," said the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, who presided at the opening Mass of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference and the National Catechetical Congress, which opened here Sunday.

Addressing the assembly of Americans God used their devotion, he said, they may be found in assisting Catholics throughout the nation to feel that in the Mass they are participating in the work of the Church. He stressed the importance of the Mass as a social and civic as well as a spiritual event. He said that the Mass is not only a religious act, but also a social and civic act. He said that the Mass is a social and civic act because it is a social and civic act. He said that the Mass is a social and civic act because it is a social and civic act.

Imprisoned Sculptor, Formerly Socialist, Carves Chapel Altar

By DR. FREDERIC FUNDER
Vienna Correspondent, N. C. News Service

Vienna Imprisoned for the part he took as one of the leaders of the Socialist uprising of February 1934, Franz Muzil, sculptor, has turned his thoughts to religion and carving a beautiful altar for the chapel of the prison.

A studio has been set up in the prison and the former Socialist has been supplied with tools and the necessary tools. He works seven or eight hours every day. Above the altar he has carved a large figure of the Crucified Saviour. Below the Crucifix are several wood-carved reliefs of scenes in the life of Our Lord.

Two of the carvings, "Resurrection" and "Annunciation Day," are pronounced by experts to be exceptionally good.

HONOR ALASKA BISHOP

Juneau, Alaska (NC) Government and municipal officials and the people of Alaska joined in paying tribute to the Most Rev. Joseph Crimont, S. J., Bishop of Alaska, on the occasion of his observance of the Diamond Jubilee of his entrance into the Society of Jesus.

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Catholic Radio Station In Holland Is Year Old

Utrecht, Holland (NC) The Catholic radio station of Holland has just noted its first anniversary.

Masses were celebrated in every Catholic church of the country in thanksgiving for the station and a drive for funds inaugurated. With the funds secured, it is planned to build a large concert hall near the studio and to provide the station with up-to-date equipment.