

PRELATE ASKS CATHOLICS AID NEGRO CAUSE

Militant Groups Needed, Says Archbishop at Cincinnati Session

CINCINNATI (NC) The Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, addressing the special meeting of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems on "The Negro in Industry," held here Saturday, urged Catholics to defend and champion the cause of the Negro and by means of a "militant" group to bring that cause before the public.

Perfect Apostolic



The Right Rev. Msgr. Thomas Megan, S.V.D., recently appointed first Prefect Apostolic of the newly created Prefecture Apostolic of Sinsiang, in the Province of Honan, China.

NON-CATHOLICS ASK FREEDOM FOR RELIGION

Protestants, Jews Deplore Restrictions in Mexico in Plea to Embassy

WASHINGTON (NC) A public appeal for religious liberty signed by leading Protestants and Jews has been sent to the Mexican Embassy here. It was learned Tuesday.

The appeal, which urged the restoration of freedom for religion by the State, and the sympathetic cooperation of the church in all just measures for the improvement of the social life of the people, was acknowledged by the Embassy.

"In this public appeal for religious liberty in Mexico, we are motivated by our interest in the highest welfare of our neighboring country. We issue it also because of the effect of certain policies in Mexico upon the world at large.

"We regard with deep appreciation the endeavors of the Republic of Mexico for social reform and have learned of its welfare program with deep interest. We must regard with deep anxiety, however, the information we have received in recent months of long conflicts between the Government and the institutions of religion.

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The signers of the statement include 40 clerical and lay Protestant and Jewish leaders from all sections of the United States.

"We have been grateful to hear recently of conciliation on the part of the State and the Church.

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MOVIE DRIVE IN U. S. WINS PAPAL PRAISE

(Continued from Page 1) expression of my esteem and high regard, I am, Your Excellency, "Faithfully yours in Christ," (signed) E. Card Pacelli.

Gratitude to Pontiff Following is the text of the message sent to the Cardinal Secretary of State by Archbishop Mooney.

"The members of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference are entrusted with the task of attending to the interim between general meetings of the Hierarchy of the United States to certain matters of common interest to the Ordinaries of the country.

"In such matters, which in the past years has frequently engaged our attention, has recently to our deep gratification, been addressed by your Excellency in a letter 'Vigilant' Cura addressed to the Hierarchy of the United States and to other Ordinaries enjoying peace and communion with the Holy See.

"Your Eminence well knows through the favor extended by the Holy See in the preparation of the English text of the Encyclical, had the English text re-diographed to our News Service on the day it was issued, and immediately sent out to all the Catholic Journals of the United States. We have since published it as well in pamphlet form to make it readily available to pastors for distribution among the faithful.

"And now the members of the Administrative Board have by unanimous action authorized me as their Chairman to express in the name of the National Catholic Welfare Conference our profound filial gratitude to Our Holy Father for this important Encyclical.

Pledge of Devotion "The words of Our Holy Father, giving supreme sanction to what we have sought to do through the Legion of Decency for the moral betterment of moving pictures and for the exercise of a strong Christian conscience on the part of the faithful regarding them, are deeply appreciated by us not only as a solemn expression of coveted approval but also as a clear form of action and a most inspiring encouragement.

"Therefore beg, Your Eminence, to convey to Our Holy Father our heartfelt sentiments of gratitude and filial devotion together with the full assurance that under his benign guidance we shall continue and increase our efforts to carry on the work for which, with paternal benevolence, he has deigned to command us.

"With sentiments of profound veneration, I remain, "Devotedly and obediently yours," (signed) Edward Mooney, Chairman, Administrative Board, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Sunday's Mass

A GUIDE TO THE LITURGICAL YEAR

By The REV. PAUL BUSSARD (Editor, The Leaflet Missal)

FRANT OF ST. LUKE St. Luke has centered himself to all Christians by writing the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. He was a physician in Antioch when he became a Catholic. Tradition says he was a painter also and that he painted a picture of the Blessed Virgin. It is impossible to be sure of that, but anyone who reads his Gospel will agree, at least, that he painted the Blessed Virgin in words.

He accompanied St. Paul on many of his journeys and was probably with him during his first imprisonment in Rome. St. Luke was never married. He lived to be 84 years old and died a martyr's death.

In the Epistle "the brother whose praise is in the Gospel in all the churches" is supposed to refer to St. Luke, though it is not possible to prove this absolutely. Most probably, however, it does refer to St. Luke, since it later refers to him as the "companion of our travels." The twelfth Sunday after Pentecost is only commemorated in the Mass today by saying the Collect, Secret, and Postcommunion of the Sunday after those of St. Luke's Mass. In addition, the Gospel of the Sunday after the curbing of the ruler's son, is read as the last Gospel.

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Damages Church Property

Hong Kong (NCWC Files) - The disastrous typhoon which passed over Hong Kong did considerable damage to the property of various Catholic organizations.

Seance Phenomenas Are Chiefly Frauds, Arnold Lunn Contends

NOTRE DAME, IND. (NC) - "Ninety-eight per cent of the phenomena produced in spiritualistic seances are due to fraud or to faulty observation or hallucination on the part of the audience," declared Arnold Lunn, noted English author, in the first of a series of lectures on "Physical Research" which began at the University of Notre Dame this week.

Mr. Lunn, visiting professor of apologetics in Notre Dame's new graduate department for training Catholic lay writers, has made an extensive study of spiritualism in

England. He was a close friend of the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and attended many seances in London with him.

"I am also convinced that certain mediums have the power to produce a curious white, hazy substance in the form of a hand or arm a substance called 'ectoplasm.'"

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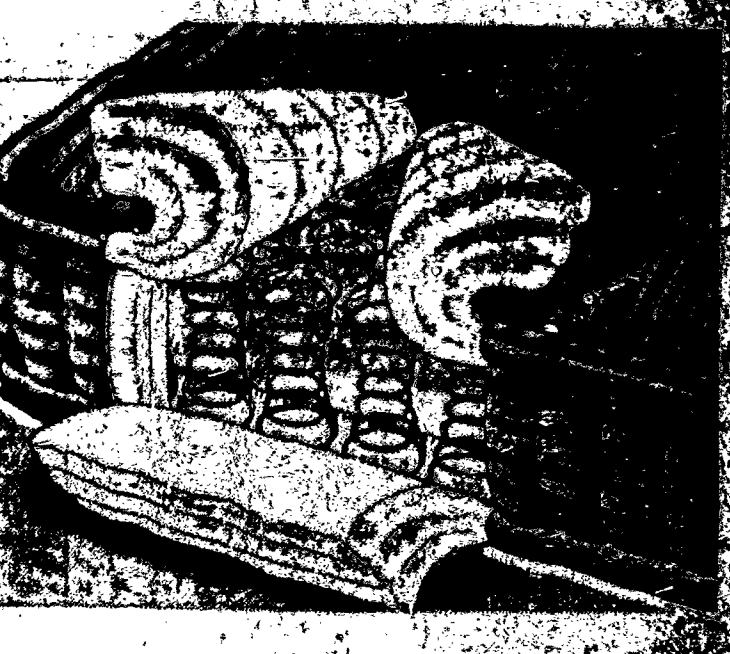
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