

NATIONAL NEWS

CLOSER CONTACT IN AMERICA'S NEUTRALITY LAW—ALUMNI REUNION

Pan-American Bureau Formed

Closer Contact Is Pax Romana Aim

NEW YORK.—To promote closer contacts between the Catholics of North, South and Central America, a Catholic Bureau for Inter-American Collaboration was formed here at the eighteenth annual Congress of Pax Romana, international federation of Catholic college student organizations, closed at Fordham University.

The Congress ended on an optimistic note, despite the war in Europe which has seriously interfered with the return to their own countries of nearly 200 European delegates who attended the two-weeks' long Congress. The first week's sessions were held at the Catholic University of America, Washington.

The 700 delegates from 38 countries concluded their New York sessions with prayers for a just and lasting peace, not only in Europe, but throughout the world. Edward J. Kirchner, retiring President of the federation, expressed their sentiment when, in his farewell speech, he declared that Pax Romana, as a result of the Congress, is now stronger than ever.

Can Be Peace Source

"Pax Romana today," he said, "has tremendous potentialities of becoming a great international peace movement to which all nations can rally. We close this Congress with the pledge to our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, to do all in our power to achieve the peace on earth he is so constantly and so tirelessly working for."

The need for better understanding and closer cultural, social and educational contacts between the United States and the Latin-American countries was stressed at the final session last night by the Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame and a widely known authority on Inter-American affairs. Father O'Hara spoke at a Spanish-American Festival at Manhattan College.

Each Has Tradition

"While it is the desire of Pax Romana to enroll the whole world of Catholic students in the work of Catholic Action, it is especially for college students of the New World to work together with the Latin-Americans," he said. "Each has a distinct tradition of culture. Theirs stems from the Church and crown, ours from the soil."

Ex-Envoy's Wife Heard

The present lack of understanding between this country and its Latin-American neighbors was deplored by the Most Rev. Francis C. Kelly, Bishop of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, another speaker at the closing session. Fortunately he added, it is a type of misunderstanding that can be soon cleared up.

"We in the United States do not have a true picture of the Latin American Spaniard," he declared. "We are wont to depict him as a fierce, ruthless fighter, a despoiler without more who defended the faith in Europe, who brought the faith to the Americas. And we often forget that his contributions to civilization are surpassed by those of no other country or race."

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PONTIFICATES



Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Diocese of the United States, pictured at Fordham University.

'High-Low' Parish Memorial Planned

WORCESTER, Mass.—(NC)—The pastor of what is geographically the highest and lowest parish in the United States, in the Diocese of Los Angeles, has just disclosed plans for erecting a chapel in famed Death Valley as a memorial to forgotten pathfinders who perished in that weird waste.

The edifice, Rev. John J. Crowley intends, will rise a mile north of Furnace Creek from a spur of the Funeral Range. It will be constructed entirely of native rock, limestone and travertine. The interior will be finished with onyx chalicepans, jasper and opals, mined from the valley's canyons, according to plans he disclosed during a visit to relatives in this city of his boyhood.

Father Crowley has a 10,000-acre-mile parish which has within its limits Death Valley and Mount Whitney. The valley dips to 280 feet below sea level, and the mountain, reaches a peak of 14,494 feet.

The parish, numbering less than one person to a square mile, also includes California's driest and wettest points, Death Valley and Owens Valley, the latter the source of Los Angeles' water supply.

Heads Sisters of Humility

DAVENPORT, Ia.—Sisters Mary Colette Doyle has been elected Mother General of the Sisters of Humility at Ottumwa, succeeding Mother Geraldine, who was head of the community for twelve years.

Rural Life Host



Most Rev. Charles D. White, Bishop of Spokane, in whose See City the 17th annual convention of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference will be held, beginning October 15. (N.C.R.L.C. photo.)

150th Anniversary of U. S. Hierarchy Noted By Pope

VATICAN CITY—His desire to participate in the observance of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Hierarchy in the United States

Says Moscow Paid Bills Of U. S. Red Party

WASHINGTON.—(NC)—In the period from 1922 to 1929, the American Communist Party received from \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year from the Communist International in Moscow, Ben Gitlow, ousted general secretary of the party, testified before House committee investigating un-American activities.

In the early years, he said, this aid came in the form of diamonds and other jewels as dollar exchange was not available in Russia. Another source of revenue, he said, came through the diversion of cash from the treasuries of Communist-controlled unions, co-operatives and Communist-dominated "front" organizations.

When the Daily Worker, official organ of the American Communist Party, was formed he said it received \$20,000 from the Comintern. This, he said, he knew to have been repeated annually up to 1929.

Joseph Stalin seized control of the American Communist Party in 1929, the witness declared, installing William Z. Foster and Earl Browder as national chairman and general secretary, respectively, which posts both still hold.

On visits to Russia, he testified, members of the American Communist Party were required to deposit their passports, usually obtained under false names, with the OGPU so that they could be used as models for forgeries.

PRIEST URGES 'IRON-CLAD' U. S. NEUTRALITY

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—American citizens were urged to demand from their government an "iron-clad neutrality law and a strict embargo" by the Rev. John O'Leary, C.S.R., of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church here.

Father O'Leary spoke at a vigil services at the Maryland Monument in Prospect Park honoring 400 Maryland soldiers who lost their lives in the Battle of Long Island, fought in 1776.

Referring to the present war in Europe, Father O'Leary said: "We Americans were fooled twenty years ago, drugged with propaganda, while our sympathy for the underdog was excited to white heat. Another war is raging today in Europe and the same efforts are being made to drag us into it. God forbid that we make that same mistake again."

POLES, WITH AMBASSADOR, ATTEND MASS IN CAPITOL

WASHINGTON.—Count Jerzy Potocki, Poland's Ambassador to the United States, headed a group of several hundred Poles and their friends who yesterday attended Mass at St. Paul's Church, here, for the deliverance of their motherland.

Among those in attendance were Gen. Alexander Gaisinski, President of the Polish Red Cross; Mme. Anna Paszkowska, Vice-President of the Polish Junior Red Cross; representatives of the French Embassy and the Czechoslovakian Legation, and persons prominent in civil life.

The Polish national anthem was played at the conclusion of the Mass.

Alumni Reunion Marks Jubilee

NEW YORK (NC).—More than 500 Alumni of the Catholic University of America are expected to attend the Golden Jubilee Reunion and Banquet to be held at the Pennsylvania Hotel here Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24. The reunion marks the fifty-first anniversary of the golden jubilee year of the university.

Charles P. Maloney, of Washington, national Alumni President, will give the address of welcome at the banquet which is to be held on Sunday evening, September 24.

Among the prominent alumni expected at the banquet will be: the Most Rev. Raymond A. Kearney, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn; the Most Rev. James E. Keane, Bishop of Rochester; Supreme Court Judge Aloysius Connor, of Manchester, N. H.; Clarence E. Martin, of Martinsburg, W. Va.; former President of the American Bar Association.

The Golden Jubilee was inaugurated in New York last year and the reunion marks the closing of a year of special events held by the 45 state chapters of alumni.

Fr. Coughlin Fights Neutrality Change

DETROIT—Vigorous opposition to the inclusion of "any cash-and-carry clause" in United States neutrality legislation was voiced by the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower at Royal Oak, Mich., in his regular radio address Sunday.

Saying he was "confronted with the likelihood of a special session of Congress and the adoption of a new Neutrality Bill which will place us in the category, at least, of indirect participants in the war being waged abroad," Father Coughlin asked leave "to advance my personal views which concern this subject."

Asserting that many people will argue that a cash-and-carry policy "is profitable for our country," Father Coughlin said:

"I consider it a dangerous proposal because it is a first step which inevitably leads to the next step of our directly participating in a world war, because it will send our destinies to those of England and France, and because it will condition us within one or two years, to become their active allies."

He added that "it is not an idle speculation to assume that 'cash-and-carry' will become 'credit and carry'."

Warning that some people will claim that the sale of war supplies to countries abroad will settle America's problem of unemployment, Father Coughlin said this is the materialistic view of "cash-and-carry" advocates, and asked: "Are we Americans and Christians resigned to accept the ungodly economics of prosperity through war?"

Priest Denounces War Profiteering

PITTSBURGH.—Contrasting the peaceful Labor Day parades in the United States with the war parades of Europe, the Rev. Charles Owen Rice, director of St. Joseph House of Hospitality, speaking over WJAZ, last night, hit at war profiteering.

"You and I have seen the gleam of avarice in some eyes as there is talk of the prosperity war would bring," he said. "Gloating accounts are given of the wild war prosperity that was ours from 1914 to 1918, hopes are held that such prosperity will come again. That was a false prosperity and it brought a reaction from which we are still suffering."

"Today there are short-sighted people who are eagerly looking forward to the boom which they are sure we will experience. Their greed will be their undoing, and ours. War greed contributed greatly toward getting us into the last war and, if unchecked, it will get us into the next war."

Social Justice Club To Meet Sept. 18

The regular monthly meeting of the Social Justice Club of Rochester will be held Monday evening, September 18, 1939, in Old Saint Mary's Church Hall, South Street, at 8:00 o'clock.

Plans will be made to start a city-wide campaign to petition Congress not to lift the "arms embargo" and to reject any "cash and carry" neutrality bill that may be introduced at the coming session of Congress.

Plans will also be made for the celebration of Father Coughlin's birthday on October 23.

All are invited. Rudolph C. Schwentzer, president, will preside.

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