

Lima Congress Urged To Safeguard Women's Rights

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May the Joy of Christmas Come to All of You

My dear reader: I am very fortunate in having available the pages of the Courier to extend a Christmas Greeting. I feel that our diocesan paper is found in the home of every loyal Catholic and naturally I am pleased to realize that no home need be without a personal message from the Bishop. May the blessing of the Infant Jesus come to every fireside. May the joy of Christmas come to all of you readers, contributors, advertisers, staff workers, and all others who have helped the Courier to carry out its mission during 1938. God bless you and give you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

James E. Kearney

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

Text of Bishop's Talk On Parochial Schools

Text of an address on "The Parochial School, Is It Necessary?" given by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D. D., before members of the City Club at Powers Hotel, Saturday noon, follows:

In the City of Rochester yesterday about 14,000 children began their school day with the invocation "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen," followed by the Lord's Prayer, nor did they leave their school room until they had returned thanks to God for the blessings of their school day "Gloria be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, Amen."

For this privilege for their children the Catholics of Rochester added to their taxes already paid for our public schools the additional sum of over half a million dollars. In the State of New York the parochial school system effects an annual saving to taxpayers of \$1,000,000. Very naturally people ask the question: Why does the Church maintain its own system of parochial schools, elementary and high, when these students could enter the schools already existing, munificently provided for by public generosity. Here are buildings, teachers, libraries, laboratories, everything that one could wish for, at a minimum of expense to the pupils and maximum of advantage.

Why add to sectarian distinctions? Why keep alive the sense of separate religious interest among these young people? Why prevent a happy merging of all religious differences in one common educational melting-pot? Why put a fresh and useless burden on the shoulders of your people already heavily taxed for the support of the magnificent system of public schools at the disposal of their children? The answer goes down to fundamental principles. Youth Problems More and more continuously these days, our national consciousness focus on the problems of youth. Our young people, their joys and their disappointments, their security, their preparation for life, their outlook for contentment and happiness, are very much with us as we try to envisage the better social order that we hope is in the making. Now it is this at all surprising. After all, the urge for self-preservation is strong in the group, even as it is in the individual, and a nation recognizes that the arms of those who today stand on life's threshold are freighted with its expectations. If they are lost—lost to honor and integrity and zeal for freedom—the nation is lost. If they fall prey to error, to cheapness, to opportunism, to theories and doctrines that are alien to right reason and the spirit of American institutions, the nation is on its way into bondage.

Better times await the coming of better men and women; we dare not sit idly by and allow our young people to deteriorate. Much of the effort we have expended to date in connection with the Youth Problem has been by way of definition. We are trying to find out what modern living, with its changing, its unsteady tempo, its shifting standards and values, is doing to those who have only just begun to live.

Better Citizens, Now and for Eternity, Aim of Parish Schools, Bishop Avers

TELLS CITY CLUB HOPE OF NATION Lies in Religious Training of Youth

Better times await the coming of better men and women, we dare not sit idly by and allow our young people to deteriorate. His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, declared in addressing the topic, "The Parochial School, Is It Necessary?" before members of the City Club at Powers Hotel, Saturday noon.

With national attention being focused on the youth problem today the Bishop said that the solution does not lie in the frequently accented obligation of adult society to solve all youth problems, nor in the pampering of youth.

What youth needs and what youth wants is the right answer to

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necessary if it would live in accordance with that answer. Here is the root of the youth problem even as it is the root of every human problem.

This is why the Catholics of Rochester added to their taxes already paid for our public schools the additional sum of over half a million dollars, the Bishop said in the State of New York the parochial school system effects an annual saving to the taxpayers of \$1,000,000, he pointed out the question, Why am I here on earth and the guidance that as parents have a decided obligation to give their children a religious training, if as a nation we need to be reared from the cradle into which we are slipping the Bishop

We need to be jolted back into sound consciousness of right and wrong and become sensitive once again to higher spiritual values.

Scouring present day compromises with high principles of morality common in adult society which bring disillusionment to youth and lead it to ask "What after all is the difference?" The Bishop said "Ideals must be a part and a delusion if older people can play fast and loose with the moral law and get away with it. The youthful vitality which is the basis of our much concerned days, is only applying to his petty, sordid affairs the same logic that is respectable among adults, who, throwing the burden of the world on their shoulders, are intent on business success or political success, or domestic arrangements that suit their impulses."

The prediction that we will have better times when we have better men and women, the Bishop said, rests upon taking necessary steps to show our young people how to become captive to Christ's law that they and their talents and their energies may be freed into the sanctification of society unto the re-establishment of the Kingdom of God.

Answers Questions Following his address Bishop Kearney was called upon to answer numerous questions on materialistic tendencies in education on tolerance, on training of Catholic children in public schools on the Spanish civil war, on number of Catholics in penal institutions who attended parochial schools and on teaching of subversive doctrines in parochial schools.

The problem of materialistic tendencies in education can only be solved he answered, by increased opportunity for young people to have available religious instruction and supervision in practicing their religion.

Development of strength in its own belief makes a religious organization tolerant of another. Intolerance comes from the doctrine of indifference.

It is possible for Catholic children to be trained in their religion in public schools, the Bishop said, since he himself attended public grammar and high school but it is up to the parents to take an active interest in the religious education of their children.

Cries Dr. Maguire A question on the Spanish civil war was ruled out of order on motion of one of the club members.

Catholic Action in Spain



(Carmenita Franco, daughter of General Franco, (lower photo) receiving the insignia "Accion Catolica," as she joins the young Catholic Action group. Carmen and her mother, Dona Carmen Polo de Franco, (upper photo) shown leaving the theater where the ceremonies were held. (N. C. Pennington photos.)

CLENCHED-FIST SALUTE IS GIVEN By Returning Spain Loyalist Troops

NEW YORK, N. Y.—One hundred and forty-nine men from the United States who served in the International Brigades of the Spanish Red Army returned Thursday on the S. S. Paris.

They were met at the pier by 1,200 members of the Communist Party, U. S. A., the Young Communist League and the International Workers Order, a Communist affiliate, the radical Teachers' Union of the WPA, the radical-controlled Workers Alliance and other left-wing groups.

After a parade to Madison Square an attempt was made by Milton Wolff, commanding the returning men, to place a wreath on the Eternal Light memorial to American World War soldiers and sailors. Wolff will continue to be in the city for a few days, however, would not permit the wreath to be placed at the base of the statue because the group had no permit to do so.

Wolff then led the wreath on the outside of the railing enclosing the Eternal Light. Following this "wreath" was sounded by a bugle while the men and their friends gave the Communist clenched-fist salute.

Members of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade returned to the United States will be "drifts of revolution," Merwin K. Hart, president of the New York State Economic Council, declared at a luncheon given today by American Patriotic League.

"The men returning from Spain are of two kinds," he said. "One is the kind that has been completely disillusioned and is disgusted to go abroad, not knowing the true significance of the fight. It is fed up and is through. The other group is made up of men who are radicals by nature disciples of revolution. Part of the men who were in the center of revolutionary activity in Spain are fighting with Communists. It is essentially against the kind of government for which the United States stands. He is an introduction to the American system as he was before he went abroad. He is even more dangerous to the United States now in that he has been through what is called a Communist school in Spain."

Family of Anton Lang Observes Unusual Oberammergau Christmas

WASHINGTON—Christmas Eve is a time of great anticipation in the homes of all good boys and girls. It will mean the coming of the long-awaited Santa Claus to most American children. But there is at least one home in the Capital City of the United States, where the coming of the traditional Santa is not anticipated but where nevertheless the excitement and joy will be as great.

Over in George's town, at the home of Dr. Anton Lang, Jr., son of the famed "Thurstun" of the Passion Play, an old world Christmas in Oberammergau Christmas will be in order. Three huge wooden

SISTINE CHAPEL Choir To Broadcast To U. S. Christmas

NEW YORK—The famed Sistine Chapel choir will be heard in the United States on Christmas Day in a special program of liturgical music to be broadcast from the Vatican, the National Broadcasting Company announces.

The program, which will be carried over the red network of the NBC from 1:00 to 1:45 P. M., will feature sacred music by Palestrina and Pachelbel particularly appropriate to the Christmas season.

On Christmas Eve, the Boys' Choir of Posen, Poland, will be heard from the cathedral of Posen. The program will be broadcast at noon also over the red network.

Franciscan Records Washington—The report of the twentieth annual meeting of the Franciscan Educational Conference, held at Roseton, N. Y., June 21-23 this year has been published in book form by the Conference through the office of the Secretary at the Capuchin College here.

ATTEMPT TO DENY Vote To Irish Who Aided Franco Balked

DUBLIN—Six young Sinn Féin men joined the Irish Brigade under General O'Duffy and went to Spain. Four of them returned to Sinn Féin and were placed on the list of newly qualified voters.

They were immediately challenged by the United States allies who had gone to Spain and taken an oath to General Franco and were therefore citizens of Spain. The case came before the Sinn Féin Revision Court, which was established that the oath was taken to General O'Duffy and not to General Franco. The court held the case closed before the Sinn Féin Revision Court in Northern Ireland.

St. Wencesl Hymn To Be Czech Anthem

PRAGUE—It would appear that the ancient St. Wencesl Hymn is about to become the national anthem of the Czech Republic. This twentieth-century hymn, the text of which is a prayer of the Czech nation to its patron saint, the martyred king is being sung here and more since the Munich Conference.

Japs Enter Mission Fields

OSINGTON, N. Y.—The latest Japanese drive in South China is an advance into mission fields where 25 American priests, Brothers and Sisters of Maryknoll are laboring. No untoward incident has been reported from the Maryknoll Headquarters here.

Kongmoon, occupied by the Japanese in their advancing movement about Canton in their turbulence in Szechwan. The Prefect Atsuo of the Most Rev. Archbishop of Peking, Vice Apostolic of Kongmoon. Two other mission centers, the cities of Wuzhou and Kweilin, have been subjected to heavy bombing. The Prefect Atsuo of Wuzhou is Mr. Edward F. Meyer, of Mason City, Ia., while the Prefect Apostolic of Kweilin is Mr. John Romanello, of New Rochelle, N. Y. The territory of

N. C. W. C. CABLES SECRETARY HULL ASKING RESOLUTIONS

On Political, Social Status To Recognize Basic Human Rights; Christian Standards; Opposition Reported To Existing Legislation

WASHINGTON—A cablegram urging that any resolutions introduced at the Eighth Pan-American Congress at Lima, concerning the political and social status of women, contain recognition of basic human rights and Christian standards was dispatched from here this week.

It was sent on behalf of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Flaherty, General Secretary to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, head of the United States delegation.

The National Council of Catholic Women has sent a similar message to Lima.

It is understood that in the course of the Congress at Lima an effort will be made to obtain adoption of a resolution which will champion the enactment of legislation that will give recognition of the rights and duties of women as citizens. Such a resolution, it is said, would apply among these rights and duties: The right of suffrage; the removal of discriminatory laws because of sex with regard to the civil and legal status of men and equal in educational opportunity and opportunity to work, safeguarded by legislation to prevent economic exploitation and conditions of work which would be physically harmful with the safeguarding also of motherhood.

The message sent by Monsignor Flaherty to Secretary Hull said: "Authorized by Administrative Board, National Catholic Welfare Conference, respectfully urge recognition basic human rights and Christian standards any resolutions respecting women's political, social status."

Another cablegram sent to Secretary Hull read: "National Council of Catholic Women demands initiative include in resolutions civil, political rights women provision for motherhood."

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CHILDREN IN PUBLIC Schools To Be Given Religious Training

ST. LOUIS—A proposal to exempt pupils from school during the daily recitation of the Lord's Prayer was approved by the Board of Education at its December meeting Tuesday night.

The proposal was made by Superintendent William J. Gering and approved by the Board of Education. The Board of Education is a body of 12 members, including the Superintendent, the Board of Education is a body of 12 members, including the Superintendent.

Peace During 1939 Is Intention of Novena

DETROIT—A solemn novena that the United States will keep part of war during 1939 will be held at the Shrine of St. Ignace, the Desautel Shrine of St. Ignace.

Sponsored by the Union of Prayer for Peace, the novena will open with solemn Mass on Wednesday, January 11, with the Rev. L. J. Gering, O. P., Pastor and American Secretary of the Union, as celebrant. The novena will honor St. Jude Thaddeus, the Rev. Anselm McCabe, O. P., of Washington, will preach. It is hoped the novena will occasion a nation-wide crusade of prayer for peace.

Report Eden Told U.S. Opposes Franco Win Unconfirmed

WASHINGTON—A cablegram published in several newspapers in London, that the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, told the U.S. Ambassador in London, Mr. Caffery, that the British Government would not support a Franco victory, but that it would not support a Franco victory, but that it would not support a Franco victory.

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Brings War Into Election

LONDON—The war in Spain is one of the main points at issue in the election which the Duchess of Atholl is fighting in the Kinross and West Perthshire constituency.

Because she disagreed with the government's policy and was criticized by the local conservative party, the Duchess who was last elected on the Conservative ticket, resigned her seat in the House of Commons. She is now campaigning

ing to get the seat back and stands as an independent. She is receiving the support of local Socialists. The Socialists are not contesting the seat.

The Duchess declares it would become dangerous to this country if Franco should win in Spain. She says she is taking the election on her own terms. "This dangerous optimism on the part of the government," she says.

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