

Moral Force Embracing All Creeds Needed, K. C. Hear

Latest News Items

Vatican City—(NC CABLE)—His Holiness Pope Pius XI probably will hold a Consistory in May to impose the red hat on His Eminence Francesco Cardinal Magagnoli, who has been Papal Nuncio to Poland; His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, who has been Papal Nuncio to France; His Eminence Enrico Cardinal Sibilini, who has been Papal Nuncio to Austria, and His Eminence Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, who has been Papal Nuncio to Spain.

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PRAGMATISM FLAYED BY SPEAKER

Dr. Armstrong Advocates Substitution of Scholastic Philosophy To Avert Ruin

IRISH, JEWS LAUDED FOR FAITH

Blasina To release America from the clutches of pragmatic philosophy and opportunism there is needed a strong moral force embracing all creeds, Dr. John C. Armstrong, professor of English and history at St. Bonaventure College, declared before 278 men at the annual St. Patrick's Day banquet of the St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus at the Mark Twain hotel Sunday evening, Mar. 15.

"America," he said, "has been cursed by the doctrine of pragmatism for 75 years. It is the deadly gospel of the convenient, the expedient, the agreeable, making success the supreme aim of conduct. It is a form of opportunism which inevitably will lead any nation to ruin."

In the place of pragmatism Dr. Armstrong would substitute a scholastic philosophy—a philosophy of people who hold that righteousness exalts a nation.

He agreed with the remarks of George S. Crandall, editor of The Star-Gazette and an introductory speaker, who indicated a fear for the future safety of free speech, free assembly and freedom of the press. "I share the implied pessimism of Mr. Crandall," he said, "I hope for the best, but I am starting to get ready for the worst."

"We have been worshipping the god of things as we want them to be and not as they ought to be and though the world may be crashing about our heads we continue to look for help to this god of our creation."

The Irish he described as a "mythic people with an enthusiastic devotion to an ideal binding them to their Maker." They were won to Christianity, he said, as no other nation had ever been won before or since. He saw a close resemblance between the Irishman and the Jew in the purity of their faith. "Both of these groups have been the marvel of people of other nations and the astonishment of those who do not believe in their own strength."

"We need the philosophy of individual reward for individual effort, the philosophy that made our country great. We need a sense of values and the solidity of men of our faith men who are secure in their own identity and are not plagued by disturbing doubts. We need a recognition of the utter interdependence of society. No longer can we tolerate intolerance or let differences of opinion over religion interfere with American citizenship."

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HOLY FATHER WILL ASSIST HOLY WEEK IN VATICAN RITES

Vatican City—(NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XI will assist as usual at the solemn ceremonies to be held in the Sistine Chapel on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, and on Easter Sunday will celebrate a solemn Pontifical Mass in the Vatican Basilica. Following the Mass on Easter Sunday, the Holy Father will impart his blessing from an exterior balcony.

Reversing Act, Board Votes To Grant School Bus Bid

New York (NC)—Reversing its decision of two weeks before, the Board of Education has approved a request of the Board of Estimate that free bus transportation be provided for physically handicapped pupils of all free public schools, religious as well as tax-supported. Authorization of this transportation for physically handicapped children was lost two weeks before, when a motion to provide it

OPEN UNIQUE 'CENTRE' FOR CATHOLICS

AUBURN GROUP INAUGURATE NEW PLAN

Center Catholic Activity At One Address; Handle Auburn News for Courier

Auburn, N. Y.—A plan for a Catholic "Centre" embracing art and literature, the Catholic Centre, a new organization in the service of Catholics in the Auburn area, was inaugurated this morning March 17, at 12 East Main street here.

Direct New Auburn "Centre"



Visitors to the "Catholic Centre," opened on the 17th today in Auburn were greeted by John H. Welch and Edward H. Blumrick. Mr. Welch is a graduate of Mechanics Institute, Rochester, and active in Catholic circles in Auburn. Mr. Blumrick is also widely known for Catholic activity in his home city and was formerly with the Imperial Recreation Parlors of Auburn.

Importance of Coming Catholic Educational Convention Stressed

New York (NC)—The importance of the convention of the National Catholic Educational Association, to be held here April 11 to 16, was stressed by the Rev. William R. Kille, chairman of the local convention committee, at a meeting of the committee here.

"There is no question," he said, "but that recent changes in our economic and social life have profoundly affected the world of education. We are now living through one of the most critical periods in history."

Among the various units of the Centre will be a department devoted to the study of the life of St. Thomas Aquinas, the influence of the medieval scholasticism on the development of Catholic thought.

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SILVER WORRY FOR MEXICO RULERS

Foreign Bondholders' Case Difficulties with Mormons Bring Former U. S. Envoy There

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Mexico City Reuben J. Clark, former American Ambassador to Mexico representing the Foreign Bondholders' Protective Council, and George Rublee representing the International Committee of Bankers, have had an interview with Minister of Hacienda Eduardo Suarez and to be the first of a series of interviews for the purpose of discussing the silver problem which is of the utmost importance to Mexico. Rumor has it that Mr. Clark also seeks some sort of understanding between the Government and the Mormon colonies in the State of Chihuahua.

Further trouble has occurred as the result of seizure by Agrarians of several hundred acres of rich land in the Tlaxcala Valley belonging to the Mormon's Juárez officials. The land has been allotted to the Agrarians by Paul Dominguez, Chief of the Agrarian Department of the Chihuahua Government. Dominguez was bondholders in that section have no alternative but to sell.

The Mormons came from Utah over 30 years ago but unless present difficulties are ironed out, they may have to follow the example of the Mormons who are being urged to abandon their fertile well-titled lands and move to Canada.

The pressure brought to bear upon the Government by employer interests and their sharp criticism of President Lazaro Cardenas' measures to labor resulted in the latter's making a radio address Saturday evening in which he attempted to recall every argument contained in the memorial sent to him by industrial, commercial and banking interests. This memorial expressed the collapse of the national economic stability, the result of frequent attacks of labor against capital.

The memorial, signed by the officers of nine Chambers of Commerce, asserted that agricultural credit in Mexico is being restricted for industry and commerce is restricted private property rights are invaded and an atmosphere of distrust, uncertainty and unrest prevails. It recalls the President's statements that the laws are to be modified with but charges that such intention is not often borne out in practice. Judges of the Supreme Court, it alleges, are "subjected to the influence of the industrialists before they are judges and interpret the law in such a way as to cause serious injury to the employer. For the same reason the law is interpreted to the advantage of the industrialists."

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NON-CATHOLIC TUTOR DEPLORES DIVORCE EFFECT ON CHILDREN

London.—The difficulty of teaching a child in the absence of a father is a problem which is becoming more acute every day. A non-Catholic tutor, who has been teaching for several years, has expressed his views on the subject. He said that the children of divorced parents are often neglected and that the mother's influence is often weakened. He deplored the effect of divorce on children, saying that it often leads to a lack of discipline and a loss of respect for authority.

LISTING OF COMMUNISTS ON BALLOTS IS OPPOSED

London.—(NC) Declaration that the Communist Party is not American and that it is a threat to the security of the United States, should be included on the ballots of the United States in the coming election, has been opposed by a group of non-Communist citizens.

NCCW Opposes Block Booking Congress Committee Hears

Washington.—(NC) Block booking, a system of distributing motion pictures to theaters, is being opposed by the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The committee is considering a bill which is designed to make it possible for each commu-

BILL WILL SANCTION TRIAL MARRIAGES, BAR GROUP CLAIMS

Intention of the bill now pending in the State Legislature would sanction "cocktail marriages," declares the Committee on State Legislation of the Bar of New York City.

U. S. SUPREME COURT JUDGES ATTEND FUNERAL OF CATHOLIC MESSENGER

Washington.—(NC)—Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, Associate Justice Willis Van Devanter and several other members of the United States Supreme Court attended a funeral service at St. Augustine's Church today for Edouard O. Burke, a Catholic messenger of the Chief Justice.

Period of Prayer Urged On Radio in Montreal

Montreal.—(NC) A group of Catholics in Montreal has launched a campaign to have ten minutes each evening reserved for a Montreal station for an evening prayer to be listened to by children throughout the Province of Quebec.

Way of Cross in Hawaii Said in Three Languages

Honolulu, T. H.—(NC) The Way of the Cross is read in three languages at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace here on Fridays during Lent. At 2 p. m. the language employed is English, at 3 p. m. Hawaiian and at 7 p. m. Portuguese. On Sunday evenings the language used is English.

Only Girl Leader COMMUNISM TOPIC OF MEET

Seven Catholic Colleges Will Participate; Rochester Girl Among Speakers Scheduled

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Crusade Bulletin

Still coming into Crusade Headquarters, excellent reports of work done in parishes, where it was impossible to conduct a campaign during the prescribed time for the Students' Catholic Press Crusade.

Latest to report is St. Michael's parish, Penn Yan, N. Y., where under the able leadership of the Rev. John G. Kilgore, pastor, a total of 83 orders was reported, this week.

School Crusade Award Arrives



Emblematic of their prowess in the Students' Catholic Press Crusade in which St. John the Evangelist School was a division leader is the beautiful statue of St. Francis de Sales shown here being delivered for placing in a prominent place in the school. Happy with the children over the winning of the statue is the Rev. John B. Sullivan, pastor, who took a personal interest in the campaign for the CATHOLIC COURIER, conducted by pupils of his school—identical awards have been delivered to other school winners in the Crusade.

Only Girl Leader



Recent plans of Constantine Parish of St. Patrick's School, Oswego, N. Y. who was the only girl winner among the seven division leaders in the recent Students' Catholic Press Crusade, conducted by the CATHOLIC COURIER.

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M. Risley Is Named New Aide To David Goldstein

Boston.—(NC) Marius Risley, of Detroit, has been selected to assist David Goldstein of Boston, director of the Catholic Campaigners for Christ, in the work of carrying the Catholic message to the man in the street.

JOURNALISTS AFFILIATE

Quebec.—(NC) The new Professional Syndicate of Journalists of Quebec has affiliated with the General Council of Catholic Syndicates of Quebec.