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Spain 'Neutrality' Drive Stubs Toe in Capital Moves

WASHINGTON (NC)—Strong pressure, much of it artificially stimulated, is being exerted to induce the Administration in Washington to lift the embargo on the shipment of arms and military supplies to Spain. But discrediting revelations regarding methods employed in the feverish campaign have served to discount it at once.

This movement has many of the earmarks of what the propaganda experts call a "concerted" movement that it, it appears to originate in one source. It is much more than a coincidence that a barrage of telegrams should be laid upon Congress, letters should be poured in on public officials, and delegations should present petitions all at the same time.

It is one of those "spontaneous" outbursts of public sentiment with which those who know the mechanics of engineering public opinion are only too familiar. There are reports from time to time indicating that the bearings are being carefully oiled, and it has been intimated that the arms salesmen, while keeping out of sight, are doing some of the stage-managing and seeing to it that the delegations of well-meaning professional men and ministers of the Gospel are aiming in the proper direction.

Purpose One-sided

The idea, of course, is to enable the hard-pressed so-called Loyalist forces to obtain military supplies. The purpose is entirely one-sided. The neutrality policy of the United States, which was commended so generally and highly when the "Loyalists" were burning churches and slaughtering priests and nuns and were so ferociously intent upon setting up a Godless regime, now is being attacked as unneutral. The allegation is that the "Loyalists" are fighting on the side of democracy, an idea that is being sedulously cultivated.

Seemingly a stimulant to, or a part of, this fresh application of pressure on officials in Washington was a story in the New York Times of May 5th, stating flatly that President Roosevelt backed the proposal to lift the embargo of arms to Leftist Spain. The Times gave no source fo this startling assertion, and, while the President was on vacation, every official source in Washington vigorously denied it.

Senator Nye of North Dakota, author of the resolution which would lift the embargo, said he had no indication he could expect the president's support. Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, Committee declared he knew of no reversal of policy by the Administration.

Other members of this Committee expressed doubt the President was prepared to urge passage of the measure.

Representative Sam D. McReynolds of Tennessee, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said he saw no reason to change his position, and as to the report the Administration was prepared to back lifting of the embargo declared "I don't believe it." State Department officials said there had been no developments that would justify a change in the policy of strict neutrality.

Meanwhile, the Daily Worker, the Communist newspaper, gleefully quoted the Times story of May 5th as "a joyously encouraging ..."

The efforts being exerted feverishly in various cities to organize floods of telegrams and letters, incidentally, comes just at a time when Senators and Representatives have become distinctly suspicious of many of the telegrams and messages of this sort. That many of these former messages not only were not spontaneous, but actually were "inspired" and sometimes were wholly fictitious is now proved. A considerable number of letters written by Congressmen to names and addresses affixed to the telegrams they received on the Reorganization bill are being returned. "Cannot find," "No such address" and "No such person at this address," are some of the post office reports stamped on the returned letters.

Around World

U. S. CATHOLICS GAIN

New York.—The Catholic population of the United States, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands is 21,451,460, the Official Catholic Directory for 1938, just published by P. J. Kenedy & Sons, reports. This represents an increase of 492,328 over that of 1937. The increase in the last year was in turn, 56,240 greater than that of the year before. Comparative figures show an increase of 176,2,411 over a period of ten years and an increase of 4,035,157 in 20 years.

USE AS DANCE HALL

Bilbao.—Troops of General Franco arriving in Aliaga discovered that the Reds, during their occupancy of the city, had converted a church into a public dance hall after destroying the altar and images of great value, it was announced at Nationalist headquarters here.

THREE GENERATIONS

London.—A grandfather, his son and his grandson were among the altar-servers at St. Dunstan's Church, Woking, near here, at the close of a week's mission. The grandfather, Mr. Stedman, and his son Bernard had served regularly for 20 years. Now Anthony, aged 4½, has joined the altar-servers.

ASKS UNITED FRONT

Port Credit, Ont.—A Catholic priest, the Rev. J. Sheridan, speaking at the forty-eighth anniversary banquet of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church here, urged a strong Christian front against subversive elements in the world today. Strengthening of the ties of interdenominational friendship is more essential today than ever before in view of world conditions, he said.

PILGRIMS KILLED

Paris.—(NC)—Pilgrims returning from Lisieux by bus were victims of a tragic accident at a grade crossing near Saumur, about 125 miles from Lisieux. Nine persons, two of them children, were killed and 10 seriously injured. Two priests are among the injured.

FIELD MASS FOR NUNS

Leavenworth, Kas.—The Most Rev. Paul C. Schulte, Bishop of Leavenworth, will celebrate a Pontifical Field Mass on the lawn of the Guardian Angel's colored boys' orphanage, here, May 17, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the first mission of the colored Oblate Sisters of Providence in Kansas.

PARISH PUPILS AIDED

New York.—Parochial school children are participating in the benefits of the WPA project for the teaching of lip reading which has been in progress since 1934, Miss Estelle E. Samuelson, Secretary of the New York League for the Hard of Hearing disclosed at the annual meeting of the organization held here.

SCOTS AID MISSIONS

London.—Scotland's contribution to the Association for the Propagation of the Faith for last year showed an increase, as England's did. The new figure for Scotland is $34,200, which is a new high record and $3,500 in excess of last year's figure. Each of the six dioceses in Scotland showed an increase.

College Gets Organ

JERUSALEM.—An electric organ has been presented by American Catholics to the Terra Santa College.

THIS WEEK in The News

"Mercy Dollars" are urgently needed to carry on the extensive charitable work of the 47 agencies supported through the Community Chest. His Excellency, Bishop Kearney appeals strongly for Catholic cooperation. See Page 1

Communist sympathizers in this country are working zealously to promote their cause. Strong pressure brought to bear on the Administration to lift embargo on arms to help Spanish Leftist forces. See Page 1

A Bishop dares the Nazis. That means that he is being subjected to suppression. He stands out against them however, as he follows his conscience in the matter. See Page 1

A Missionary Bishop will come to Rochester from Africa on Ascension Thursday to pontificate at a Field Mass for 5,000 school children. See Page 8

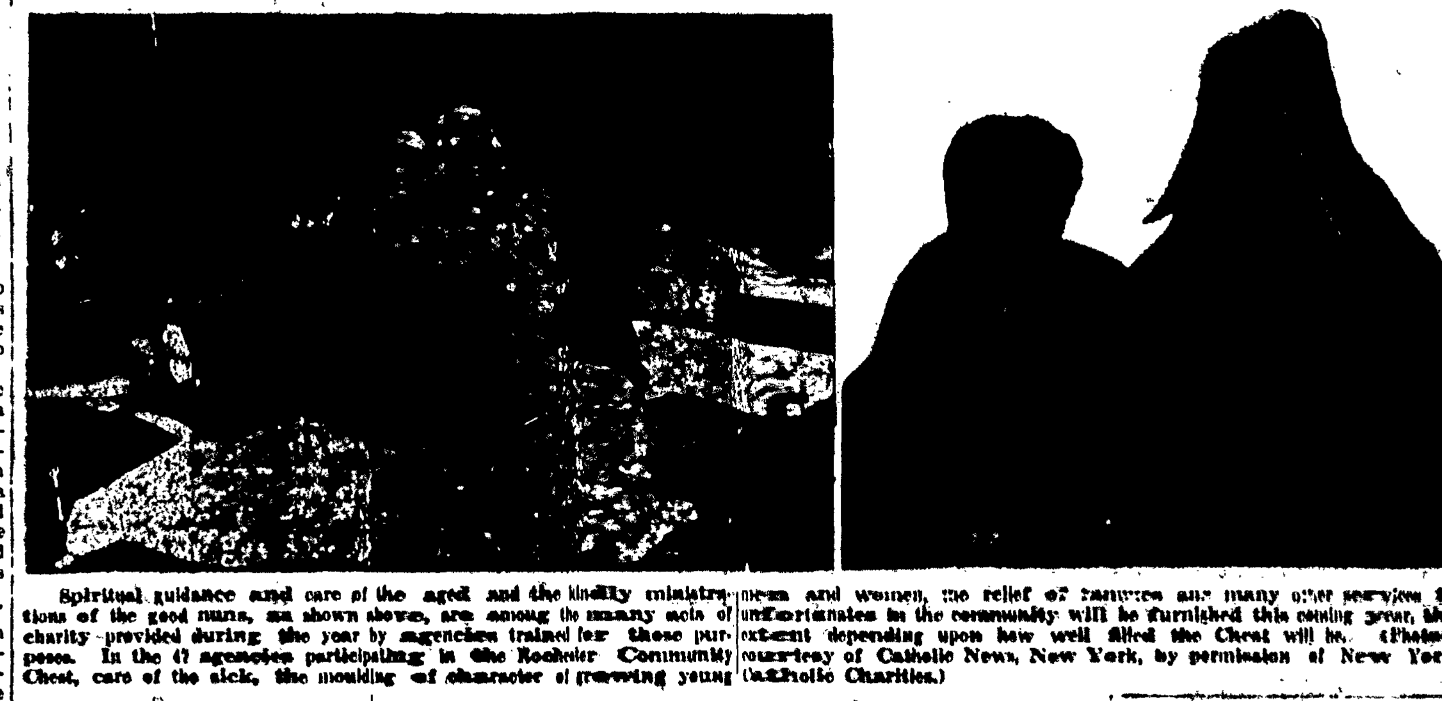
Catholic college students are joining in the drive to clean up current literature in this area. See Page 2

The physician and the priest have much in common, it is brought out at a dinner honoring Bishop Kearney given by the staff of St. Mary's Hospital. See Page 3

Growing interest in the Negro problem is brought out in both Father Gillis' and Father Lord's columns. See Page 6

"Al" Smith in a talk at Cleveland makes pointed and timely comment on the need for present day charity. See Page 6

CARE LIKE THIS FOR YOUNG AND OLD PROVIDED THROUGH CHEST



Spiritual guidance and care of the aged and the kindly ministrations of the good nuns, as shown above, are among the many acts of charity provided during the year by agencies trained for these purposes. In the 47 agencies participating in the Rochester Community Chest, care of the sick, the moulding of character of growing young men and women, the relief of families and many other services to unfortunates in the community will be furnished this coming year, the extent depending upon how well filled the Chest will be. (Photos, courtesy of Catholic News, New York, by permission of New York Catholic Charities.)

WOULD OUST BISHOP

Who Spurned Vote In Nazi Plebiscite

AMSTERDAM.—(NC)—Virtually asking that the Most Rev. Johannes Baptista Sproll, Bishop of Rottenburg resign, the Nazi Governor of the State of Wuertemberg, Herr Murr accuses the prelate of having violated the Concordat, which, the Governor asserts, obliges every Bishop to "give loyal support to the Government." The accusation is made in an article published in a Nazi newspaper in Stuttgart.

(The Governor, it is to be noted, fails to mention that the Concordat likewise obliges the Government to respect the rights of the Church.)

The Bishop disregarded the Concordat obligation, Governor Murr charges, when he refused to cast a ballot in the recent plebiscite, thereby taking a stand against the State and must now "draw the only possible consequences," Murr states.

No Reply Expected

Asserting that the Bishop had declared himself motivated in making his decision not to vote in the plebiscite by the fact that men hostile to the Church had been nominated for seats in the Reichstag, the Governor replies: "The Reichstag is not a Church council but a political institution." "The Bishop," he says, "should be thankful that Divine Providence chose Hitler to save the nation from Bolshevism, thereby also saving the Church."

It is not expected, authorities here asserted that the Bishop will make reply to the article.

Just previously to publication of the article Bishop Sproll was assailed in public by a horde of Nazi radicals who gathered in front of his residence in Rottenburg on the Neckar on the evening of the plebiscite. The mob smashed some of the windows, tried to force entry into the house and denounced the Bishop as a "scoundrel" and "traitor who ought to be hanged."

N. Y. BILL PROPOSES PARISH SCHOOL AID

ALBANY.—A proposal to strike out that part of existing legislation which prohibits any subdivision of the State using public funds in aid of denominational schools and providing instead contributions of public money not in excess of 50 per cent of the cost of maintaining, operating and keeping up such institutions has been introduced in the New York State Legislature.

The proposal stipulates that such contributions of public money shall not vest in the political subdivision any property right in the school or institution aided or the power to supervise or regulate its curricula.

Wins Bishop's Oratorical Medal

The Annual Oratorical Contest of Nazareth Hall was held in the School Auditorium on Monday evening, May 9. Ten competitors delivered orations before a capacity house.

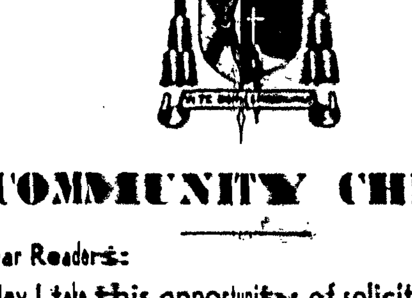
The Most Reverend James E. Kearney Gold Medal was awarded to Joseph A. O'Connor and the Most Reverend John Francis O'Hern Memorial Medal for second prize was awarded to George L. Staud.

The Judges were: The Rev. Leonard Dolan, C.S.B. The Rev. Henry C. Manley, and Federal Judge Harold P. Burke.

Bishop Kearney congratulated the youthful speakers on their splendid delivery, poise and clarity of voice.

The Nazareth Hall Choral Club sang three numbers under the direction of Raymond Hasenauer, B. Mus. of Aquinas Faculty.

Bishop's Appeal



COMMUNITY CHEST

My Dear Readers:

May I take this opportunity of soliciting your generous support on behalf of the Community Chest. The Chest needs the support of every wage earner this year as it has seldom needed that help before. The increase in the goal suggested for the campaign was made imperative by the increased demands made for assistance to the various agencies in the city operating under the Chest.

When Christ made the statement "The poor you shall always have with you," He spoke with the obvious intention of pointing out a golden opportunity that mankind was destined to have through the ages, the opportunity of performing works of mercy for those less happily placed than ourselves.

The Community Chest brings to you that opportunity. May I ask that you accept it with genuine enthusiasm and with a realization that what we give for charity from our abundance does not bring the blessing of God as much as what we are willing to sacrifice. It was the "widow's mite" that found place in the gospel narrative.

Lowell expresses the thought very beautifully when he put on the lips of Christ the famous lines

"Not what we give, but what we share
For the gift without giver is bare.
Who gives himself, with his alms, feeds three:
Himself, his hungering neighbor and Me."

+ James E. Kearney

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

Vacation School Meet Slated For May 14th

A Conference in preparation for the 1938 Religious Vacation Schools will be held Saturday afternoon, May 14, at 2 o'clock in Blessed Sacrament Auditorium. Pastors, teachers, seminarians and lay helpers, have been invited. Anyone interested in Religious Vacation Schools will be welcome.

His Excellency, Most Rev. James E. Kearney will address the teachers and lay helpers on Vacation School work. Rev. John M. Duffy, Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, will outline the plans and program for the coming sessions. Sister M. Philip Neri, a Trinitarian Sister, will discuss some of the "short-cuts" of the vacation school procedure.

The second half of the meeting will be devoted to a demonstration of the daily program followed in our vacation schools. Sister M. Wilberta, S.S.N.D. will direct a group of children from Annunciation Parish as they go through a typical day at the Summer School.

The Conference is an annual event conducted by the diocesan office of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for the advancement of vacation school work. This summer there will be at least four new schools opened in the city, in addition to the 16 conducted last summer, to serve the hundreds of Catholic children attending public schools.

The Vacation Schools will be open on Tuesday July 5, and continue for four weeks. They will be manned by the priests of the parish in which they are located, the various religious communities, seminarians and lay helpers from Nazareth College, Mercy High School and Nazareth Academy.

Book Club Picks Novel On Modern Germany

NEW YORK.—(NC)—The May selection of the Catholic Book Club of New York is "Death Solves Nothing," by Margaret Sothern, and published by Sheed & Ward.

The book is a novel about modern Germany. The theme is the conflict of Communism and the Christian view of life.

21 POINTS MADE

In Recommending Christian Social

MILWAUKEE.—Bringing together enormous throngs in truly American and truly Catholic assemblies, challenging the imagination with color, mingling rich and poor, employer and employee in earnest study, earning the highest acclaim for its forthright and diligent pursuit of true principles, the first National Catholic Social Action Conference, held here last week, gave a complete and conclusive answer to the advocates of irreligion and atheism—to those who assert that religion is outmoded and antiquated.

The Conference, hailed as the greatest meeting of its kind conducted by any religious group in the history of the United States, was held under the patronage of the Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Milwaukee. The program was under the direction of the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Members of the Hierarchy, priests, Brothers, Sisters and a huge outpouring of the laity took part.

Archbishop Mooney Heard

While the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit and Chairman of the Administrative Board of the N.C.W.C., told the closing meeting that the cry of government absolutism raised by "intellectually bankrupt" individualism is valid against Communism and Fascism, but is not valid against a Christian social order, Archbishop Stritch exhorted the delegates to carry back to their communities, and to give application to, the principles they had learned at the Conference.

The Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Great Falls, Mont., and Episcopal Chairman of the N.C.W.C. Department of Social Action, brought this particular general conference to a close by giving in a series of short statements, a resume "of the principles which may be regarded as basic to the development of a Christian social order in a democratic society." These principles follow:

"1. That industrial and financial power must not be divorced from social responsibility. Such power must always have in view the good of the industry or business as a whole and also the common good.

"2. That a prominent aim of industry should be to provide stable employment so as to eliminate the insecurity and the other social ills that arise from excessive changes of employment and residence.

"3. That as machinery is introduced into industry workers thereby displaced should be guaranteed adequate protection.

"4. That employment should be available for workers at not less than a family living income.

"5. That a Christian Social Order in America will look forward to some participation by employes in profits, and management.

"6. That a wide distribution of ownership of property should be encouraged by legislation.

Limitation of Hours

"7. That there should be limitations of hours of labor in keeping with human need for rest and relaxation. This is especially true in regard to the labor of women and young persons. The industrial employment of children outside of the family should be prohibited.

"8. That monopoly should be con-

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Urges Decency Legion To Curb Evil Writing

MONTREAL.—(NC)—Deploring the influence of movie and crime magazines, the boldness of advertising and indecent literature generally the Rev. Hector Daly, S.J., urged formation of a Legion of Decency to deal with this problem, speaking before a meeting of the Catholic Women's League here.

Urges Generous Support To Meet 1938 Charity Needs

With the wheels of machinery setting in motion the annual Community Chest campaign in Rochester, [illegible] as the opening of the 1938 effort on May 16 approaches, comes an urgent appeal from His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, to all Catholics in the city to do their share in assuring the campaign's success.

Self-sacrificing and generous financial support to enable the 47 agencies participating to carry on their merciful acts for the sick, the aged, the orphans, the growing youth and other unfortunates during the coming year is asked by the Bishop.

This year's opportunity to "Be a Good Neighbor" is one to be grasped by all with charity in their hearts.

Goal Is Set

Approximately $1,[illegible] is needed if the various agencies are to carry out their programs in the 1938 and 1939 year.

Sharing in this amount will be the ten Catholic agencies for whom an amount of $315,000 is urgently needed for the coming year's services and activities.

From the great Community Chest, which is acclaimed throughout the country as one of the most efficient, will come, if sufficient pledges are forthcoming in the campaign the amount needed for the Catholic Charities program.

Ten Catholic Agencies

Participating in the Chest are: Rochester Catholic Charities, St. Mary's Hospital, St. Mary's Boys' Home, St. Patrick's Girls' Home, St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, St. Ann's Home for the Aged, St. Elizabeth's Guild House, Charles Settlement House, Genesee Institute, and Columbus Youth Association.

Amounts required for these Catholic agencies to continue their work are listed in the next column.

Besides our Catholic agencies, Catholics receive aid from non-sectarian organizations such as city hospitals, Public Health Nursing Association, Milk [illegible] Committee, Legal Aid Society, Tuberculosis and Health Association and others.

The Chest campaign, this year under the direction of Campaign Chairman Gilbert J. C. McCurdy, [illegible] would be required for 47 campaigns for each of the agencies.

Lambert Makes Appeal

Faced with the responsibility of carrying on Catholic charitable endeavors in Rochester, those in charge are also making a special appeal for this year's campaign. The Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, diocesan director of Rochester Catholic Charities, asks that each Catholic give special thought to the importance of making the campaign go over.

"With the amount of $315,000 absolutely needed for our agencies during the coming year, it is obvious that we must all do our part to help in the campaign," Father Lambert said today.

"Should this amount have to be placed upon the parishes of the city for collection, it would mean each parish having to raise about $5,000 each. This, not taking into account the work and effort that would be required in collecting the pledges, tabulating them, collecting the funds and distributing them to the agencies, all of which is now done through the Community Chest."

Extensive Work Done

The charities' activity in Rochester stands out in dioceses of the country, Father Lambert said, pointing to the wide accomplishments during the past year.

There was a total of 218,200 days care given in Catholic institutions during the past year to 9,816 individuals, including those ill, aged and the dependent children.

In the character-building agencies, growing in importance in the present age, 53,300 individuals received 281,656 services.

Some idea of what has been done by Catholic agencies for unfortunates during the year of 1937 and 1938 is given in the following report of services rendered by each of the ten agencies.

Service Record

Rochester Catholic Charities furnished care, service and relief to 921 families. A total of 53,951 days care was given to 350 children in foster homes and 129 children in institutions. In addition 197 young men and women received protective care.

At St. Mary's Hospital, 55,592 days of care and treatment were given to 6,096 patients, while 2,876 patients and 16,020 visits were recorded at the out-patient department.

Two hundred and four aged men and women were given 59,643 days care at St. Ann's Home.

A total of 36,750 days' care was given 134 different children at St.

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1938 Needs Listed For Our Agencies

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL [illegible]
Expenses, 1937 [illegible]
Receipts, 1937 [illegible]
Chest Needs, 1938 [illegible]

ST. MARY'S BOYS' HOME [illegible]
Expenses, 1937 [illegible]
Receipts, 1937 [illegible]
Chest Needs, 1938 [illegible]

ST. PATRICK'S [illegible]

ST. JOSEPH'S [illegible]

ST. ANN'S [illegible]

[illegible]

Nuns' Hospital Aided By Episcopalian's W[illegible]

EAU CLAIRE, Wis.—[illegible] E. Dulany, widow of [illegible] Dulany, [illegible] lumberman, [illegible] generous donations to [illegible] Catholic [illegible].

A member of [illegible] Church at Eau Claire [illegible] $100,000 to the [illegible] of Eau Claire [illegible] year [illegible] same time [illegible] $100,000 to the Sacred Heart [illegible] Jesus Hospital [illegible] build the Mary E. Dulany wing [illegible] benefactions to the Catholic institution are believed to [illegible] almost $500,000.

Prague [illegible]

PRAGUE.—The [illegible] have presented an [illegible] bulance to the [illegible] of the City of [illegible]

Hail Erin's New President

DUBLIN.—(NC)—The selection of Dr. Douglas Hyde as first President of Ireland by agreement between the two great parties in the Dail has come with some surprise though not without satisfaction to the nation.

It will be remembered that the suggestion of an agreed candidate for the Presidency was first made by His Eminence Joseph Cardinal MacRory, Archbishop of Armagh, and the Cardinal has expressed his satisfaction that the matter has been amicably settled. As far back as New Year's Day the Cardinal made a plea in a sermon in Armagh Cathedral for agreement.

"The President, he said, will be [illegible]