

U. S. CATHOLICS GAIN 212,136 IN POPULATION

THE CAPITAL LETTER

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WASHINGTON The next important step in the program of social legislation inaugurated by the President will undoubtedly be the creation of low cost houses for persons now living in the overcrowded sections of cities.

Senator Wagner is the sponsor of a bill to that end. It would provide for the expenditure of approximately \$500,000,000 over a period of years. This measure is not being specifically endorsed by the Administration and will not be passed during the present session of Congress, but it serves the purpose of paving the way for consideration of the subject when the next Congress meets.

If the Federal Government goes into the housing of a family, the Federal Government should also provide for the entrance of the Federal Government into the field of building private home construction on a national scale. The construction of low cost housing is a matter to be dealt with by the Federal Government.

As a matter of fact, whether the Federal Government goes into housing or not, it is probable according to building trades that the building of American cities will be one of the outstanding features of the next decade. It had to be so during the depression which hit practically all building activities.

Further evidence that sentiment in the States is in favor of a Federal program of housing is a letter to the present League which calls for the going into the building of homes in the Federal Government.

A modern method of business is to get out of jail.

Papal Encyclicals Point Out Way To Union of Workers

Leo XIII Said Workers Have Right To Organize, While Pius XI Declared For Occupational Organizations; Dr. Haas Urges Autonomous Unions

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In 1891 the Encyclical "The Condition of Labor" said plainly that workers have the right to form unions. In 1931, "Quadragesimo Anno" went much further. It said that workers have the right to organize and the additional right to form occupational organizations. Of course neither Encyclical merely announced the rights and let the matter rest there. Both exhorted workers to make use of them.

Of unions Pope Leo XIII in 1891 said: "It were greatly to be desired that they should multiply and become more effective of unions and occupational organizations." Pope Pius XI in 1931 said: "Let these free associations which already flourish in all parts of the world, and which are in the process of developing in a most rapid manner, be organized in accordance with Christian social doctrine to prepare the way and to do their part towards the realization of that ideal type of social groups which we have mentioned above."

What can unions do to hasten the establishment of an occupational organization? The answer is: They should first agree on the meaning of the words we are using. A union is an association of workers for a common purpose. It is not a group of workers who are working under the same conditions. Frankly it is a pressure group seeking to get itself a larger share of the total product, regardless of the size of the product.

Government's Position An occupationally organized union is one in which all employees, professional persons and farmers are united in their respective callings and, through their freely elected representatives, administer the affairs of the industry or group with one another while the government protects, watches, regulates and restrains their activities. The elected representatives of each occupational group would together with representatives of government acting as special advocates of the public interest and before the law, determine prices for the products of each group, maintain a fair price for the goods produced in this way, and control the interests of each group would be reasonably safeguarded and the welfare of the whole community promoted.

What is the answer to the question: Why for an occupational organization? For our country the answer is: First of all, grow. The reason for this answer is that free choice of representatives is vital and essential to an adequate system of occupational organization, and since unions are the only agencies now possessing and exercising such freedom progress can come only through their growth and development. These agencies are the only ones which would be able to exist under the occupational system just described. On the contrary, they would have to be far more influential than at present.

Gross Injustice Approximately 37,000,000 workers are now organized in unions in the United States. This is about 40 per cent of the total population of 92,000,000. In 1920 the membership of unions was only 19 per cent of the total population.

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Bishop Here From South Seas Reports Progress in Missions

Cannibal Country Made Christian Haven In 30 Years, He Says

A Bishop from the South Seas Islands visited Rochester this week. The Most Rev. G. J. Vestey, M.S.C., Vicar Apostolic of Rabaul, New Guinea, told the story of the missionary work of the Church in a country where thirty years ago cannibalism was a common practice of the natives and only stone implements were used by the islanders.

Describing himself as a Flying Dutchman, Bishop Vestey visited the United States in 1935. He was born in Holland, attended the gymnasium similar to high school in the United States, in France, made political studies in Austria and Belgium, completed the theological studies in Rome before entering the foreign mission fields. Bishop Vestey is Professor of Scripture. The Bishop admitted he could manage satisfactorily at least twelve languages.

Support Stopped It has been no small problem for the Bishop to get his mission staff of sixty priests, fifty brothers and ninety European and 50 native sisters to evangelize a population of 100,000 people. The Vicariate in the beginning was largely staffed by German missionaries who depended on the Catholic people of Germany for funds and support. Due to the money embargo in Germany which has prevailed for the last four years German Catholic missionaries, the Bishop said, have been compelled to seek mission aid from other countries.

Airplanes Used Surprisingly enough airplanes are used extensively in the islands by commercial concerns, but transportation for the Bishop and his missionaries is of necessity restricted to horseback riding, walking and sailing in small boats. The Vicariate is 200,000 square miles consisting of thousands of islands. Here the Bishop told a remarkable story of two young girls, aged 12 and 14, who were kidnapped in a canoe of two miles through shark-infested waters to receive the Sacraments. The Bishop was enthusiastic about the progress that has been made in the islands.

14,000 Children Considering the fact that there are only 47,000 Catholics and over 30,000 received Communion in the islands in 1935, the Bishop was justly proud of the fervor of the Church in this far-off diocese. Visiting with the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superior of the Catholic Education Society, Bishop Vestey stated that there were 14,000 children in his diocese receiving instruction in religion and secular branches. At the present time a beginning has been made in establishing a native clergy. Despite an average heat of 95 degrees, shark-infested waters, and storms at sea and other nuisances such as snakes, alligators, scorpions, the Bishop and his missionaries are carrying on a vast program of education and religious instruction.

GIVE NEW CHURCH Father, Canon Ernest and Mother, Mrs. W. H. Ayres, brothers and sisters, have donated \$50,000 for the erection of a new Catholic Church in the parish of St. John. The church will have a capacity of 500.



THE MOST REV. G. J. VESTEY, M.S.C. Courtesy Rochester Journal

Directory Sets List Of Members At 20,735,189

Church Receives 63,154 Converts During 1935; Total Of Clergy Put At 31,108, a Gain of 858 Over Previous Year. Forty-Three More Churches Built

New York—The Catholic population of the United States, including Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands, is put at 20,735,189 by The Official Catholic Directory for 1936, published by P. J. Kennedy and Sons here and released this week.

Of particular interest is the number of converts in the last year, the total being 63,154.

Clergy Gains A substantial gain is shown in the number of members of the clergy, the total for diocesan and Regular priests being 31,108, an increase of 858. The total number of churches with priests, according to the general summary, is 18,387, this figure representing an increase of 43 churches.

Forty-three more seminaries have been established according to the Directory, making a total of 197. The number of seminarians attending however, is slightly lower than it was last year, the total given being 22,622, a drop of 950 from the enrollment last year. Colleges for boys age listed at 196, an increase of five white colleges and academies for girls show a slight decline of three, the total being 658.

More High Schools Seventy-seven more high schools are shown, the total figure being 1,161 with 105,821 students in attendance, an increase over last year, a figure by 8,873. The statistics for parochial schools show an increase of 43. The total is 7,400. The number of pupils attending is given as 2,212,289, an increase of 2887 over the statistics of last year.

Orphan asylums total 319, a decrease of five, and the number of orphanages shows a small drop, of 34, the number of orphanages being 43,735. There are 196 homes for the aged, and the number of hospitals under Catholic auspices shows an increase of two, the total figure being 871. The Directory is printed in the same attractive format in which it appeared last year and shows a slight increase in pagination. A new feature following the alphabetical list of Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and Abbots is a list of the hierarchy in the order of their seniority.

CONVERT MINISTERS' KIN Honolulu When the Most Rev. Stephen P. Alencaster, S.S.C., Vicar Apostolic of Hawaii, returned from the island of Maui, where he administered Confirmation to 11 adult converts, he reported that one member of the class was the daughter of one of Hawaii's most prominent Protestant ministers.

LAST CLERICAL CONVERTS New York The Epistola quarterly bulletin of the Saint Paul Guild, here, publishes a list of 38 former Protestant ministers and nuns who have entered the Catholic Church in the period of 1920-1935. Ten denominations are represented in the list. The denomination with the highest number of converts to Catholicism in the Episcopal Church, with 26. The others are the Presbyterian Church with three, the Congregational and Unitarian Churches with two each, and the Companions of the Society of Christ, the Disciples of Christ, and the Methodist, Lutheran, Universalist and Baptist Churches with one each.



Here is Helen Mae Collette, senior at Messner Catholic High School, Milwaukee, who received from President Roosevelt the first prize of \$500 for the best paper submitted in the Seventh Annual Gorgias Memorial essay contest. Third national prize of \$50 went to Genevieve C. Wisner, a senior at Nazareth Academy here.

Sails For Europe



John A. Weisenborn, C.S.S.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Weisenborn of the Green Avenue, who enroute to Antwerp, Belgium, where he will complete his theological studies. He sailed May 2, the order of which is a member of the congregation of the Sacred Heart Fathers, at the same time to the Rev. Canon A. Weisenborn, M.S.C., C.S.S.S., and the Rev. Leonard J. Leary, C.S.S.S., of Our Lady of Victory Church here belong. It is also the order of Father Damien the Apostle of the Lepers.

SET SEMINARY COLLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 24

The annual collections for St. Andrew's Rectory and St. Bernard's Theological Seminary will be taken up in all churches of the diocese on Sunday, May 24.

St. Elizabeth Guild Bingo Party, May 19

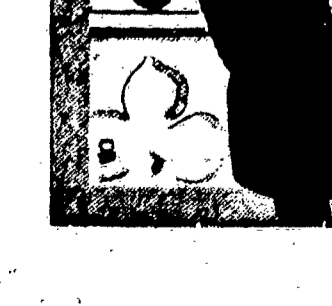
A bingo party proceeds from which will go towards aiding the work of the Guild will be held at St. Elizabeth's Guild House, 1 Field Street, Tuesday afternoon, May 19 at 2 o'clock.

Mother Of Nun Here Buried In Elmira

Elmira Funeral services for Mrs. Anastasi Koloski, mother of Sister M. White of St. Stanislaus Seminary, Rochester, were held at St. Casimir's Church here, Mrs. Koloski died in Elmira, N.Y., May 10.

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