

METHODISTS HIT GROUP ATTACK ON RED DRIVE

Church Leaders Repudiate So-called Social Service Federation

NEW YORK—The Methodist Federation for Social Service, which has issued an attack on the Vatican's campaign against Communism, has no official connection with the Methodist Church as a whole and has not been authorized to speak for that church on any topic, influential members of that denomination said here today.

One of them, Dudley Oliver Osterheld, local attorney characterized the attack as "one of the worst pieces of religious prejudice ever devised." The Federation has been a storm center in the Methodist Church ever since it was started in 1919 its opponents claiming that it furthered Communist and Socialist doctrines.

The present attack, in which it is charged that the Vatican's anti-Communist campaign in Spain and in other countries is in reality a campaign against democratic government is contained in a survey written by the Rev. Dr. Harry F. Ward, a secretary of the Federation. Mr. Ward also is chairman of the American League Against War and Fascism, a radical organization.

Majority Held Minded. The Federation, according to Mr. Osterheld, is led by Ralph M. Easley, chairman of the executive council of the National Y. W. C. A., and another leading Methodist layman, represents only a very small number of Methodists, perhaps 10 per cent at the most. The majority of the members, the Messrs. Osterheld and Easley asserted, have been misled by its false front.

Referring to Dr. Ward's authorship of the survey, Mr. Osterheld said that it was "a very very wrong thing for a Methodist minister to do and still another of a series of acts which have put Dr. Ward and his Federation associates in extremely bad odor with many Methodists."

Mr. Easley said it had been an open scandal for years in the Methodist Church that its name should be exploited by a man who at the same time is head of the American League Against War and Fascism which he described as a Communist affiliate.

No Authority Given. Although the Federation has no authority to speak for the Methodist Episcopal Church, it is constantly endeavoring to impress others that it does. It has been willing for years to play up the same Methodist deliberately on the basis of the effective words such use of the name would apply for putting its work into all the channels of our Church.

It wears the face of Methodism, but it bears the heart of Communism.

Cardinal Reveals Jubilee Plans To Care For Blind

Archbishop of Boston Sees Need For Spiritual Aid To Sightless

BOSTON—Quietly in his home here Friday, His Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, celebrated his silver jubilee as a member of the Sacred College of Cardinals.

At the expressed wish of His Eminence, no special observance was held.

In the course of day Cardinal O'Connell called representatives of the press to his home and told them first that he wished through them to thank the many persons who had sent him congratulatory messages. His Eminence then unfolded plans for the spiritual care of the blind of this Archdiocese.

"This project the care of the blind in a spiritual way is already occupying the time of some one hundred and fifty men and women in all walks of life, doctors, lawyers, merchants," the Cardinal said. "I hope to extend it throughout the diocese. These persons agree to devote a day or days of the week to the blind. They will go into their homes, take them for a drive, take them to their own homes, feed them, help them pass an enjoyable day, and then take them to church, to confession and to Holy Communion."

"Places like the Perkins Institution have done a wonderful work for the blind, but it is not enough to teach them to tune a piano or weave yarn or cane chairs. For hundreds and hundreds who are not in institutions there is no one to bring the spiritual comforts of their religion, nor the social contacts they need. Poor souls they are left to sit in a dark garret, in a corner surrounded by their own darkness, to lose hope and faith."

"To this central agency here the members of this new group now tentatively known as the Catholic Union for the Welfare of the Blind will report. They will be given the names of the unfortunates from whom sight has been taken and to whom they will bring back the happiness of the spiritual life, they will bring hope once more."

Quebec Catholics Lauded By Protestant Premier

DETERONTO, Ont. Speaking at a meeting here, Michael F. Heburn, Ontario's Protestant Premier, referred to recent legislation allowing separate school supporters a proportion to their share holdings in such campaigns.

"The Catholic majority in Quebec," he said, "has not hesitated to recognize the rights of the minority. For 70 years the latter have been free and happy. During that time never in Ontario has anyone had the courage to give to the Catholic minority the same privileges."

EUCCHARISTIC MEET PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Ceremonies Begin February 2 with Welcome to Papal Legate

MANILA, P. I.—The preliminary ceremonies of the Thirty-third International Eucharistic Congress will begin February 2 with the scheduled arrival of His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Papal Legate to the Congress.

After addresses of welcome by civil and religious authorities, the Papal Legate will drive in an open carriage from the harbor to the

Budapest In 1938

PARIS The Permanent Committee for International Eucharistic Congresses, meeting in Paris this week, designated Budapest as the place for the 1938 Congress. This selection has been approved by His Holiness Pope Pius XI.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where he will be greeted by the Blessed Sacrament and will visit the Blessed Sacrament.

The formal opening of the Congress will take place at 3 p. m. the following day on the Luneta, the great public park facing Manila Bay with the reading of the papal brief. The program will consist of the salutation of the Cardinal, Benediction and the singing of the hymn of the Congress by the thousands attending.

Not Women's Day. February 4 will be Women's Day at the Congress. Women will assemble in all the churches and chapels of Manila when Masses will be celebrated by Cardinals, Bishops, other prelates and priests.

Masses will be said from 4 a. m. to 8 a. m. At 6 a. m. thousands of women will receive Communion on the Luneta.

Foreign and national meetings of the Congress will be held in various languages in churches and halls throughout the city. At 4 p. m. a "Priests' International Meeting" will be held in the Cathedral. At 6 p. m. on the Luneta the First International assembly will be held with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the singing of the Congress hymn.

Men's Day will be February 5. General Communion for men will be held at the Luneta at midnight. Pontifical Mass will be said on the Luneta at 6 a. m. Foreign, national and Philippine sectional meetings will be held at 9 a. m. At 4 p. m. special Holy Hours for the clergy will be held at the Cathedral. The second international assembly and Benediction will be held at 6 p. m. on the Luneta.

Day For Children. Children's Day will be held February 6. From 4 a. m. to 8 a. m. thousands of children will attend special Masses for them in the churches and chapels of Manila. Breakfast for the children will be served after the Masses on the Luneta and the children and their parents formally consecrated to the Blessed Virgin. At 3 p. m. the priests' international meeting will be held in the Cathedral with the theme "The Eucharistic in Missionary Sacramental Vita."

The Papal Legate will celebrate Pontifical Mass at the Luneta at 7 a. m. on February 7 the closing day of the Congress. Holy Hours there will be solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament. This procession of clergy and laity will wind along the waterfront of Manila to the Luneta. The Eucharistic procession from Rizal Stadium at 4 p. m. At 5:45 p. m. the clergy and liturgical part of the procession will start from De La Salle College. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given by the Papal Legate on the Luneta to the massed thousands at 7:30 p. m.

Papal Message. At 8 p. m. Pope Pius XI will give his personal blessing to the pilgrims by radio. The closing speech will be made by the Papal Legate at 8:10 p. m. the pilgrims joining in the singing of the Congress hymn.

A monumental altar will be built on the Luneta for the open air ceremonies. It will be constructed on an elevated platform of such a height to enable every one to see the ceremonies and will be enclosed by glass walls. It will also be air-conditioned.

'Half A Loaf' Ruling Settles Labor Strike

ST. LOUIS A jurisdictional dispute between the Iron Workers and the Boilermakers' Unions here has been settled successfully through the mediation activities of the Rev. James Johnston, successor to the late Msgr. Timothy Dempsey, pastor of St. Patrick's Church and noted friend of the poor.

Following in the footsteps of Monsignor Dempsey, who frequently arbitrated labor difficulties, Father Johnston brought peace in the local dispute with the dictum, which was accepted: "Half a loaf of bread for each is better than no loaf for either."

Fr. McKee Dies. NEWBURGH, N. Y. The Rev. John McKee, S.S.J., professor of Latin at the Epiphany Apostolic College, here, has just died at the age of fifty-two. Father McKee was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and received his early education in New York before joining the Josephite Fathers in Baltimore.

If thou shouldst lay up even a little upon little, and shouldst do this often, soon would even this become great.

Bishops' Statement On Lay Organization

Affiliation of Catholic lay organizations with the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women enables these organizations to know the mind of the hierarchy, the Bishops of the United States point out in the following statement issued after their annual general meeting in Washington:

General Principles. The Bishops of the United States in establishing the National Catholic Welfare Conference provided a means whereby Catholic organizations of the country might act in cooperation with the hierarchy on all matters of national interest and particularly those requiring definite Catholic leadership and definite expression of Catholic thought. The departments of the Conference welcome affiliation of Catholic societies and of other Catholic groups.

The following principles set forth in terms that refer specifically to the Department of Lay Organizations are equally applicable to affiliation with any Department of the Conference.

The Department of Lay Organizations includes the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women. Affiliation with these enables Catholic lay organizations to know the mind of the hierarchy which must ever be the common guide of all. Through such affiliation, therefore, it is easy for any Catholic organization in the United States to know whether its common effort is in harmony with the mind of the Bishops before publicity is given.

A Catholic organization is getting out of harmony with the principles of Catholic Action if, without this readily available guidance, it takes a public position on a matter—legislative or otherwise—which affects Catholic interests.

Even a just claim to expert knowledge in any particular field does not qualify an organization to speak for the Church. The authoritative voice of the Church in matters of common interest is the voice of the Bishop.

It is, of course, clear that Diocesan organizations are entirely subject to the Ordinary of the Diocese. The Ordinary is the proper authority to which they should look for guidance and direction. The fact that they may be Diocesan units of the National Council of Catholic Men or the National Council of Catholic Women, and that as such they seek guidance from the Councils on certain matters does not in any way lessen their responsibility to, and their dependence on their Ordinary.

Catholic societies that are intrate or national may be affiliating themselves with the proper Department of the National

Catholic Welfare Conference, develop their activities in such a way as definitely to promote Catholic unity. For their action within a Diocese they should, of course, submit their plans to the Ordinary of that Diocese. But for their action in a wider field which would affect the Catholics of many Dioceses, they should first of all ascertain whether their program be in line with the common mind of the Bishops. That common mind the Bishops may be ascertained from the Administrative Board, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Any organization that fails to observe this procedure runs the risk of having its announced program disavowed, to the chagrin of the society; to the embarrassment of the Bishops; and to the detriment of the Church. Questions of grave import have faced the Church in this country and will continue to face it.

The Bishops, therefore, hold a yearly conference to safeguard the interests of the Church and expect that all Catholic organizations work together in union with them and under their guidance. By the appointment of the Administrative Board the Bishops of the National Catholic Welfare Conference have applied the means whereby each and every organization can ascertain itself of the Catholic position on any matter of national import.

Far from discouraging Catholic lay activity, or discouraging lay organizations with the National Catholic Welfare Conference, designed to guide such activity and make it effective in common action.

It would be evident, therefore, to all that when a Catholic organization, without seeking to know the mind of the Bishops, speaks categorically on a question that affects general Catholic interests, it is doing a disorderly thing.

While it would indeed be lamentable to limit Catholic efforts over on national matters to the Administrative Board, National Catholic Welfare Conference, it is none the less lamentable that a Catholic organization not to make sure beforehand that its action it proposes to take is in conformity with the mind of the Bishops.

PARTICULAR APPLICATION.

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STRIKE DELAYS TRANSIT OF FATHER PRICE'S BODY

OSHING, N. Y.—The body of the Rev. Thomas Frederick Price, co-founder of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Maryknoll, which was due in San Francisco on November 10, on the steamer "President Pierce," is delayed at Honolulu as a result of the West Coast seamen's strike.

The Rev. Robert J. Kennedy, M.M., returning on furlough to his home in Hartford, Conn., will continue to escort the body across the country to the Society's convent at Maryknoll, here, where the Ceremony of Interment will take place on December 6.

Father Price died in Hong Kong September 18, 1918 and was buried at the Happy Valley Cemetery of that city. At the General Chapter of the Maryknoll Fathers convened in Hong Kong last July it was resolved to return Father Price's remains to Maryknoll.

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