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Refuting Current Misstatement Clearing Current Misunderstanding

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THE CONVERSION OF QUEEN ASTRID

WHAT DOES CHURCH REQUIRE IN CASE OF MIXED MARRIAGE OF A ROYAL COUPLE? MARRIAGE NOT CONDITIONAL UPON CONVERSION OF NON-CATHOLIC

CIVIL CEREMONY REQUIRED BY LAW FREELY SOUGHT INSTRUCTION

The full story of the betrothal, marriage and conversion of Queen Astrid, whose tragic death evoked world-wide sympathy for King Leopold and the Belgian people, is told for the first time by His Eminence Cardinal Van Roey, Archbishop of Malines, in a recent issue of Le Royan.

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A summary translation of the article will be of interest to the readers of the CATHOLIC COURIER, both for these reasons and because of the complete and touching circumstances now revealed.

It will be noticed that the Queen had already been married two years when she asked for a priest to bless her. The solemnity of the Catholic Church, and that two years more elapsed before she became a Catholic.

Translation. It is early in September, 1926, of a young couple that Cardinal Van Roey learned of the marriage of Duke of Brabant then to the Belgian throne.

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YOUTH GROUPS DEALT BLOW BY NAZIS

Arrests, Violence Mark End of 3-Year Effort To Undermine Faith

Amsterdam (NG)—Their three-year-long effort to undermine the faith and courage of Catholic Youth groups having failed completely despite constant pressure and the use of many means of persecution and discrimination, the Nazi authorities in Germany once more have reverted to brutal violence in their attempt to crush the valiant champions of religious freedom according to information received here.

The leaders of Catholic Youth groups have consistently opposed the totalitarian claims of the dictatorial German regime once more are being the brunt of the attack. With characteristic suddenness, some of the youth leaders of Catholic Youth in Berlin and the Rhineland, with Monsignor Ludwig Wolter of Dueseldorf at their head were arrested last week and accused of "subversive communistic activities."

Fathers Hendricks and Basso in the Rhineland and Dueseldorf areas, both Catholic Youth leaders, had been arrested a few days previously the police charging a search of their homes had resulted in the finding of incriminating documents showing communications with communistic organizations.

To anyone familiar with the exemplary allegiance of the Catholic Youth groups to the Fatherland and Catholic principles which are directly opposed to communist doctrine, the charges of the Nazi authorities appear ridiculous.

It is well known that the latest blow in a long drawn out campaign which aims at the destruction of the Independent Catholic associations. Preceding these latest measures obviously intended as a death blow, came the suppression of the Catholic Youth groups.

Her present position is that she has no objection to the conversion of the Princess of later she should be desirous of embracing Catholicism. The question of conversion was not raised either at the time of the betrothal or at the time of the marriage.

Crusaders End Drive In Deluge of Orders

Driving down to the finish line in a brilliant climax to a spectacular campaign, the embattled legions of Crusaders in the CATHOLIC COURIER'S subscription drive flooded headquarters with a deluge of last-minute entries as the bells of midnight tolled.

From every section of the diocese came scores of subscriptions in the last minute rush which provided the answer of the Crusaders to the final rally call sounded by class leaders over the weekend.

So tremendous was this response that the 15,000 boys and girls enlisted in the CATHOLIC COURIER'S Students Catholic Press Crusade will not be able to announce a complete report of all prize winners for several weeks.

CITES CATHOLIC PLAN FOR RACE DEALINGS

Philadelphia (NG)—Integral Catholicism, the complete and wholly consistent practice of the Faith in dealings with all men without exception, was proposed by the Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Corrigan, pastor of St. Charles, Bureau Summery, Overbrook, Pa., at the meeting of the Conference Committee on Negro Welfare here Wednesday, as the only possible program for Catholics to endorse in their relations between the white and colored races.

The only solution, said Mr. Corrigan, is the Catholic solution which will recognize no discriminations. Msgr. Corrigan's remarks were prompted by reports disseminated at the meeting concerning the activities of various lay groups in Philadelphia in promoting interracial unity.

Success was likewise had in the discussion upon the number and variety of new activities that were being undertaken on behalf of the Negro, spiritual welfare particularly in the various cities. These were brought out in several articles in the press and periodicals, including an address and presentation by the Negro Catholic in Philadelphia, which was read in the same and, cooperation of the Rev. Msgr. Corrigan, was the proposal of material services of lay groups sponsoring the work of local churches, among them, the promotion of the devotion to Blessed Martin de Porres, saint of the color.

With the appointment of Bishop Adrien every Sec in the United States is now filled a rare occurrence.

INTEREST HIGH IN DIOCESE FOR STUDY

Response To Discussion Club Plan In Deaneeries Spurs Movement

Wholehearted participation of pastors and priests in a Lenten program for Discussion Study Clubs and enthusiastic response of laymen have given vigorous impetus to the Discussion Study Club movement throughout the Diocese.

At all meetings announcements representative of the series of radio talks being on "The Confessions of the Mass," the subject topic assigned for study clubs. The Rev. Dr. William T. Mahoney, C. M. R., regent of Rochester Diocese, Niagara University is giving the radio lectures over station WHAM, Sundays, 12:15 to 12:30 p. m.

The first series of Deaneery meetings ended on Feb. 14 with an assemblage of leaders and potential leaders in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Danville for the presentation of the Rev. Leo C. Hofschneider, pastor of St. Mary's Church.

Despite a heavy snowfall and severe weather which prevented representatives from other parishes from being present, there were 60 leaders in attendance at the Danville meeting. Leaders were present from St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parishes.

GENEVA MEETING. The series of meetings outside the Diocese began with a meeting held at St. Francis de Sales parish hall, Geneva, Presiding was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, dean, who announced the purpose of the meeting was to present, in theory and practice the procedure of the discussion study club.

On the following afternoon the study club of Deshler High School were told of the wide spread development of religious study groups in the United States, Canada and Europe.

MEXICAN BISHOPS SEND PLEA TO PRELATES OF U. S., SPAIN, BRITAIN AND LATIN AMERICA

Letter Signed by All Members of Hierarchy Asks Special Prayers for Relief from Persecution; Instances of Oppression Cited

Mexico City—The Mexican Hierarchy has addressed a letter to the Bishops of the United States, England, Spain, Latin America and the Philippines, appealing for prayers for the relief of the persecuted Catholics of this country.

The letter asks that special prayers be said after all Masses in all churches during the month of March for the relief of suffering Mexican Catholics. The Bishops voice "from the uttermost depths of our souls" their gratitude for the prayers and protests of the Hierarchy.

In a special manner we are most appreciative of what you, the Prelates of the United States, have done so clearly and so effectively to ease our sufferings both through the public prayers that you have ordered, your generous donations, and also what you have contributed in making public the names of those who are suffering.

All these facts have come to demonstrate once more the union of the Church, the most intimate that can exist since it springs spontaneously from the bond of charity through which we form the Mystical Body of Christ, the visible head of which on earth is the common Father of all the Sovereign Pontiff.

Persecution has not disappeared for the Church is not enjoying the restoration of civil laws which should be afforded her in other words the Church does not have her right by natural and divine law. In effect, according to the Constitution in force, there is no freedom of religion.

Catholic Employers' League Notes 10th Year In Belgium. Antwerp. The Catholic Employers' League has just observed the tenth anniversary of its establishment.

Lenten Regulations To Be Issued Sunday

Annual letter of the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, announcing the beginning of the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday Feb. 22 will be read at all Missions on Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb. 22.

IOWA PRIEST NAMED BISHOP OF NASHVILLE

Washington (NG)—The Rev. William L. Adrien, pastor of St. Bridget, Church, York, Ia. and formerly Vice President of St. Ambrose College, Des Moines, Ia., has been appointed Bishop of Nashville according to word received here from Vatican City.

Fr. Vaughn Last of Line Dies in England at 62. London (NG)—The Rev. Dr. Herbert Vaughn, last of the long and famous clerical line of Vaughns in the Catholic Church in England, died here early Sunday morning. He underwent an operation on the brain recently. He was 62 years old.

Study Club Meetings CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE. GENEVA—St. Francis de Sales School. AUBURN—Holy Family School. ITHACA—Immaculate Conception Hall. ELMIRA—St. Peter and Paul's School. HORNELL—St. Ann's School. ROCHESTER—Columbus Civic Center.

MAYOR CALLS EDITOR FOR STRIKE INQUIRY

Brooklyn (NG)—Patrick E. Scanlan, nationally known managing editor of the Brooklyn Tablet, one of four persons named by Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia to investigate the reason for conditions surrounding the May's department store strike here and to report to him.

Other members of the committee are Christopher C. Malloch, editor of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, and Rosalie Lora Whitney. The Mayor has assigned to the committee a Deputy Commissioner of Accounts who has power of subpoena.

It is probable that the committee will meet on Feb. 22 at a meeting held at the Hotel Hamilton, New York. The Mayor's office has been maintained outside the premises week after week.

FAIRER ONTARIO SCHOOL TAX PLAN IS PROMISED. The end of a controversy lasting more than a quarter of a century is promised by the Ontario Government's aim to reduce the tax on corporations.

YEAR IN PENITENTIARY FOR IMPERSONATOR OF RELIGIOUS CANVASSER

Ridgewood, N. Y. (NG)—Edward J. Moran, convicted of petit larceny and impersonating a Franciscan Brother, was sentenced to one year in the Erie County Penitentiary to the Judge, Hugh R. McCann of Erie County.

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Against Movie Censorship Through Legalizing Lists. New York (NG)—Any extension of censorship powers already granted might be applied to the motion picture industry.

SPAIN LEFTISTS HAVE EDGE IN EARLY RETURNS

Madrid (NG)—Cable in Sunday's edition of the Leftists triumphed in Madrid, Barcelona, all Catalonia and Bilbao.

Several persons have been killed and there have been other incidents of violence. The Government in general is acting strongly in an effort to maintain order.

Exiled Mexican Sisters Found School in U. S.

Fresno, Calif. (NG)—Mexican Sisters belonging to the Compania de Maria, who came here in 1926 following exile from their native land have established a new home.

World Catholic Press Exhibition Opens May 12

Rome (NG)—The inauguration of the World Catholic Press Exhibition will be held for May 12, the Feast of St. Achille and St. Nereus, the names-day of the Holy Father.

Missionaries Are Sent To Dominican Republic

Quebec (NG)—The Rev. Auguste Cadoux, M. S. C., has left Quebec for the Dominican Republic.