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'Child Labor' Amendment Is Hit Hard

Assembly Showed With Protests on Eve of Public Hearing

Opposition to New York State ratification of the so-called child labor amendment is mounting rapidly as the February 16 date for a public hearing by the Assembly Judiciary Committee nears. At the same time the Todd bill calling for state legislation to bar the sale of child labor made goods within the state is gaining wide support. Early this week Assemblywoman Jane Todd pressed for Assembly action on a twin measure to memorialize Congress to frame substitute federal legislation to prevent the interstate transportation of goods made by child labor. At the request of the New York State Catholic Welfare Committee, she was bombarded with thousands of telegrams, cards and letters during the past week, urging her to vote against ratification of the amendment if it is called for a vote. The same tactic was used in the amendment last week and similar action by the assembly would kill the issue in the state and put New York in line as the twenty-seventh state favoring ratification. Favorable action by thirty-six states is necessary for the amendment to become part of the U S constitution. Contact Your Assemblyman. The State Catholic Welfare Committee is opposing ratification because the proposed federal statute would give Congress general control over 40,000,000 of our young people and menace family and parental rights. The Welfare Committee urges readers of the 'CATHOLIC COURIER' to contact their assemblymen and register not only opposition to the amendment ratification but also support of both Todd measures. It is also asked that if the measure comes up for a vote the assemblymen be permitted to cast their ballot free of caucus control. Thirty counties assemblymen who will have a vote in the action on the measure are Pritchard, Strong, first district Stephen Joy second district, Earl Langenhaver, third district, Myer Brown, fourth district, Walter Wickens fifth district. Record Shows Faulty. Miss E. M. Clark, chairman of the League against the National Control of Youth, has pointed out this week that there is no longer in our nation any uncontrolled or uncontrollable problem of child labor. On the basis of reports submitted sixteen years of age for the years 1935 and 1936 in New York State, the figures show a decided drop. Here they are:

Table with columns: Age, Year, Certificates. Rows: 14 1935-1936 2,111; 14 1929-1930 10,266; 15 1935-1936 15,975; 15 1929-1930 57,725.

Meet Youth Labor Issue

The changes in the New York Business Law under the Todd measure and the proposed new act to be submitted to the Congress having to do with child labor in industry meet the youth labor issue with certainty and effectiveness because they follow and are supported by the latest rulings of the United States Supreme Court, January 4, 1937. In the case of Kentucky Whip and Collar Co. v. Illinois Central Railroad Co., decided January 4, 1937 it has been determined that our wage earners in industries can be adequately and summarily protected. This proposed legislation will meet the challenge that our adult wage earners and their employers in this State are subject to unfair competition by the products of youth labor in other states, will abolish the interstate child labor problem this year, will stop the insidious but certain plan for the national control of all youth under our state laws some control and authority for the parents and other lawful guardians of youth.

Ill Bishop Improves; Vicar-General Dies

KANSAS CITY, KAN. The Most Rev. Francis Johannes, Bishop of Leavenworth, who has been critically ill at St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver, Colo., is reported by the Diocesan Chancery Office here to be much improved. Meanwhile, as reports of the Bishop's critical condition continued to come in, the Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Francis M. Orr, who was taken on January 15, died in St. Joseph's Hospital here on Sunday morning. One of the new Philco radio phonograph combinations to be given to the winning schools in the Students' Catholic Press Crusade is on display in the lobby of the Columbus Civic Centre.

Archbishop Mooney's Lenten Letter

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Rochester. Dearly Beloved in Christ:

Lent turns our thoughts to the things of God in a special way. Instituted by the Church as a period of intensive spiritual preparation for the feast of Easter, Lent can be as meaningful for each one of us as Easter is for the work of Christ in the world. Easter recalls the event in Our Lord's life which is decisive for our faith. As St. Paul puts it: "If Christ be not risen again, your faith is vain." But Christ is risen, and Easter more than any other feast of the Church calendar inspires us to make our faith count in our daily lives. To do this is really to love God. This love of God implies the devout acknowledgment of God which we call worship—therefore Lent summons us to more frequent exercises of devotion. This love of God implies, too, the service of God which is obedience to His law—therefore Lent imposes bodily mortifications which train us to self-control, an essential requirement for obedience to God's law. This love of God implies, as well, an ever growing knowledge of God and of what God's Church teaches in His name—therefore Lent is marked by special series of sermons on timely points of Catholic doctrine. Thus Lent prepares us better to love God with our whole heart, and our whole soul, and our whole mind, which is the first and the greatest commandment.

With Whole Mind

It is this loving of God with our whole mind which I wish to emphasize as a Lenten thought this year. To love God with our whole mind is not merely to submit our mind to Him in the full acceptance of faith. It is also to use our mind in His service, to improve our mind by a better understanding of the faith that binds us to God, to train our mind for better service in the explanation and defense of our faith. To this end I wish to recommend to you the Lenten study group which I have organized for the Wednesday or Friday evenings of Lent. The law of fasting holds for all the week days of Lent up to noon on Holy Saturday. Fasting essentially implies taking only one full meal a day, whether it be at noon or in the evening; however meat is excluded, may be taken either as a luncheon or as a supper, and a very light breakfast of bread and coffee. The law of fasting binds all who are twenty-one and not yet fifty-nine years of age, except the sick, nursing women, and those whose physical condition is such that they cannot fast without prejudice to their health. The law of Lenten abstinence from flesh meat holds in this diocese for the Wednesday or Friday of Lent, for Ember Saturday in this season and for the morning of Holy Saturday and binds all who have completed their majority in the diocese. (Continued on Page 3)

ANGELICAN BISHOPS SPLIT ON DIVORCE

LONDON After a debate which showed complete disunion among the Anglican episcopate on the question of divorce, the Bishops of the Canterbury province, meeting in convocation, declined to "fence the altar" (as Bishop Barnes put it), and they rejected a motion to refuse Communion to divorced persons who remarry. Only two bishops were in favor of what would be the virtual excommunication of Anglicans who take a second partner in marriage during the lifetime of a former partner. Eventually the bishops, with two exceptions, laid down a series of operative recommendations which they regard as "the most salutary form of discipline applicable to the circumstances of the day."

Nuns Remain At Posts In Flood-Stricken City

NOTRE DAME, IND. Sisters of the Holy Cross have stayed at their posts during the flood danger in Cairo, Ill., keeping open St. Mary's Hospital. Newspaper reports stressed the removal of all women and children except for a few Red Cross workers. But the Sisters who have been a part of the city's life for many years are still on duty, having remained there instead of leaving with the other women. St. Patrick's School was, of course, closed. But its teachers and those of St. Columba's, in which the Sisters teach colored children, took over the care of meals for patients and doctors in the hospital or worked in the laundry and set up on night duty. In answer to scores of inquiries about the Sisters in the flood district, Mother M. Vincentia, C.S.C., Superior General of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, has made public a letter from Sister M. Elena, C.S.C., Superior at St. Mary's Infirmary, Cairo.

Gil Robles Pledges Aid To Franco

Leader of Accion Popular Reveals Revolt Stand In Spanish Crisis

LONDON Gil Robles, leader of the Accion Popular party in Spain, has declared that his party is entirely united to the nationalist cause and that it will support the cause "with all its moral strength," with all its financial resources and with the life of every one of its members. The statement sets at rest any doubts about the position of the Accion Popular and it comes opportunely here now that suggestions are being made that Gil Robles has not thrown in his lot with General Franco.

Gil Robles was marked down for murder by the Reds in the plot which marked the fate of Cive Sotelo and thus precipitated the war. He who led the largest party in the Cortes, had gone to Biarritz when the Reds dragged Sotelo from his home and left him dead at a cemetery gate. Statement Issued. His statement is made in a long letter addressed to The Universe, London (Atlantic weekly). He declares that the government against which Franco and his nationalists are fighting is not a legitimate government in its origin and that it is not a legitimate government in the exercise of its power. He claims that the Basques, who are giving support to the Reds, are "the living embodiment of nationalist politics can smother all Christian spirit."

Gil Robles writes: "I am not surprised to hear that there are in England persons who wish to impute to me a lack of regard to the meaning and purpose of the civil war in Spain, and with regard to the attitude towards that war which has been adopted by the majority of Catholics. Those opposed to the Nationalist cause have made use of every method to spread confusion on this point. "That you may always be able to promote upon the foreign public opinion in Spain, a section which is superbly organized, I wish to synthesize here the driving purpose of the party of which I am the leader, the Accion Popular. No Fascist Tendencies. "The Accion Popular has never allowed itself to become imprudent with Fascist tendencies. Faithful to its fundamental principles, the Accion Popular acted strictly within the limits of the democratic system in the 1933 legislative elections. It obtained more votes than any other party, and had the greatest majority in Parliament. "Fully imbued with the spirit of cooperation, which is the necessary foundation of any and all constructive policy, it supported the successive Governments as they were formed, and took its place in several of them. "Although in December, 1935, it was flung from power by the President of the Republic, who refused to respect the play in political life of the Accion Popular, it did not retreat outside legal methods, and, appealing again to the electorate in February of 1936, it obtained 200,000 more votes than in the 1933 elections. (Continued on Page 3)

Text of Papal Message To Manila Congress

Vatican City—The message of Pope Pius XI to the Thirty-third International Eucharistic Congress at Manila Sunday was delivered as follows:

Venerable Brethren, Beloved Children: Although We have already, in letters given Our Legate a Latere, addressed Ourselves to you who are celebrating the Thirty-third International Eucharistic Congress, it nonetheless is a pleasure to speak to you now with the paternal accents of Our own voice. First of all, We warmly felicitate you for the fact that you have, with great solemnity and with fervent piety, prepared a triumph for Jesus Christ, the Universal King, veiled in the Eucharist; a triumph We say, because it emanates from souls on fire with lively love for Our Divine Redeemer, is to be considered not as fitful or passing, but rather as something which is a profound inspiration unto virtue in the lives of each of you.

Among the abundant fruits of salvation which We anticipate from your Congress and for which We pray, there is one hope of which We will make mention, the one which your session had particularly in view: It is Our hope, namely, that from a more ardent love of Our Lord in the august Sacrament of the altar and from more frequent Communion with Him there may come a daily increase of devotion to missions and enterprise for the promotion of missionary activity. For it is from that very source that light is given our minds, ardor to our souls and supernatural fecundity to our labors and good workers.

While therefore, in this our age, all too many men, blinded by false teaching, beguiled by lust of gain or by seduction of vice, or contending fiercely among themselves in mutual envy and rivalry, are drawn away from Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Light, and make a miserable end, may you, Venerable Brethren and Beloved Children, come closer into ever more intimate union with Him, and even as you offer to Him in reparation the honor which is His due, let all your energies be bent to this goal: that your veneration of the Sacrament, and your adoration of Him who is the "bread of life" (John VI:48) and that with the general restoration of public tranquility and the reconciliation of souls in justice and charity, the peace of Christ may finally shine upon the worried race of men. These, Venerable Brethren and Beloved Children, are the wishes, these the hopes which We, present among you not only in the person of Our Legate, but also in a way by that paternal love which transcends and conquers distance and space, commend in suppliant prayer to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon you and remain forever.

150,000 In Triumphant Procession Closing Eucharistic Congress

Pope Radio Blessing To Huge Throng Gathered In Manila. Legate Thankful. Cardinal Dougherty Hails Success of Tribute To Eucharistic King. BY PABLO S. NATIONAL (Special Correspondent, N. C. W. G. News Service). MANILA—A triumphant procession in which more than 150,000 people participated Sunday brought to a glorious close the Thirty-third International Eucharistic Congress. The vast throng, estimated at 150,000, lined the route from the Manila Hotel to the cathedral, where the closing Mass was celebrated. The legate, Don Juan Garcia, expressed his gratitude for the success of the tribute to the Eucharistic King. Cardinal Dougherty, who presided at the Mass, hailed the success of the tribute to the Eucharistic King. The legate, Don Juan Garcia, expressed his gratitude for the success of the tribute to the Eucharistic King. The Cardinal, who presided at the Mass, hailed the success of the tribute to the Eucharistic King.

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CRUSADERS ON HOME STRETCH IN DRIVE FOR THE COURIER

The Student Crusaders are racing down the home stretch. Their 15,000 pair of eyes are fixed on the ultimate goal of the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney: "A CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic home in the diocese." The deadline for the 1937 Students' Catholic Press Crusade is set for midnight Monday, February 15. All subscriptions must reach The COURIER offices at that time or in the morning mail of February 16. It is hoped that all subscriptions, new and renewal will be tabulated to insure complete publication of all results in the issue of March 4, which will mark the start of subscriptions obtained by the Crusaders. Preliminary reports reaching this office indicate widespread activity by the Crusaders along the entire diocesan front. To spur the Crusaders on to a last minute drive, THE COURIER Crusade headquarters is announcing special awards for those turning in renewals. A "scripto pencil" will be given for each six months or two three-month renewals. Five extra credits also will be given.

SOUND RALLY CALL FOR SPAIN REVOLT FORUM HERE SUNDAY

Catholics of the Rochester area will rally Sunday evening in Columbus Civic Center auditorium at 8 o'clock to hear firsthand accounts of the civil war in Spain and to vote on the status of the Catholic Church there. Exhorted from the pulpit to manifest concern over the misfortune regarding Spain, given out here over the radio and the press, the rally was expected to attract in large numbers of a public forum at which the true facts about Spain will be brought out. Following the discussion will be a vote on the status of the Catholic Church in Spain. The American Flier says that when he left Spain there must have been about 300 Russian fighting planes there, with as many pilots.

N.Y. Assembly Tables Mexican Resolution

ALBANY—A resolution was introduced in the State Legislature this week calling upon the President of the United States to send to the Government of Mexico a "statement of the feelings of the American people relative to the unbearable practices pursued upon Roman Catholics of that country." The resolution, introduced by Assemblyman Breitbart, was tabled by the Lower House.

Ohio Ministers Fight Parochial School Aid

COLUMBUS—United Protestant opposition to any effort to have public funds appropriated in aid of parochial schools is urged in a report adopted by the Ohio Pastors' convention here.

Franco Pledges Vatican Concordat If He Wins

NEW YORK—If the Rightists win the present Spanish Civil War a Concordat will be drawn up with the Vatican to determine the Catholic Church's position under the new government, General Francisco Franco, Rightist leader, called here today in answer to questions sent to him by Roy W. Howard, president and editor of the New York World-Telegram. Howard cabled inquiries to General Franco and Premier Largo Caballero of the Loyalist Government. General Franco's reply was the only one received. Mr. Howard's question regarding the position of Church and State in a Spain ruled by the Rightists was: "Would you force separation of Church and State in Spain?" General Franco replied: "Relations between the Church and the Government of the future Spain will be defined in due course by a Concordat." Other questions of interest to Catholics follow: Question:—"If Republicanism failed in Spain, to what extent do you consider that there would be inherent faults of Republicanism, in inherent patibility with Spanish character or to too rapid democratization?" Answer:—"The republic failed in Spain because it did not carry out its promises to the people. It failed because it did not respect the rights or the letter of the Constitution, or the foundations of the political system on which it is based. "Between the Republic and the Loyalists, a total of 100,000 men were destroyed, and 250,000 were destroyed, and 250,000 were destroyed, and 250,000 were destroyed." (Continued on Page 2)

Have You RESUBSCRIBED? We want you to stay in the CATHOLIC COURIER'S family circle and there's no better time to renew your membership in that circle than NOW. If one of our student press Crusaders hasn't called on you as yet, get in touch with a boy or girl in your neighborhood and RESUBSCRIBE. You'll not only be helping the Crusader but the school he or she attends will get financial credit for your RESUBSCRIPTION and a chance to win one of the grand prizes. The Crusade ends at midnight Monday. Before then rejoin the vast Catholic family reading the— Catholic Courier THE NEWSPAPER of the Rochester Diocese