

City Officials Forbid Spain Propaganda Film

WORCESTER, MASS. A purport Communist propaganda film "Hears of Spain" was banned from public showing by police here following a 24-hour campaign by Catholics and veterans' organizations. The film had been widely advertised as sponsored by a group of prominent individuals, some of whom, when questioned, charged their names had been used without permission.

Police action was taken to revoke the license after Mayor William A. Bennett was presented with a petition signed by more than 500 persons. The petition was initiated by several veterans' students at Holy Cross College.

Mayor Bennett directed Police Chief Thomas F. Foley to convene a censorship board composed of six police officers, including a policeman, and preview the picture. The board then announced the picture could not be shown publicly because it might lead toward "inciting racial prejudice" and was "dangerous to public peace and safety."

A similar ruling was given in Providence, R. I., recently by Capt. George W. Cowan, amusement inspector.

Application for the film license had been made by Haven D. Brackett, professor of Greek and Latin at Clark University, here. He is chairman of the local unit of the Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. The unit's secretary, Ruth G. Woodie, is a teacher of German and Ancient History in Clark's High School here.

In a sermon in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Rev. J. Bryan Connors S. J. of Holy Cross College, used the proposed showing of the film as an illustration of Communist propaganda, which he said, was attempting to undermine the Church.

Conversion Centenary Observed MONTREAL The centenary of the conversion of Louis Veuillot, great French Catholic Journalist of the nineteenth century, was observed at a special service held at Notre Dame de Lourdes church here. Veuillot became a great champion of Catholic action and had earned from Pope Leo XIII the title of a "Lay Father of the Church."

MISS DRAGONETTE'S MUSICAL TRIUMPHS Give High Hopes For Concert Here

The first concert appearance of Jessica Dragonette in Rochester on April 29, under the auspices of the Mercy Guild of the Little Flower is expected to duplicate the musical triumphs which have marked her visits to other cities.

According to a telegram received by Miss Regina K. Kennedy, general chairman of the committee here, Miss Dragonette sang before 9,000 people in the Minneapolis Auditorium last week. Appearing as a soloist with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, Miss Dragonette attracted the largest crowd in the musical history of Minneapolis.

Keen interest is attached to the contents of Miss Dragonette's program here. She is in New York at present working on the details of the program with her managers, Mrs. Edward Zimmer is vice-chairman of the general committee of the Mercy Guild, while Mrs. Charles Eberhardt is chairman of the ticket committee assisted by Joseph R. Lara as vice-chairman.

The publicity committee is headed by Mrs. Joseph Ritz, while Mrs. George A. Conway is program director, assisted by Mrs. Frank Doyle and Mrs. Richard Clements.

Early ticket sales indicate that a capacity audience will hear Miss Dragonette's program. Tickets are on sale at the Columbus Civic Center, Trant's and Serantoni's. Mail orders are being received at the box office of the Auditorium in Main St. East.

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St. Patrick's Parish Hall, newly decorated and furnished, will be formally opened with an Easter card party and social on Tuesday evening, April 19, at 8 o'clock.

Formerly Cathedral Hall, on North Plymouth Avenue near Brown Street, the building's main floor was recently transformed into a church for St. Patrick's parishioners. The rest of the building has now been completely modernized for parish activities.

All former parishioners of the old Cathedral are invited to attend the party and to inspect the many changes.

The occasion will also be in the nature of a reception for the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, the new pastor who is acting as honorary chairman for the affair.

Extensive plans are being made for the social. Attractive prizes will be awarded at the card playing.

Miss Marcella Sigler is general chairman, assisted by Mrs. Myron Morphy as vice-chairman. The executive committee consists of Myron Morphy, Frank Seaton and George Siegel. Miss Mildred Dougherty is in charge of awarding the prizes. Mr. Siegel is in charge of a newspaper drive.

Father Mooney who is also managing editor of the CATHOLIC COURIER is assisted in the parish work by Rev. Alphonsus Cronin and the Rev. James O'Connell.

Each week at the parish hall 500 children from neighboring public schools receive Catechetical instruction.

Sister Regina Celste of the Trinitarian Sisters is in charge of social work in the parish.

St. Patrick's Church is the headquarters for the Rochester Third Order of St. Francis and the Third Order of St. Dominic.

Each Tuesday has a service in honor of St. Anthony of Padua at the church.

CATHOLICS ASK ANTI-RADICAL BILL Be Preserved In Quebec

MONTREAL Indicating the support of French Canadians for the anti-Communist law, generally known as the "padlock law," a number of national organizations have sent messages to Ernest Lapointe, Federal Minister of Justice, at Ottawa, and to Premier Maurice Duplessis at Quebec.

Mr. Lapointe at the moment has under consideration a request by the Civil Liberties League, a secular organization of Montreal, asking that the Dominion Government disavow the provincial act.

The St. Joseph Society, one of the largest groups of French Canadian men, through its Montreal branch, sent a message to Mr. Lapointe declaring it entirely approves prohibition by Montreal authorities of Communist meetings. The action was taken in respect of party or personal interests, the message said.

"We are not afraid to affirm that Christian civilization is in grave danger," it said. "This affirmation is not exaggerated as you well know. It behooves the Minister of Justice and therein is your responsibility to defend the laws which protect it."

On behalf of the Association Catholique de la Jeunesse Canadienne Française (Catholic Association of French Canadian Youth) which is one of the largest youth bodies in Canada a letter was sent to Premier Duplessis. It declared that the so-called "padlock law" was a protection of the liberty of individuals against the propaganda of subversive ideas.

"We are not being deluded by anonymous sounding words such as 'to save democracy' the letter said. "We know what that means in Russia for example. Call for Fight or Flee."

From Quebec City the permanent committee of the French Language Congress of America sent a message to the Premier asking him not to disallow the anti-Communist law, feeling that the great French Language Congress held at Quebec last year had gone on record as asking the organization everywhere according to the Pontifical declaration of an energetic fight against Communism.

The St. Jean Baptiste Society at Beauport, Que., in a message to Mr. Lapointe urged that measures be taken to declare one and for all that the Communist party was illegal in Canada and that any Communist be prevented from holding a seat in the Federal House of Commons or in Provincial Legislatures.

All Catholic youth organizations which are active in Quebec and the Canadian Youth Congress are withdrawing from the latter organization. This action follows alleged Communist activities in the Canadian Congress. It is stated that the Canadian Youth Congress at Toronto next May will be doing so entirely on their own initiative and responsibility.

The last Canadian Youth Congress was held at Montreal, Quebec, last year. It had 600 of the 1,500 members. There were 400 organizations of every race and creed there. On that occasion representatives of the Revolutionary Youth League left the meetings in a hurry. A resolution, introduced by Catholics, was passed. The resolution affirmed belief in God, condemned abusive doctrines and upheld the right of individuals to hold private property.

In olden times it was the custom for parents desiring their child to receive baptism on the day that they then received their First Holy Communion at the Mass which follows. Nowadays most converts have already received baptism before their birth. The church has had their First Sunday pictures published at least a dozen or so very early and nowadays the news-reel carries the story too.

Westminster Cathedral is just off the main stream of traffic and a crowd of several thousands can congregate outside without causing any disturbance.

Another ceremony not however connected with Holy Week, which is the carrying of the photo of the Holy Fire, is the Blessing of the Fire. It was introduced at the pro-Roman church of St. Etheldreda in Ely place, Holborn here by the Fathers of the Institute of Charity. The blessing is performed with crossed candles with which the throb is touched.

St. Blasius was martyred in the fourth century. He was very popular in the middle ages because of legends which credited him with special authority as the cure of throat affections.

Several other churches here have taken up the ceremony and St. Blasius is the fore-runner of the dozens of others in several parts of the country.

It is an incongruous course that pictures of Catholic ceremonial should get mixed up in the daily press with the sort of picture which the papers of the world are publishing today. Nevertheless it is possible to get the church to get the people in picture and story in any circumstances.

Even if Catholic news pictures do not touch the hearts of many who never knew the church and who are so ignorant as to get the church to get the people in picture and story in any circumstances.

Thus the influence of these Lenten services at Westminster may have tremendous effect, sometimes remote in time and distance.

FAMILY UNIT THEME OF RADIO ADDRESS

WASHINGTON The Family Unit was the subject of an address delivered in the "Call to Youth" series sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Women and sent out over a nationwide hook-up of the National Broadcasting Company. The speaker was Mrs. John J. Shea, president of the Nashville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, mother of six children. The Nashville Council under Mrs. Shea, has sponsored the Catholic Youth Organization of Tennessee.

The speaker on April 7 will be Miss Beatrice Harrison, N.C.W. craft adviser and art instructor in the Detroit public schools. Her subject will be "Youth Creates Beauty." Miss Harrison gave craft instruction during the two Youth Institutes held at the National Council School of Social Service under the sponsorship of the N.C.W. and also during the national convention of the N.C.W. here.

"The Family Unit" presents the highest form of human and spiritual happiness, she said. "It is God where joy comes from mutually doing and watching, loving and praying," Mrs. Shea said.

"When our family unit increases we recognize in our beautifully developing children our atonement and our greatest characteristic. When our children are young their difficulties are many but simple. As they grow older their problems are fewer but more important and capable of permanent results."

"We observe these children re-creating the individuals we had hoped to be and we find ourselves humoring them and doing for them the things we always wanted to do."

"Our prayers are not always answered. Often our hearts are heavy, but we should realize that in proportion to our happiness we must accept an occasional heart-ache and a disappointment, and knowing God's in His Heaven we should pray to be directed and guided."

"The family unit grows larger not one child but several. We take pride in the beautiful development of these blessed charges and we hear them call our Lord and their generation of an energetic heritage beyond all price which we will begeth our children, and with this spirit, our spirit, the spirit of truly Christian mother and father, blazing in their hearts, they carry the torch from generation to generation and Christian marriage and Christian parenthood will never cease to be the glory and the wonder of the civilized world."

"From its inception, the National Council of Catholic Women has had as its objective the preservation and protection of the family and family life. Every child sent to earth by God is a definite responsibility, and the moral growth and development and future conduct of these children depends on our relationship, understanding and association with them. Let us realize they have their problems, let us be genuinely interested if there is that perfect understanding between parent and child, there will not be so many problems."

Paris Catholic Weekly Moves Into New Home

PARIS (NC) - La Vie Catholique, Paris Catholic weekly devoted particularly to Catholic social thought, announced that its disappearance, which was feared last fall, is no longer imminent and that it will continue to appear and that its sphere of influence has been widened. Coincident with this announcement, the weekly also directs attention to its removal to newer and better quarters.

In referring to the social causes defended by La Vie Catholique for the last 12 years, Francois Guy and Georges Hourdelet, editors, in a joint statement proclaim that the weekly "will continue to serve in the future, with the same smiling tenacity, the same cause, simply because they are good causes."

Reds Ban Couple Caught Hearing Catholic Program

PHIBURG, SWITZERLAND (AP) - A Soviet agent in Phiburg, Russia, has forbidden the use of old workmen of the name of Kostaki and his wife to five years hard labor in Siberia according to the local Catholic news service. It is because they were discovered listening to Catholic radio program from Warsaw station and were accused to have taken down which they were said to have planned to pass on to others the contents of the broadcast.

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Ex-Head of Puerto Rico Donates Church Chimes
CHICAGO (NC) Robert H. Gore, former Governor General of Puerto Rico has given a set of chimes to his home parish, St. Edmund's, at Oak Park in memory of his mother and as a mark of respect for the parish and its school, where all his nine children were educated.
The chimes will be installed in the bellry and will be blessed on the national Fast of St. Edmund, November 16.

News Photo Use In Holy Week Rites
By GEORGE BARNARD
Written for N.C.W.C. Easter Supplement.
Every news photo agency editor in London took up the date of Maundy Thursday when he gets a new diary at the end of the year. He writes in it "Westminster Cathedral Washing of the Feet."
He notes also the Blessing of the New Fire at the cathedral on Holy Saturday and the Blessing of the Font on Easter Sunday.
These pictures all sell well to the press of the country, and though they have no doubt that many thousands of people have given their feet to the Holy Fire, and from that they may have stirred inquiries into Catholic doctrine.
From a publicity point of view the Catholic Church has a wonderful asset in the ceremonial of the Holy Fire. It is wonderful and it has meaning.
I believe I took the first published photograph of the Mandatum at Westminster Cathedral. That would be about 22 years ago. In those days lenses and plates were vastly slower than they are today. I had to wait my chance to get Cardinal Bourne immobile and then I exposed the negative for a second. The new Defeat Daily Graphic here printed the picture.
I shot that picture from the gallery which runs the whole length of Westminster. Here were lined Byzantine cathedral. Nowadays the cameramen are given more freedom or at any rate they take it. They work with lenses at least 8 times as fast as mine and with plates 8 times as speedy. They can shoot with telephoto lenses from the gallery and they can get instantaneous close-ups from the ground. So the pictures get better all the time.
And so the public gets to know about this picturesque act of humility, the ritual observance of which had its origin at the Last Supper when Our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist and washed the feet of the Apostles.
It was the custom in Palestine in Our Lord's day for the host to wash the feet of his guest. It is still the custom in some monasteries for a monk to pour water over the hands of the traveler who comes to the door seeking a meal. It is an act of humility, for the guest is the Lord.
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