

NATIONAL NEWS

BISHOP WITH NEWMAN CLUBS LABOR GETS WARNING

AVOID HURTING SELF, LABOR ADMONISHED

NEW YORK (NC) — A three-day congress on labor relations, an instrument for Social Peace and Progress, sponsored by the Fordham University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, closed following a series of addresses by outstanding representatives of capital, labor and government.

The Rev. Dr. John P. Boland, Chairman of the New York State Labor Relations Board, Marshall E. Dimock, Second Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Labor, Francis P. Fenlon, Director of Organization of the American Federation of Labor, James A. Emery, General Counsel for the National Association of Manufacturers, Mrs. Elmore M. Herrick, Regional Director for the National Labor Relations Board, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Ryan, Director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, and John R. Steelman, Director of the United States Conciliation Service, were among the speakers.

Glad to Be Home



Captain Joseph A. Gairard, of the U.S.S. City of Flint, who has returned to America, following a series of war adventures on the high seas from New York to Russia, which won for him the praise of a hero. He is a staunch Catholic and hails from St. Rose parish, Chelsea, Mass. (NCWC)

'Flint's' Skipper, Loyal Catholic

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — A loyal and fearless Catholic who loves and practices his faith.

This is the tribute paid Capt. Joseph A. Gairard, of the now famous vessel, "City of Flint" by a seaman who was the seaman's former teacher. The "City of Flint" is now at Baltimore after one of the strangest odysseys in modern naval history.

Writing in the Brooklyn Tablet, diocesan weekly here, the Rev. D. A. MacDonald, of the Diocese of Victoria, Canada, gives a brief biography of Captain Gairard, declaring he has known the "Flint" master since "knee-breeches days."

Captain Gairard was born in St. Rose parish, Chelsea, Mass., in 1889. Father MacDonald says he taught "Joe Gairard" catechism at St. Rose's Church. "He is absolutely fearless and would face a firing squad laughingly or walk right into a den of lions," says Father MacDonald. "He is a good Catholic and goes to Mass and the Sacraments when he can." The priest adds that "he is a wonderful man of great character and beauty of soul."

URGES NEWMANITES READ OWN PAPERS

NEW YORK (NC) — The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, Sunday told 1,000 Catholic students attending non-Catholic colleges at the twenty-first annual convention of the New York province of the Federation of Newman Clubs that they should be subscribing to a Catholic magazine "of the same intellectual calibre as the magazines they read in connection with other subjects."

Bishop Kearney and Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins were speakers at a Communion Breakfast following Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral celebrated by the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

Bishop Kearney said that the "first necessity for a Newman Club member was a 'definite knowledge of his religion.'"

"Let me put it in the strong terms of calling the neglect of it a sin — a sin of ignorance," he said.

Bishop Kearney said that "we should realize that not only educationally but morally it is ridiculous for a young Catholic man or woman in a university classroom to be satisfied with the religion learned in an elementary catechism at the time of Confirmation, or even in a Catholic secondary school."

"Every step in intellectual development every step in science every step in history and in literature should be followed closely by the religious point of view on that subject," he said.

Religion, the Bishop declared, should be part and parcel of daily education. Schools that omitted religion had "abandoned a glorious American tradition, because we should not forget that the combination of learning and religion is an American tradition," he said.

Pointing out that "we lament in the present day what they call the decadence of morals among young people," Bishop Kearney asked if the moral state of such young persons might not be due to the lack of things which Christ intended to keep them "clean and holy."

He told the Catholic students they had a duty to make every thought, word and action fit in exactly with the teachings of your Church on faith and morals, and added that "you have something which, if put into the lives of others would make those lives sweeter and holier."

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Neutrality Road Found Beset With Danger

WASHINGTON (NC) — However far it may be removed from the area of military conflict, Washington has not escaped the "war of nerves."

The difficulty of maintaining neutrality is growing. Tension is increasing. Not much is said openly, but behind the closed doors of government offices the war and the possibility that the United States may be drawn into it are topics of long and grave discussion.

There are two reasons for this attitude. One is the physical complications occasioned by war — the search of ships, interference with the mails, the disorganization of international trade.

More significant, but they are not the most important aspect of the neutrality problem, more significant is the popular resentment against the barbarities practiced by the Communist and Nazi governments. The late Secretary Root used to say that people do not go to war over the violation of treaties but because they get "mad." The sinking of American ships led up to American participation in the World War. The embargo Act was framed especially to prevent a repetition of the same incidents.

But people "get mad" over other things than the sinking of ships. The brutal treatment of the Poles by the Nazi authorities, the attack upon Finland by the Communist government of Russia, the equally violent onslaught of both upon the moral standards and ideals which are the very foundation of civilization are just as effective in arousing popular resentment as the destruction of ships. Preserving neutrality calls for an abnormal measure of self-restraint.

The sentiment in favor of keeping out of war is predominant both in and out of Congress, but it is recognized that this sentiment may gradually be reversed. To induce the public to "keep a cool head" business increasingly difficult as word and action fit in exactly with the teachings of your Church on faith and morals, and added that "you have something which, if put into the lives of others would make those lives sweeter and holier."

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MASSSES

BLESSED SACRAMENT (11) Holydays, 5.30, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 and 9.30
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 daily, 5.45, 7.8.9.10 and 11 Holydays, 5.45, 7.8.9.10 Daily 6.45, 8

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP (Joseph Ave. Rev. Fr. Hoffman, Masses Sunday, 9.30, 1.30, 5.30, 9.45 and 11 o'clock Holydays, 5.30, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 and 9.30. Daily, 7.1.45

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Plymouth Ave. St. Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. S. Cameron, Masses, Sunday, 7.8.9.10 and 11 o'clock Daily, 7.1.45

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Most Employers in Accord

Dr. Boland, addressing the congress, said the move to discredit labor unionism is a full swing. He said, however, that "the majority of employers now favor or at least tolerate collective bargaining," and then warned labor against hurting itself.

"What we must fear most is the more destructive enemy, the enemy from within the ranks," he added. "Inter-union quarrels, as Matthew Woll admits, are seriously disturbing. Worse still, the disastrous split into two unions is deadly."

The congress was the third sponsored by the Fordham Graduate School. The Very Rev. Robert J. Gannon, S.J., President of Fordham University, in the opening address, said labor law was studied this year because the university felt domestic peace is synonymous with labor peace.

"In one sense of course labor law and many of the specific regulations are as old as the Medeval guilds, but in another sense it is something new and undeveloped," he declared.

Power Brings Duties

The plan of the congress was drawn up on the basis of a memorandum by Dr. Heinrich Heinger, Professor of Labor Law at Fordham University.

The fact that unions are given the power to bargain employment conditions binding upon non-union members places them above the sphere of merely private associations and imposes upon them quasi-public duties, he said in his address. Only unions which fulfill these duties will in the long run continue to enjoy protection and encouragement by law.

23 Chinese Children Confirmed At Fresno

FRESNO, Cal. — Twenty-three Chinese children and two adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the hands of the Most Rev. Philip Scher, Bishop of Monterey-Fresno at St. Genevieve Chinese Mission, where they were instructed by the Sisters of the Holy Family. It is the first class of Chinese Catholics to receive this Sacrament in the history of the diocese.

Publish First Issue Theology Quarterly

NEW YORK — The first issue of a new magazine, Theological Studies, devoted to scholarly articles (comment and book reviews) on various theological topics, has just been published here by the American Press. The magazine, under the editorial direction of Rev. William J. McQuerry, S.J., will appear quarterly in February, May, September and December.

The first issue contains the following articles: "Dei St. Ignatius" by the Rev. Walter J. Burghardt, S.J.; "The Sacrifice of Melchisedech" by the Rev. James E. Coleran, S.J.; "Alcun and the Origin of Some Favored Votive Masses" by the Rev. Gerald E. Leonard, S.J.; "The Rev. P. H. H. S.J. writer 'Comments on the Sacrament of Orders and the Eucharistical Movement. The remainder of the first issue is devoted to Current Theology and book reviews.

Rome Prelate, Jubilant

Vatican City The Most Rev. Giovanni Zonghi, Titular Archbishop of Colosse and president of the Pontifical Academy of Ecclesiastical Nobles is the eldest of the Roman Prelates. The 82-year-old Archbishop recently celebrated his silver episcopal jubilee.

World's Real Peace Agency

NEW YORK — The Papacy is the only supra-national force in existence and therefore its influence is the only instrument for international peace, declared the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen last night in his address over the "Catholic Hour."

Monsignor Sheen declared that an agency of peace, that is one which can settle international disputes permanently and agreeably to the nations involved, must be outside of the countries themselves, since it must recognize as standard outside and beyond its decision by which even it is bound. "Otherwise its decisions will be only settlement by consent, not by justice," he added. "Then a great nation's interests in oil wells will be the basis of settlement, rather than the justice rooted in responsibility to God."

That is why the League of Nations has failed as an instrument of unity among nations," he declared, adding that "there can never be an effective league of nations until that league recognizes that it is subject to a higher Power, the Ruler of Rulers, before whom each member nation must one day render an account of its stewardship."

Such an agency is the Papacy, Monsignor Sheen said, a sovereign State although only a few city blocks in extent without armaments or defenses and without selfish material interests anywhere on the face of God's earth. It exists for no other purpose than to inculcate Justice and Charity in the hearts of men, he said, "and one day to go back to Christ to be judged more severely than any one on earth, because invested with more spiritual responsibility. In the head of that sovereign State is the only hope of world peace the only hope."

"In that man lies the hope of world peace," Monsignor Sheen said. "Not in Geneva, nor in Versailles, nor in the Kremlin, nor in Wilhelmstrasse, nor in the Quai d'Orsay in Paris, nor in any capital of the world is to be found the hope of the future. In the name of the Common Father whom we adore, let us recognize his good offices. We of the Western world who claim to be so interested in justice and the rights of the man only have no scruples in entering into counsels with Hitler and Stalin who have been the assassins of justice. Shall we scruple at heeding the counsel of Pius, the representative of the Prince of Peace? We may not want his good offices for peace, we may not accept them, but none of us will deny deep down in our hearts that the secret of world peace is hidden in him."

Youth Group Hits New Deal

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Only a little while later, the Youth Congress headquarters here announced that Mrs. Roosevelt was holding a meeting of Senators and Representatives at the White House that evening to plan for the Youth Congress sessions in Washington.

President Estimated

Of the estimated 1,000 persons attending the preparatory mass meeting of Youth Congress members in New York, only five cast votes against the resolution which vigorously opposed aid to Finland.

Cal Schenkenman of the Washington Heights Y. M. H. A. told the New York mass meeting that it had not put "all the cards" on the table. He accused the group of being an apologist for Soviet Russia and of trying to whitewash everything that Stalin did.

"The Soviet Union is a great friend of peace," he said with sarcasm. "Five days after the German-Russian pact Hitler marched into Poland. Let us not take the attitude that whatever Russia does is perfect. Al plus. No one here has mentioned the fact that Russia invaded Finland. Let us not be an apologist for anybody."

The mass meeting, condemning President Roosevelt for the proposal that loans and credits be extended to Finland, charged the Chief Executive with "encouraging the subversion of American neutrality."

Position of Church

"The Faculty accorded the American Youth Congress Citizenship Institute" after Money said, "raises several questions."

"Are Catholic Youth groups participating in the Citizenship Institute?"

Discussion Clubs Grow

Brooklyn, N. Y. Discussion clubs were established in 112 parishes of the diocese last year with an attendance of over 7,000.

Secretary of the Diocesan Secretary of Christian Doctrine, reports

Communists at Low in U.S., Says Fordham U. Head

NEW YORK (NC) — Communism has reached "an all-time low in the United States," states the Very Rev. Robert J. Gannon, S.J., President of Fordham University, in his annual report.

"We need to be apprehensive about our enemies, chiefly about two groups, the Communists and the Apologetic Catholics," the report says. "But under the joint leadership of Hitler and Stalin the Communists have reached an all-time low in America. As for the Apologetic Catholics, we feel that little by little we are doing our part in giving them the courage they need to be of some use to the Church."

Declaring that Fordham University, on the threshold of its first centenary "is pulsating with life" and "not ending a weary century" but "beginning a thrilling one," Father Gannon says the Apologetic Catholics are beginning to suspect that a Catholic university has a future.

'Christ of Andes' Play

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NEW ORLEANS — A state-wide drive for funds for the people of Finland opened Sunday with the slogan, "A New Year's Gift for Finland." The state-wide advisory committee includes the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, and the Most Rev. Daniel F. Desmond, Bishop of Alexandria.

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