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U. S. Bishops Sound Warning Against 'Hate Mongers'

Be 'Pro-God', U. S. Press Told

WASHINGTON. — Journalists should be "the loud-speakers of social order, the bearers of the moral order of spirituality and conscience of the rights of men and liberty founded on the duties toward God and on the eternal destination of man." His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, O.M.I., archbishop of Quebec, told members of the National Press Club in an address at a luncheon here Friday.

Among the guests at the luncheon were prominent persons in ecclesiastical and civil circles of this country and Canada.

Paying tribute to the press in general as "the sole educator of the multitude" and to American journalists in particular as "the mightiest army of America," Cardinal Villeneuve counseled the newspapermen "Beware of shooting souls and consciences with your one-line news and five-word commentaries." He said the use of the press "pro God or contra God" may determine the fate of Christian civilization.

He praised the American press for its friendly attitude and respect for the Catholic Church and the Holy Father.

"Why is it that so many men now-a-days regard religion as a private luxury is in no way a proof that the people who kept their Catholic belief are anomalous and noent," His Eminence declared.

"When four centuries ago certain nations in the North and West of Europe had rejected the authority of the Church as a Divine teacher, and the echo of the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ, guardian of His celestial doctrine, they immediately began to examine the human evidence upon which the doctrines of Christianity rested.

NOTABLES OF CHURCH AND STATE



Two cardinals and a cabinet member were among the notables who took part in the religious and academic festivities of the three-day celebration marking the Golden Jubilee of the Catholic University of America.

Bishop To Celebrate K. C. Communion Mass

Before an altar especially erected and appropriately decorated in Columbus Civic Centre, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, will celebrate Mass at 9 o'clock, Sunday, for members of the Knights of Columbus and men friends.

K. C. DEGREE POSTPONED

The Fourth Degree Ceremonial of the Knights of Columbus scheduled for Sunday, November 26, has been postponed until a Sunday in Lent to be announced by Judge Frederick J. Mx. Master of the Fifth District, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, at a later date.

Candidates and members of the Fourth Degree throughout the diocese have been notified of the postponement.

"One can see no hope for the Christian civilization of the world, unless men turn back again to the true foundation of Christian society and acknowledge that this dark and bitter period of wars and rumors of wars has sprung from a rising against the authority of the Church of God," the Cardinal said.

Unmask Meet's Birth Curb Aims

'Thinly Disguised' Bishop Avers

ATLANTA (NC) — Public attention here on the professed concern for the welfare of "Tomorrow's Children" affirmed at a two-day conference of experts in education, sociology and public welfare, was promptly shifted to the question of whether there would be any "Tomorrow's Children."

This issue was raised by a statement of the Most Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara, Bishop of Savannah-Atlanta, and welcomed voice by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Both the Bishop and the Council protested in the columns of The Constitution, secular paper here, against what they charged to be a "thinly disguised" purpose of the "Tomorrow's Children" conference to introduce legalized "birth control" clinics here and elsewhere in the South.

Notables Attend Rites For Justice Butler

WASHINGTON (NC) — Members of the United States Supreme Court and other high Government officials attended a Solemn Requiem Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral Friday for Associate Justice Pierce Butler, distinguished Catholic jurist, who died November 16.

The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Edward L. Buckley, rector of the Cathedral, was the celebrant of the Mass. The coffin was carried into the Cathedral by uniformed Supreme Court guards.

The Justices present included Chief Justice Hughes and Associate Justices Stone, Black, Frankfurter, McReynolds, Reed, Roberts and Douglas. Justices Van Devanter and Sutherland, both retired, also were present, but Justice Brandeis, who is 83 years old, did not attend.

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Mass For Conversion Of Dictators Said

CLEVELAND.—A Mass was celebrated in the chapel of Mount High School here for Hitler, Stalin and other persecutors of the Catholic Church.

Hierarchy In Annual Meeting Calls For Calmness In Crisis

Clean Reading Drive Succeeds

WASHINGTON (NC) — The first and most important battle for the purification of scores of magazines long offered for sale at 200,000 newstands in the United States has already been won, it is stated in the report of the Bishops' Committee sponsoring the National Organization for Decent Literature.

The publishers of all periodicals originally blacklisted by the N. O. D. L. within the exception of those which could not meet the Code requirements without entirely suspending publication, have lent cooperation, the report states.

Although there had existed in 47 States a law making it a felony to publish, circulate and sell indecent literature, the report states, the Legislatures of many States, during the past year, enacted new legislation designed to make the N. O. D. L. drive effective and permanent.

Presbyterians Urge Religion in Schools

BATON ROUGE, La.—The Presbyterian Synod of Louisiana at its closing session here adopted resolutions calling on the State Board of Education to take action to provide religious instruction in the schools.

Capital Ponders Court Post

WASHINGTON (NC) — The vacancy on the United States Supreme Court caused by the death of Associate Justice Pierce Butler has aroused an unusual amount of interest in Washington for various reasons.

As a matter of practice in making court appointments, the executive takes into consideration sectional and denominational qualifications. Justice Butler was a Catholic and came from the Middle West.

New Radio Program Sponsored By Elmira Knights

ELMIRA.—"The Highway to Heaven," a weekly transcribed Catholic radio program, will be broadcast every Tuesday at 2:15 P. M. over Station WESG, Elmira, beginning November 28.

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