

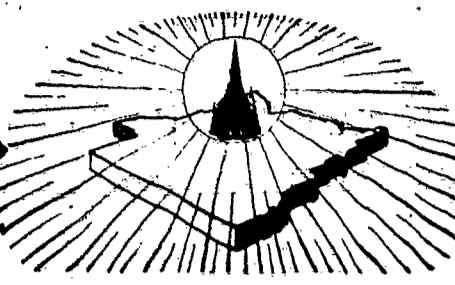
# Moral Force Embracing All Creeds Needed, K. C. Hear

## 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 Sibilla, who has been Papal Nuncio to Austria; and His Eminence Federico Cardinal Tedeschi, 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

Rushin 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's 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. 18.

"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 believe 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 astonishing thing about the Irish is their enthusiasm for the religious ideal manifesting itself in missionary work. They are inward drive urging them to spread their deep, sincere religion to all the earth."

"Swirling with anxious concern to the future of America, the psychology and philosophy professor said that the nation had drifted far from the things its founders had intended. "We as Christians must pull together to see that our nation is brought back to the place where she belongs. Our country needs the mystic, poetical spirit of the Irish whose souls are tuned to the sound of the beating of the wings of angels," he said.

"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.

It is probable that His Holiness will go to the Basilica of St. John Lateran on Ascension Day to assist at a solemn Mass and to commemorate the Board of Estimates founder of the Basilica.

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## 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 photo of Constantine P. 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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# 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 first of its kind in the State, the Catholic Centre, a new organization for the service of Catholics in Auburn, was inaugurated last evening, March 17, at 12 Broad street here.

With the encouragement and support of the city and the Catholic community, the centre was organized by Rev. H. Welch and Edward H. Blumrick, who have planned to make the center a place where Catholics may meet to discuss their religious and social concerns.

The centre will be directed by Mr. Robert Woodring of the Wolfing in the center.



**JOHN H. WELCH**  
Visitors to the "Catholic Centre," opened on the 17th day 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.



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## SILVER WORRY FOR MEXICO RULERS

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

By CHARLES BETICO  
Mexico City Correspondent, N. Y. C. News Service

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 Mexican Foreign Minister Eduardo Suarez and will 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, both Mormon and Mexican colonies in that State have rejected the Socialist education curriculum required in all schools, whether public or private.

Further trouble has occurred as the result of seizure by Agrarian of several hundred acres of rich land in the Tlaxcala Valley belonging to the Mormon's Juanes officials. The land has been allotted to the Agrarians by Paul Dominguez, Chief of the Agrarian Department of the Chihuahua Government. Dominguez was bondholder in that section but has 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 making arrangements to abandon their fertile well-titled lands and move to Canada.

Reply of President

The pressure brought to bear upon the Government by employer interests and their sharp criticism of President Lázaro Cardenas' measures to labor resulted in the latter's making a radio address last evening in which he attempted to recall every argument contained in the memorial sent to him by industrial, commercial and banking interests. The memorial denounced the collapse of the business economy stability, the loss 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 in a deplorable state, that industry and commerce is restricted, private property rights are invaded, and an atmosphere of distrust, uncertainty and unrest prevails. It recalls the President's statement that the laws are to be modified but charges that modification is not often borne out in practice. Judges of the Supreme Court, it alleges, are "subject to the whims of the government" before they are judges and interpret the law in such a way as to cause serious injury to the employer. For the reasons given, it is an emergency measure to call a constituent assembly. The same charge is made against the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration and the outcome of their decisions is to encourage

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## 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 Edward G. Burke, Catholic messenger of the Chief Justice.

Burke had been contacted with the Supreme Court for 20 years when his health began to fail. Chief Justice Hughes had transferred to a less exacting duty, a doorman at the marshals' entrance to the court.

Marshal Frank Keel Green and Charles Eugene Cropley, clerk of the court, also attended the service.

## 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.

## 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.

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## NON-CATHOLIC TUTOR DEPLORES DIVORCE EFFECT ON CHILDREN

London—The difficulty of teaching in a non-Catholic school is increased by the rise of the divorce rate. Mr. M. G. McKee, who has been teaching in a non-Catholic school for 15 years, has deplored the effect on children of the children whose parents are divorced. He said that if the children could learn to live with the divorce, they would not be so troubled by the divorce.

## LISTING OF COMMUNISTS ON BALLOTS IS OPPOSED

London—(NC) Declaration that the Communist Party is not American, and that it is a menace to the liberties of the United States, should be placed on the ballot of the United States, according to an editorial published by the Red Cross in the New York Times. The editorial said that the Communist Party is a menace to the liberties of the United States, and that it is not American.

## NCCW Opposes Block Booking Congress Committee Hears

Washington—(NC) Block booking, or the practice of reserving seats in motion pictures for certain exhibitors, was condemned by a committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference at a hearing of the House Interstate Commerce Committee by Mrs. Margaret Egan, Executive Secretary of the N. C. W. C.

The committee is considering the Egan bill, which is designed to make it possible for each exhibitor

## BILL WILL SANCTION TRIAL MARRIAGES, BAR GROUP CLAIMS

Intent of the bill is to sanction trial marriages, the Williamson Bill now pending in the State Legislature would sanction "cocktail marriages," declares the Committee on State Legislation of the Bar of New York City.

The Williamson bill provides that an interval of 24 hours exist between the signing of a marriage license and the solemnization of the marriage, and would give the priest or minister of the faith 24 hours to object to the marriage if he or she is not satisfied with the parties.

## 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.

The movement has the approval of religious authorities and petitions are being circulated especially among college-men and women to obtain the signatures of those favoring the proposed broadcast.

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