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TEACHING OF CATHECHISM GIVEN VIGOROUS IMPETUS IN NATIONAL MEET HERE

Members of Hierarchy Join In Discussing Programs For Public School Students, Training of Catechetical Teachers; Advocate Study Clubs

By JUNE GUNCHEON

Church leaders in religious instruction and organization closed the two-day session of the second annual convention of the National Confraternity of Christian Doctrine held here Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Problems affecting programs of religious instruction for children in public schools, the teaching of religion through projects and visual materials, preparation of study club materials were among the subjects treated by numerous members of the hierarchy and clergy together with nationally prominent educators and lay leaders.

The Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney was host to the Congress. Other members of the Hierarchy in attendance were the following Archbishops: the Most Rev. Michael Joseph O'Brien, Coadjutor Archbishop of Kingston; the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P., S. T. M., of Cincinnati; the Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, Titular Archbishop of Viminacium; the Most Rev. Francis J. L. Beckman of Dubuque; the Most Rev. John Gregory Murray of St. Paul, and the Most Rev. J. C. McGuigan of Toronto.

Following Bishops attended: The Most Rev. Felix Couturier, O. P. of Alexandria, Ontario; the Most Rev. Hugh C. Boyle of Pittsburgh; the Most Rev. Richard O. Gerow of Natchez, Miss.; the Most Rev. William J. Hafey of Raleigh; the Most Rev. Charles D. White of Spokane; the Most Rev. Emmett M. Walsh of Charleston; the Most Rev. Thomas C. O'Reilly of Scranton; the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara of Great Falls, Mont.; the Most Rev. Karl J. Alter of Toledo; the Most Rev. John A. Duffy of Syracuse, and Most Rev. John Thomas Kidd of London.

Major Problem Offered

Speaking on the problem of religious instruction of children in public high schools, Bishop Hafey told the Catechetical delegates that approximately 810,000 Catholic boys and girls are in public high schools, and that caring for their religious instruction must be considered an immediate major work of the Catholic Church in America. Ten years from now, he reminded the people these young men and women will represent a very large percentage of the educated Catholic citizens of the nation. The

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Resolutions Urge Better Rural Life

Resolutions adopted by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference in session here last week and read by the Rev. John LaFarge, S. J., associate editor of America at the banquet marking the close of the convention are as follows:

"The National Catholic Rural Life Conference assembled in its thirteenth annual session, takes this occasion to express the profound appreciation of its officials directors and members for the hospitality extended to them in the city of Rochester, N. Y. by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, whose generous and fatherly interest in the work of the conference has made its sessions possible.

Extend Thanks

They wish likewise to express their gratitude to the Reverend Director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, and to all who have assisted him, as well as to the members of the press for publicity afforded to the work of the Conference, the Reverend Director of Rural Life, the Rev. John M. Ball, to the Director of the Columbus Civic Center, the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, and to all the members of the local arrangements committee, clergy and laity for the admirable arrangements that have provided for every need of the Conference, temporal and spiritual. They wish to include in this expression of gratitude the many members of the Reverend Clergy, the Reverend Brothers, the Sisterhoods and the laity of Rochester and vicinity whose presence and cooperation lent encouragement to their deliberations.

They are also deeply appreciative of the time and trouble taken by the many members of the Most Reverend Hierarchy who have attended these meetings, on whose prayers and counsel they continue to rely.

As a result of the Conference's deliberations, the following matters were judged of special importance for mention and commendation.

Religious Instruction

1. Although the work of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine is applicable to the conditions of Catholic youth in every form of surroundings, it has already proved itself to be an instrument of supreme efficacy in solving the problem of the religiously under-privileged rural child, and as such demands the cordial support of the clergy and people in our rural parishes, thereby fulfilling the urgent regulations of Holy Mother Church concerning the adequate religious instruction of all our children.

2. No system of agricultural economy can be considered sound which does not rest upon the farm home and the family as the natural unit of rural social life. The future of agriculture in the United States rests upon the preservation of the integrity of family life and morals, and Catholics should unite with one another and join with right-minded men and women who are not of the household of the Faith in an earnest effort to de-

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HIS FIRST NATIONAL BROADCAST

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, shown before the microphone in Washington as he delivered a nation-wide broadcast to the Catholic school children of America, talking on "The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine." It was the first time an address by the Papal Delegate had been carried over a national hook-up. The broadcast was heard by delegates to the National Catechetical Congress meeting here. (Rani photo.)

'Green Revolt' To Meet Crisis Advocated by Noted Lay Editor

By ALICE ROGERS

A "Green Revolution" of small, independent farmers co-operating on a healthful spiritual and economic basis will preserve, as nothing else can, the soundness of the social structure in this "crisis-stricken world," of deepening popular unrest and fomenting imperialistic discord.

The above thought, dwelt upon in its various phases throughout the sessions of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference and the National Catechetical Congress of the Confraternity of Christine Doctrine found expression in the elegant language of a man of letters and the incisive comment of a journalist of broad experience, as Michael Williams, editor of Commonweal and noted Catholic lay apologist, addressed the closing banquet of the dual conventions in the auditorium of Columbus Civic Center Wednesday night Oct. 30.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, LL.D., proved a capable toastmaster at the banquet, which was attended by over 800 people. With simple and moving phraseology the Rev. Stephen J. Byrne, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Genesee, the first speaker on the program addressed the gathering on "The Rural Pastorate."

"There is no indignity in the rural pastorate," he declared. "I have come to look upon it as the highest honor. To repay him for loneliness, the rural pastor is enabled to enter into the heart and soul of his people, and he knows that they accept him as friend and guide in the problems of life. Greetings," he concluded, "to the men who are laying in the difficult places and doing God's work."

Crisis Imminent

As a journalist of 25 years experience and personal contact with the violence of revolution in Mexico, Italy and Germany, Michael Williams, the next speaker on the program, spoke fervently of the possibilities of another type of revolution, the "Green Revolution," for restoring society and nations to normality and health.

We are in no ordinary depression, according to Mr. Williams, but "plunged within the vortex of a crisis of the first magnitude." If Americans re-enter upon the path of "selfish individualism," in the opinion of the speaker, "then I believe that within a very few years the people of the United States will

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Mission Teacher's Data Speed Plans For Redfern Quest

Washington (NC) Organized as the result of information supplied the State Department by an attache of a Catholic mission in Dutch Guiana an airplane expedition headed by Maj. Willis Taylor of the Army Aviation Corps in the Canal Zone will leave Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, on Nov. 15 for a flight into the interior to seek Paul Redfern, American aviator, of Rochester, N. Y., who has been missing since an attempted endurance flight to Rio de Janeiro in 1927.

Spurred on by the report of M. A. Melcherts, described as a teacher in a Catholic Mission in Dutch Guiana, transmitted to the State Department through routine consular channels last week, that Redfern was possibly still alive in the jungles of Guiana, the Department summoned William LaVarre, Washington explorer, who has just returned from an expedition into that section of South America. Mr. LaVarre, described as an authority on that section of the New World declared: "I sensed immediately from what I know of the country that this agent had authentic information and that at last we had a definite lead."

Mr. LaVarre has arranged with Major Taylor for the airplane expedition.

Colored Alumni Form Information Society

Philadelphia (NC) A newly formed group under the name of The Catholic Information Society of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Alumni has been formed according to the plan of the Catholic Information Society of Nazareth. The motherhouse of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and colored people is located at Cornwell Heights near here.

This group inaugurated its activities on the Feast of Christ the King by sending the 200 non-Catholic Negroes a letter in which it stated that every month a pamphlet dealing with some Catholic truth or practice commonly unknown or misunderstood will be mailed.

N. Y. COURT UPHOLDS PRESENCE OF BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

New York (NC) Application by Joseph Lewis, president of the Free Thinkers of America, to strike out the answers of the Board of Education upholding the use of the Bible in the public schools and defending the singing of hymns and the use of the school buildings by religious and racial institutions, has been denied by Supreme Court Justice William T. Collins.

New York courts, Justice Collins found, have not ruled directly on the use of the Bible in the public schools, but he quoted from the ruling of a Massachusetts court.

"The Bible has long been in our common schools," this ruling said. "It was placed there as the book best adapted to teach children and youth the principles of piety, justice and a sacred regard for truth, love of their country, humanity and a universal benevolence, sobriety, moderation and temperance. But in doing this no scholar is requested to believe it; none to receive it as the true version of the laws of God."

DeValera Sympthy In U. S. Priest's Death

St. Louis (NC) President Eamonn de Valera, of the Irish Free State, has cabled his sympathy in the death of the Very Rev. Peter J. O'Rourke, pastor of St. Mark's Church, here. Mr. de Valera's message cites Father O'Rourke as "a most faithful supporter of Ireland's cause."

SINISTER AIM IN OLYMPICS SAYS EDITOR

Berlin Games Denounced As Anti-Catholic In Purpose, Peril To Faith

New York (NC) Declaring that the Berlin Olympics of 1936 "have an evident and sinister anti-Catholic purpose," George N. Shuster, managing editor of The Commonweal, will say in this week's issue of that publication that "no Catholic can share in these games either as a participant or a supporter, without aiding and abetting an effort to destroy the Christian faith."

"Here," Mr. Shuster says, "is a fact which the young athletes may not grasp. But a journal like ours, knowing that fact and understanding it, would lose every right to exist if it did not throw itself heart and soul into the cause of enlightenment. We may not be able to stop the harm from being done, but the fault will not then be ours."

He declares that "the Berlin Olympics of 1936 are no ordinary athletic games, but are designed to reveal to the world in a grandiose way what the Third Reich has done for the adolescent male." "Being what they are," he adds, "the Berlin Olympics have an evident and sinister anti-Catholic purpose. It is not merely a question of the persistent violent hostility of Hitlerism to the Church, a hostility which has sent hundreds of the faithful to death or into exile, which has rendered the life of the clergy a continuous martyrdom, and which has impoverished and ruined hundreds of thousands. No—these games are to set the seal of approval upon the radically anti-Christian Nazi doctrine of youth."

Mr. Shuster directs attention to declarations of Nazi spokesmen concerning the forthcoming games including the assertion that "the object of this pageant is the glorification of National-Socialism as the up-to-date 'religion of youth'." "That the 'religion of youth' expounded by Dr. Goebbels has its antithesis in the Catholic conception of life is a truism which ought to be sufficiently evident," Mr. Shuster adds.

The article says that Catholic youth groups were specifically promised government protection by the terms of the Concordat between the Reich and the Holy See, but that "as a matter of fact, ruthless suppression has been Hitler's watchword." "Nazis," it adds "abrogated by force one of the fundamental provisions of the Concordat and undid the work of more

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Notable Conversion

Frank W. Stearns, prominent Boston merchant and political sponsor of President Calvin Coolidge, who has been received into the Catholic Church. Mr. Stearns was adviser to the late President at the White House. His son, Foster Stearns, an Episcopalian minister, became a Catholic in 1911.

NUN OPPOSES U. S. HOSPITAL BUILDING AID

San Francisco—(NC)—Opposition to the recommendations of the Committee on Economic Security that funds for the construction of public hospitals be provided as part of the Government's public works' program was voiced by Sister John Gabriel, of Providence Hospital, Seattle, at the session of the Congress of the American College of Surgeons here last week.

"How can our Government," she asked, "in full knowledge of the fact that our hospitals are operating with a 60 per cent bed occupancy, think of erecting more hospitals at the taxpayers' expense, when, if a fraction of the sum that will be used for that purpose were made available to existing private institutions they could carry on and serve the patients needing bed care?"

Need of some form of social insurance was discussed by Sister John Gabriel.

First Step Is Taken Toward National Catholic U. In Spain

Madrid (NC) In the ancient University of Complutense of Alcala founded by Cardinal Cisneros in the fifteenth century, the Center of University Studies, popularly known as the CEU, has inaugurated its courses as the first step toward the future Catholic University of Spain.

One hundred students, 30 professors, the local authorities headed by the Governor and many distinguished persons assembled in the historic auditorium of the once famous university, so long empty and lifeless, although the building itself is a jewel of Spanish architecture.

POPE BLESSES GUILDS

London (NC) The Holy Father has sent his blessing to the fourteenth annual national conference of the Catholic Evidence Guilds, held at Manchester. Eight of the English Bishops sent messages of encouragement.

PRESS STORIES POPE ASKS ITALY RULE OF ETHIOPIA DISPROVED

Italian Catholic Paper, Not Holy Father, Makes Statements Incorrectly Carried By Secular News Agencies in U. S.

By MSGR. ENRICO PUCCI

Vatican City Correspondent, N. C. News Service

Vatican City—(NC Cable)—Some sections of the press in the United States which, having seen certain statements in Civilta Cattolica, attributed them directly to His Holiness Pope Pius XI, had no basis for doing this.

Moreover, whereas these papers say that a Civilta article will urge that Italy be granted a mandate over Ethiopia, the article as a matter of fact says that if the League of Nations judges a mandate necessary, the mandate should be given to Italy. This is a very different thing from what the papers say.

Civilta Cattolica is a magazine founded and directed by the Jesuit Fathers. It is very authoritative. It is noted for the ability of its writers and for the care which goes into its statements concerning doctrines and opinions. But the Pope has never directed its policy.

The issue of Civilta Cattolica to which American press reports have made reference is that for November 2. It contains a review of the pamphlet "Must War Come?" published in London by John Epstein, Founder of the Catholic Council for International Relations and a prominent member of the League of Nations Union. Civilta then quotes from the discourse which Pope Pius XI delivered to a large group of war veterans on September 7 last, as follows: "The Pope prays for peace and does his utmost to procure, preserve and spread peace, and desires that with peace the hopes and exigencies and needs of a great and good people which his people may be recognized, but with justice and peace."

Then Civilta adds, as its own opinion, the following:

"If the League of Nations judges a mandate for Ethiopia to be necessary to help her in the abolition of slavery and in the reorganization of her civil administration, it would be in accord with justice and prudence to entrust it to Italy, which has rights and conditions in its favor, such as the fact that up to now Italy has had no mandate, while other nations have had so many. So not only a European conflict, but Colonial war itself would be avoided."

Also in chronicling events, Civilta refers to the abolition of slavery in Ethiopian territory now occupied by Italians, and adds:

"Italy, which Geneva wanted to punish as violating the covenant, is welcomed as a liberator by the native people, and the League of Nations, while it proclaims itself the protector of aggrieved peoples, permits the enslaver of the people to be supplied with arms and attempts to bar the way to Italy, abolisher of slavery according to the spirit and letter of the covenant."

ARCHBISHOP IN ENGLAND DEFENDS POPE

London—(NC)—[illegible]

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"Mr. Warner's letter [illegible] of today [illegible] easy to explain the [illegible] present Italo-Ethiopian [illegible] one who is not only a [illegible] Sovereign but also the Head of the [illegible]

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200 Converts In One Confirmation Class

Chicago—A class of 250, more than 200 of whom are converts in the last two years, will be confirmed by the Most Rev. William D. O'Brien, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, next Sunday, in St. Anselm's (Colored) Church.

All races and classes of people are represented in the class. These converts are the fruit of mission work at St. Anselm's under the direction of the Society of the Divine Word. The Rev. Joseph F. Eckert, S.V.D., is pastor.

Irish Missionaries Depart For Africa

Dublin—(NC)—There [illegible] impressive farewell [illegible] at the North Wall quay, Dublin [illegible] twelve young missionary priests under the direction of the Rev. William Cannon, of [illegible] Nigeria, took leave of their relations and friends before departing for the African Missions.

At the Church of the African Missions, Old [illegible] Road, Cork, before a crowded congregation, the [illegible] from all parts of Ireland [illegible] left to Cork [illegible] Benediction. [illegible] will serve in the [illegible] sions and [illegible] them in the Gold Coast.

Priest Declines Offer Of [illegible]

London—(NC)—[illegible]

FORMER GOV. RITCHIE PRAISES WORK OF SISTERS OF CHARITY

Baltimore—(NC)—A tribute to the work of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul was paid by former Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, in an address at a concert given by four and five year old children from the St. Vincent Infant Asylum. The address was broadcast over the radio.

Some of the children who took part in the program are orphans, others are foundlings. Mr. Ritchie shook hands with each of them and thanked the Sisters for their work at the home.

"What recompense, besides the joy of service, do they receive?" Mr. Ritchie, in commending the Sisters of Charity, asked. "Little in the worldly sense of the word. They have contracted a large debt to assume the burdens which really belong to others. They suffer anxiety; they deprive themselves so that their little ones may have everything they can give. They struggle to make ends meet; they must count every penny. They make every possible sacrifice for the comfort of those to whom they have dedicated their lives.

"The very family names of these Sisters of Charity are unknown. In their work of ministering to the little orphans and foundlings they conceal their identity. They are carrying on the high traditions which have marked their order for 300 years, and which have inspired Sisters of Charity to go to all corners of the world to care for the sick and the needy, the orphans, the insane, the [illegible] ers."

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