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DIOCESAN-WIDE STUDY CLUBS AIM OF MOVEMENT IN FEBRUARY

CONJECTURE FOLLOWS TALK BY PRESIDENT

His Words on Intolerance Considered in View of Mexican Situation

Washington (NC) What the significance may be of President Roosevelt's statement, in his address to Congress, on the exertion of "legitimate" and "moral" influence to bring about the modification of the policies of foreign governments, has led to some discussion, especially with reference to the Mexican situation.

He said, "We have sought by every legitimate means to exert our moral influence against repression, against intolerance and against autocracy and in favor of freedom of expression equality before the law religion, tolerance and popular rule."

The inference is drawn by some that the allusion to religious tolerance is aimed principally at Mexico and the President's statement was in the nature of an explanation that legitimate" and "moral" effort had been exerted, to soften the asperities of Mexico's anti-religious policy and was also an answer to the criticism that he had not taken a sufficiently firm stand in supporting religious tolerance in the neighboring republic. Those making this assumption think, possibly the President meant to convey the information that he had done all he could do within the limitations of diplomacy and that he was serving notice upon Mexico of the disapproval of the United States.

On the other hand, he mentioned no nation specifically, and this recalls that on previous occasions the president's words on religious tolerance have been carefully general. Indeed, the vigorous K. of C letter on Mexico was sent immediately after his San Diego speech in which he championed tolerance and did not mention Mexico specifically. Accordingly, there are now many who, while admitting that a direct reference to Mexico was not to be expected in the address to Congress, insist that no special Mexican importance should be attached to the reference to intolerance. These are the persons who are still insistent that the President should directly and definitely bring out the displeasure caused in this country by the Mexican persecution of religion. They insist his latest word may, and should be applied to several countries, and taken only at their face value.

That condemnation of intolerance and championing of tolerance were included in the address, even if general rather than specific, has of course been gratifying to many.

Has 'Model Plant'

Rev. Frank C. Krauss, secretary to the Most Rev. J. B. Jeanmard, Bishop of Lafayette, La., and diocesan director of the Catholic Youth Movement there. Father Krauss is an active worker in behalf of the Catholic Boy Scouts. He has established a model plant in one of the parishes to serve as a model for the Catholic Youth Movement throughout the diocese.

SEES PARENTS FORM OF LAY PRIESTHOOD

Child Prepared in Family Sanctuary for Destiny Says Fr. Schmiedeler

Washington (NC) The parent form "the lay priesthood in it's most glorious form," declared the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmiedeler O.S.B. Director of the Family Life Section, N.C.W.C. Social Action Department in the course of his address over the "Church of the Air" period of the Columbia Broadcasting System Sunday. Dr. Schmiedeler called attention to the fact that the Feast of the Holy Family will be celebrated next Sunday.

Speaking on "For Better For Worse" Dr. Schmiedeler declared that no priest could speak to the little one so tenderly and sympathetically as the mother who is imbued with the love of God. "No priest," he went on, can speak to him so heartily and effectively as the father who has the spiritual welfare of his child at heart. When in the faces of father and mother there shines forth reverence for intermingles freely in the family circle with love therein then the image of Christ unfolds itself in the child's heart unnoticed like the unfolding of a flower. He is being prepared in the family sanctuary for his eternal destiny. He is being truly made a child of God an heir to His Kingdom. Should we wonder that God and His Church should honor the family that they hold dignify marriage and the Home."

"Marriage Is God-Made

Asserting that marriage is God-made not man-made, Dr. Schmiedeler said that even in its natural condition, marriage oversteps the boundaries and limitations of earth and its powers," needing God "in a special sense to complete it." God has dignified Christian marriage even infinitely more, he added.

"Thank God, there are many homes in which these Christian ideals of marriage and family life are most faithfully observed today," he continued. "And these are success ful homes. They are happy homes. They are homes which in the truest sense are for better not for worse. In the love of husband and wife of father and mother always before one finds a Divine circle in which the love of husband and wife of father and mother always before one finds a Divine circle in which the love of husband and wife of father and mother always before one finds a Divine circle in which