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CAPITAL LETTER

WASHINGTON.—In the discussion of public policies and problems, both in and out of Congress, a new note is being sounded with greater frequency. Much is said about the economic aspects of the present situation of the United States. Much is said about the social aspects, which are comparatively new, as history goes. Another aspect, the religious aspect, now appears to be coming forward.

Naturally, in the consideration of the underlying philosophy of democracy, as a political institution or creed, much is said about freedom—freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion. These have been mentioned in congressional debate probably more often in the past six months than in the preceding sixty years. Until the threat of anti-religious totalitarianism arose, they were taken for granted. No one questioned them.

But by freedom of religion was meant freedom to believe or not to believe in a supernatural order. Freedom to worship or to play golf. From a practical viewpoint, it was a negative kind of freedom, the right not to be disturbed in one's beliefs or lack of beliefs. Public opinion, as reflected in the discussion of our national troubles, now appears to be going a step further. Not only is the principle of religious freedom upheld; the necessity of spiritual belief in supernatural order is being stressed with great frequency.

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One does not look, ordinarily, to a discussion of spiritual qualities in a gathering devoted to problems involving only material things, such as food, clothing and shelter. But the other day this was said to such a gathering:

"You can interest yourself in the church, remembering that our Anglo-American political philosophy is founded on the religious concept of the sacredness of the individual, which collectivism denies. In fact, the more I ponder the problem, the more deeply I am convinced that our American heritage cannot exist indefinitely without a firmly-grounded religious faith; for the very same qualities that religion stresses—self-sacrifice, self-abnegation, willingness to give of one's time and effort without hope of material reward, scrupulous regard for the rights of others—are every one essential for the maintenance of representative democracy."

That statement was made by H. W. Prentis, Jr., president of one of the large business corporations in the United States, to members of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States who attended the meeting of the organization in Washington.

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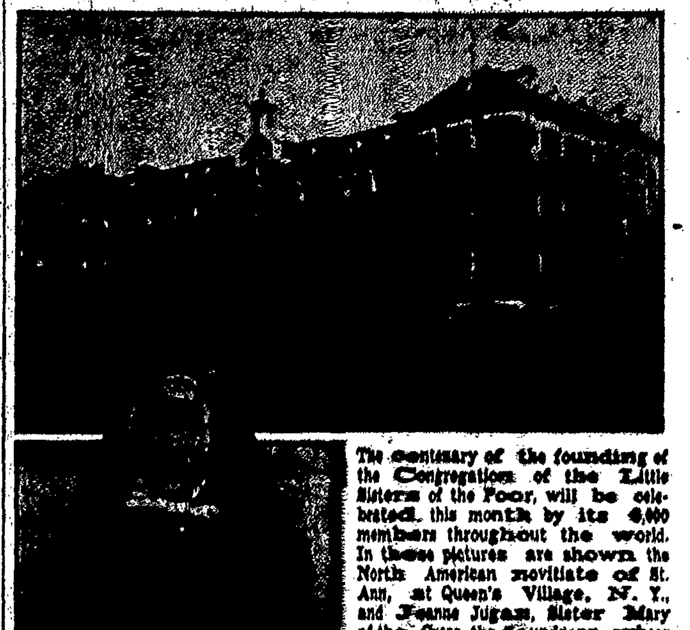

The centenary of the founding of the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor, will be celebrated this month by its 6,000 members throughout the world. In these pictures are shown the North American novitiate of St. Ann, at Queen's Village, N. Y., and Jeanne Jugan, Sister Mary of the Cross, the foundress, whose beatification cause is pending. The Sisters conduct 52 homes for old people in North America. (N.C.W.C. photos.)

OBLATE FATHERS PUBLISH REVIEW

LOWELL, Mass.—The Very Rev. James T. McDermott, O.M.I., Provincial of the First American Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, announced May 8 that the Oblate Fathers have entered the field of Catholic publications with a monthly review called The Oblate World.

Published at Holy Wood, the Oblate novitiate and summer scholasticate at Essex, N. Y., the new review is a magazine devoted to the worldwide missionary activities of the Oblate Congregation.

In a feature article in the May issue, Father McDermott states that the purpose of The Oblate World is to bring to American members of the great Oblate family of friends, relatives and associates of the Congregation, a monthly account of the Oblate apostolate on five continents and especially of the American Oblates both at home and in foreign lands.

The Oblate missions, described by the late Pope Pius XI as "the most difficult in the entire world," extend from the Arctic regions of the Canadian North to the jungles of Indo-China and the deserts of South Africa. They embrace also the equatorial missions of Ceylon, the Philippine Islands and the Belgian Congo. More than 20 members of the First American Province are at the present time engaged in these foreign fields, while at home the Oblate Fathers have for their special Apostolate the Negro missions of Southern and Eastern United States.

The Bishop has called on all to fight against obnoxious publications.

Northwest Praised By Papal Delegate

PORTLAND, Ore.—Never in the hundred years of Catholic life in the Northwest has the tradition been broken of loyalty and devotion to the Holy See, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Amleto Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, declared in an address at a civic banquet May 9, concluding the first day of festivities marking the centenary of the Church in this great territory.

Displaying a deep knowledge of the history of this section from its earliest mission days to its present flourishing state, Archbishop Cicognani dwelt at length on the vicissitudes of missioners and explorers, whom he described as "messengers of civilization," and said: "One hundred years after the first appearance of the Church in the northwestern section of the United States we behold a wonderful vitality, we see flourishing institutions of a beneficient and charitable nature; and Catholics, even citizens of every faith and rank, are justly proud of them."

Illustrious Prelates

"These dioceses of the Northwest," His Excellency said, "are now firmly constituted. They are venerable for glorious historical events, for a line of holy and illustrious Bishops. They have hundreds of parish churches and schools; they have academies, colleges, universities, hospitals and other institutes to care for every kind of human need; they have associations for the promoting of piety, charity and culture.

"Who does not see the hand of God in all this wonderful succession of wonderful events?" His Excellency asked. "It was the hand of God that made fertile this soil, cultivating the seed of faith, giving abundantly of His graces and gifts, and irrigating the land that at times seemed dry and difficult. Who does not behold here in the Northwest the characteristic marks of the Church—one, holy, catholic and apostolic?"

If the price of world fame is spiritual deterioration, it is a risky price to pay.

Dr. Johnson Marks Silver Anniversary

WASHINGTON.—The Rev. Dr. George Johnson, Director of the Department of Education, National Catholic Welfare Conference, for a quarter of a century has "acted consistently as another Christ in doing honor to God the Father and in performing the works of the Holy Ghost," declared the Rev. Felix M. Kirsch, O. M. Cap., in the sermon he delivered at the Mass here today marking Dr. Johnson's silver sacerdotal jubilee.

Speaking at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where the Mass was celebrated, Father Kirsch paid tribute to Dr. Johnson as priest, teacher, preacher, author, editor and lecturer, but always, Father Kirsch said, he "has been mindful of his high mission: to be active as another Christ, to be for Christ an ambassador, God, as it were, exhorting by him."

Father Kirsch extolled the priesthood, saying "the priest is the best friend" of mankind, who "in his heart loves us as a father loves his only boy and he is ready any moment to lay down his life in case of need to save our souls."

Fulfills Pius XI's Ideal

Dr. Johnson, continued Father Kirsch, has fulfilled the ideal of the priesthood as set forth by the late Pope Pius XI.

"In all his activities Dr. Johnson has exhibited a wholesome optimism," Father Kirsch said. "He has had the eye of Faith to see that in the present-day world, despite all the dreadful and diabolical malice in evidence, there is everywhere felt a powerful religious and spiritual awakening, a breath of the Holy Spirit, sent over the world to sanctify it and to renew with its creative force the face of the earth. Dr. Johnson rightly believes that the future is in God's hands and therefore in very good hands."

"But in being another Christ, Dr. Johnson has not forgotten in his ministrations the many other Christs committed to his charge," Father Kirsch said. "For twenty-five years his life has been that of the Apostolate of Christ."

Has Fulfilled Commission

"To be more specific," Father Kirsch went on, "we may say that Dr Johnson has realized fully what Pope Pius XI expected of the priest of today: 'To be both by vocation and divine commission the Apostle of the people in tireless furtherance of the Christian education of youth.' Always Dr Johnson has stood out as 'a master in Israel,' (St. John III, 10) in carrying out the commission he received from Christ, 'Teach ye all nations. (St. Matthew XXVIII, 15).

AMERICAN TRAINED CHINESE NUNS SAIL FOR HOMELAND

SEATTLE. Two of three Hospital Sisters of St. Francis who sailed from here today for Tsinanfu, China, are native Chinese who became members of the Order in China and came to the United States for training at St. Francis' Convent, Springfield, Ill.

The three nuns who left for their duties in China are Sisters Fridolin, Emeline and Theodorine. The last two are the Chinese nuns returning to their native land to minister to their people through their work at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tsinanfu. Sister Fridolin, chosen from among 60 volunteers to work in the Orient, is a graduate nurse and has served as Head Nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur, Ill., and St. Francis' Hospital, Washington, Mo.

Enna Jettick Park Will Open May 12th

This great recreational center at Owasco Lake will open on Friday, May 12, with every department ready to serve the patrons. While vast improvements were available in 1938, it was necessary to defer some very important alterations until after the season closed.

The Big Pavilion

The whole pavilion has been repainted with white trim. In recent years the dancers have been greatly inconvenienced in gaining entrance to the ball room on account of the congestion in the rotunda. This serious problem worried the park management. Conferences were had with executives of many of the leading parks throughout the United States.

For the convenience of the dancers, metal window guards and attractive curtains have been provided. Comfortable seats have been placed in the ballroom. A competent dance floor manager and his assistant will cater to the dancers. A partition and suitable doors have been provided between the rotunda and dance room.

Modernized Dance Plan

We are publishing in another column the new rates for dancing. The reduced rates, new plan and changes in the room bring many advantages to those who dance. Among these are: Substantial cost reduction, elimination of congestion, exclusive club atmosphere, longer and better playing by orchestras, greater enjoyment of specialties, couples may exchange dances, floor is cleared on the hour, and the 10-minute intermission.

Many buildings and other structures have been colorfully repainted. The Rifle Game has been rebuilt, the Penny Arcade has been completely changed and an abundance of new devices installed. Many other games have been made more attractive. The general grounds are in splendid condition.

Bible Favorite Book of CCC

Washington. — The Bible is "by all odds" the favorite book among enrollees in Civilian Conservation Corps camps who responded to inquiries made by Happy Days, CCC newspaper [illegible]

National Legion of Decency List

CLASS A—Section 1—Unobjectionable for General Patronage

- Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
- Almost A Gentleman
- [illegible] the Kid Returns
- Blondie Meets the Boss
- Bulldog Drummond's Secret Police
- [illegible]
- Charlie Chan in Honolulu
- Challenge, The
- [illegible]
- Code of the Secret Service
- Convict's Code
- [illegible] City
- Duke of West Point
- [illegible] Valley Raiders
- [illegible] of Heaven
- [illegible]
- Family Next Door, The
- Father O'Flynn
- Fisherman's Wharf
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- Flight To Fame
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- Fugitives for a Night
- Gambler's [illegible]
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- Gunga Din
- Hardys Ride High, The
- [illegible]
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- [illegible]
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- Homicide Bureau
- Ice Follies of 1939
- In Early Arizona
- In Old Chicago
- I Was A Convict
- Jones Family in Hollywood
- Kentucky
- Kid From Texas
- Last Warning
- Little Princess
- Long Shot, The
- Man's Country
- Mexicali Rose
- Mr. Doodle Kicks Off
- Mr. Moto in Danger Island
- My Wife's Relatives
- Mystery of Mr. Wong
- Navy Secrets
- North of the Yukon
- Renegade Trail, The
- Nancy Drew, Reporter
- Night Rider, The
- North of Shanghai
- Outlaw's Paradise
- Orphans of the Street
- Paris Honeymoon
- Peck's Bad Boy at the Circus
- Pride of the Navy
- Ranger's Round-Up
- Renfrew of the Great White Trail
- Riders of Black Hills
- Rio Grande
- Road Demons
- Rolling Westward
- Rough Riders' Round-Up
- Romance on the Run
- Romance of the Redwoods
- Room Service
- Rose of Tralee
- Safety in Numbers
- Santa Fe Stampede
- Secret Service of the Air
- Sharpshooters
- She's Got Everything
- Shine On Harvest Moon
- Silver On the Sage
- Six Guns Trail
- Song of the Buckaroo
- Songs and Bullets
- Songs and Saddles
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- Spirit of Culver
- Racing Madness
- Stand Up and Fight
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- Strange Case of Dr. Meade, The
- Streets of New York
- Sundown on the Prairie
- Sunset Trail
- Sweethearts
- Texan Wildcats
- That Certain Age
- Three Smart Girls Grow Up
- Time Out For Murder
- Titans of the Deep
- Torchy Blane in Chinatown
- Touchdown Army
- Tough Kid
- Trigger Pals
- Trigger Smith
- Trip to Paris, A
- Trouble In Sundown
- Up the River
- Valley of the Giants
- Wanted by the Police
- Water Rustlers
- Western Jamboree
- Where the Buffalo Roams
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- Whirlwind Horseman
- Wings of the Navy
- Wild Horse Canyon
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- Young Fugitives
- Zenobia

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- [illegible]
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- Broadway Serenade
- Bulldog Drummond in Africa
- Cafe Society
- Code of the Streets
- [illegible] Takes A Holiday
- [illegible]
- Dark Victory
- [illegible]
- Lady's From Kentucky
- Law of the Underworld
- Let Us Live
- Lone Wolf's Spy Hunt
- Love Affair
- Made For Each Other
- Man of Conquest
- Man Trailer (Reissue)
- Marie Antoinette
- Men Are Such Fools
- Meet the Girls
- Midnight
- Mr. Moto's Gamble
- My Son Is A Criminal
- Mystery of White Room
- [illegible]
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- One Wild Night
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- Road To Reno
- Saint Strikes Back
- Sergeant Madden
- Son of Frankenstein
- Star Reporter
- Stolen Life
- Strange Faces
- Sudden Money
- Sweepstake Winner
- Tarnished Angel
- The Great Waltz
- The Storm
- They Made Her A Spy
- They Made Me A Criminal
- Three Musketeers
- Three on a Week-end
- Three Loves Has Nancy
- Three Waltzes
- Topper Takes A Trip
- Trade Winds
- True Confession
- Twelve Crowded Hours
- Undercover Agent
- Vacation From Love
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