

Religion Query Asked In Census Questions Urged On Affiliation

NEW YORK—Three questions of essential importance concerning religion should be added to the questionnaire now being prepared by the United States Bureau of the Census, the Association of the Statisticians of American Religious Bodies resolved at its annual meeting just held here. Pointing to the great difficulty experienced in getting accurate religious denominational statistics, the Association drew up a petition containing three questions regarding belief in God and religious affiliation. The petition is being formally submitted to the Department of Commerce in time for the questionnaires to be prepared for the 1940 questionnaire. The members of the Association are, themselves, members of religious bodies that number more than 30,000,000 persons in their congregations. Louis Kennedy, president of P. J. Kennedy & Sons, publishers of the Official Catholic Directory, is chairman of the Association.

The petition, as drawn up by the Association, follows: "WHEREAS the United States of America from its very beginning and to this day has been a Christian nation, and has declared itself a community of God-fearing men, and has included the name of God in all its major efforts, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the opening and closing of congressional meetings, and has caused to be placed on its coins the beautiful words, 'In God We Trust,' and 'WHEREAS the Government of the United States has for many years and at specified times collected and caused to be published religious affiliation under the heading 'The Religious Census,' and

"WHEREAS the figures so presented are a compilation arranged from reports submitted by the different Religious Bodies, and

"WHEREAS all Religious Bodies acknowledge the inaccuracy of their figures due primarily to their inability to personally reach the individual member, therefore be it

"RESOLVED that we Officers and Members of The Association of the Statisticians of American Religious Bodies make earnest request to the Department of Commerce that the following three questions be added to the questionnaire to be prepared for the Decennial Census of 1940, the following three questions:

"I. Do you believe in God?"

"II. Are you affiliated with any Religious Group?"

"III. To what Religious Group do you claim allegiance?"

This action on the part of the Statisticians of American Religious Bodies, it was announced, taken with the knowledge that the United States Government is interested in gathering data on religious affiliation, even to the extent of taking a special Religious Census every ten years, but the basis of information so procured is from Protestant pastors and Catholic Chancery Offices which already have acknowledged their inability to procure an actual count, hereby impeding the value of the religious statistics now compiled by the Government through the special Religious Census.

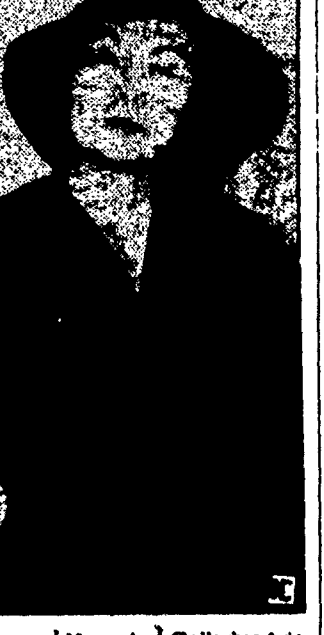
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Authority on Art



Senora Mercedes Gallagher de Parka, an outstanding Catholic woman leader, in Lima, Peru, whose lectures on ecclesiastical art before the recently organized Peruvian-American Cultural Association have attracted much favorable comment. She is recognized as an international authority on the subject, in addition to being active in women's clubs and a charitable organization. (N.C.W.C. photo.)

Bishops To Mark 150th Anniversary

WASHINGTON—The 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Hierarchy in the United States will be formally observed with a solemn Pontifical Mass to be celebrated in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of the Catholic University of America, here, Friday, November 17.

With practically all members of the Hierarchy expected to be in Washington at this time for the annual general meeting of Archbishops and Bishops, the forthcoming celebration is expected to be one of the most impressive Catholic ceremonies ever witnessed in this country.

Lay Retreat Move To Get Impetus On National Scale

BROOKLYN (N.C.)—The Catholic Laymen's Retreat League was set forth in Article II, Section 1, of the constitution. These are:

"(a) To aid in the personal sanctification of all individuals who may be associated with either this League or with local retreat leagues included in the membership;

"(b) To advance and promote the movement for closed retreats for laymen;

"(c) To co-operate with local retreat leagues in the establishment of permanent houses for closed retreats; and

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Mission 'Army' Needs Support

Outlined in Plea Of Vatican Aide

ROME (N.C.)—An appeal to the Catholics of the world to support the missions by contributing to the cause on Mission Sunday and thus, amid the present world strife, "do a little good, diffusing love," is made in a message by the Most Rev. Celso Costantini, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide.

"The Holy Father Pius XII," says the Archbishop, "who has at heart the cares of the Church springing into life among pagans, makes himself a mendicant for Christ and his august hand is raised in blessing those who participate, with their offerings, in the missionary apostolate."

Day of Love and Faith

"The great Missionary Day is approaching and it is a Day of Love and Faith," the Archbishop's message says. "While war wages around us the heart is uplifted and consoled if it can do a little good, diffusing love."

"On June 25, I assisted at the Beatification of Magr. Justine De Jacobis in the Basilica of St. Peter. He had started exactly a century ago from Rome for Ethiopia. . . . I thought of the hard life of the missionary, of the episcopal consecration that in the night of January 8, 1849, Monsignor Massala had secretly conferred on De Jacobis in a parson room on the sea-shore of Massaua.

WM. F. MONTAVON GIVEN CATHOLIC ACTION MEDAL

ST. BONAVENTURE, N. Y.—With a distinguished company present and with nationally prominent persons sending messages of congratulation from all parts of the country, William F. Montavon, Director of the Legal Department of National Catholic Welfare Conference, received St. Bonaventure College's Catholic Action Medal for 1939 at a colorful ceremony here, October 4.

State Bus Law Ruled Unconstitutional

OKLAHOMA CITY—A law passed by the Legislature permitting transportation of parochial school students in public school buses was declared unconstitutional in a ruling handed down by three district court judges. The case will be appealed to the State Supreme Court.

PIES that are PIES, Komekade Pumpkin, Fresh Peasch and Green Apples—Pie at 25 cents. Fresh each morning and afternoon at ALVIN'S PIES, 512 E. Monroe St., 512 E. Monroe St., 512 E. Monroe St.

Call to Aid Missions



This year's observance of Mission Sunday, October 22, is heralded in this striking poster depicting the faithful of all races meeting under the Cross uplifted in the hands of the missionary priest. The poster has been sent to parishes throughout the country by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and was painted by J. Watson Davis, of New York. (N.C.W.C.)

Mission Novena Speaker To Tell of Korea Outpost

The public Mission Novena opens tonight (Thursday) in St. John the Evangelist Church, Humboldt Street, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. James Gillis will preach the opening sermon of a series of three on "The Christian Religion and Pagan Religions." He will be heard likewise on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday evenings in St. Michael's and St. Monica's churches.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY TO HOLD MEETING

St. Mary's Church, Monday, October 16, 8:00 P. M.—The Church is Christ Living and Acting in the World Today. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Tuesday, October 17, 7:45 P. M.—Christ and the Tyranny of Sin. Augustinian, Wednesday, October 18, 7:45 P. M.—Christ in the Field of War.

Time Ruling Bars Radio Talks

WASHINGTON (N.C.)—With an official of the organization admitting that the name of "Judge" Joseph F. Rutherford, anti-Catholic who has made frequent use of the radio, was prominently mentioned in the preliminary discussions, the Code Compliance Committee of the National Association of Broadcasters, holding its first meeting here this week, directed the attention of its members to the religious section of the N. A. B. Code, which reads as follows:

"Radio, which reaches men of all creeds and races simultaneously, may not be used to convey attacks upon another's race or religion. Rather it should be the purpose of the religious broadcast to promote the spiritual harmony and understanding of mankind and to administer broadly to the varied religious needs of the community."

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