

Author Replies To H. G. Wells

Scores Remarks on Irish, Catholicism

DUBLIN All you up-to-date writers, socialists when you write stories make human nature base. This is said to H. G. Wells in an open letter severely calling him to task for his recent attack on the Irish people and their Catholic Faith.

Writer of the "Open Letter to H. G. Wells," a Dublin, Ireland, noted Irish author and convert to Catholicism, the vigorous reply to Wells appears in the current issue of the Irish Monthly.

Right at the outset Mr. de Blacam declares that Mr. Wells is unable to appreciate the beauty of love which is the sweetest and noblest of themes after divinity itself.

"You seem a 'biographical' type under the name of the 'Open Letter' continues.

You had a singular, unfortunate childhood in your youth you were forced to dwell in squalor. Thus in the name of the child comes to a garman on the Irish hills with the rest of the far and day after that the jollity of a national school the friends tales to fill his memory with pleasant things, and the chance of a son of the tenements. Yet even our tenements have something that the mean suburbs depicted in your tales are lacking—a Catholic tradition and a place in a Christian community. You did not know the warmth of the Christian home you never saw the red lamp before statue or picture of the Sacred Heart glowing through the windows of poor streets, nor went out with plowmates to see the golden canopy go by in a highway strewn with flowers.

Tenements Are Luckier

Grey was that youth as you describe it and your first question of the matter happened to come in the classroom when the wonder of science delighted that eager imagination. What you lost by an unhappy childhood would that you had discovered later. As I say our tenements are luckier than government tenements. With 200,000 people housed in a wilderness but look you there is not one poor child in the top floor back who is left ignorant of compassion or of that supernatural destiny for which every human soul is designed. As to your prejudice of race of generations, if you will, but we leave no child without knowledge of that sublime hope. Priests nurse the daughters of Mary and



REV. ANTHONY PECE, C.P.S.S.

Fr. Pece Marks Silver Jubilee of Priesthood

The Silver Jubilee of the Rev. Anthony Pece, C.P.S.S., of the Church of the Most Precious Blood was fittingly observed on last Sunday, April 7.

Father Pece celebrated his 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at the Most Precious Blood with the Rev. Sebastian Cortigomaco, C.P.S.S., as assistant priest. The Rev. Dr. William Allen, deacon and the Rev. Frederick McVeigh, subdeacon.

Tribute to Father Pece's twenty-five years' zealous service to the Holy Priesthood was voiced by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shea, pastor of Holy Rosary Church in the jubilee sermon.

Presented with a challenge by the Silver Jubilee dinner following the Mass was held at Hall's 1059 Lake Avenue. Attending were approximately 75 parishioners and friends. A challenge was presented to the priest jubilarian after the dinner.

Among those present were the Very Rev. Nicholas Santora, C.P.S.S., of Niles, Ohio; Monsignor Shay and the Rev. Fathers William Allen, Frederick McVeigh, Joseph Aronson, Benedict Maselli and Sebastian Cortigomaco. Mr. William Ball acted as master of ceremonies.

Father Pece was ordained in Rome on Easter Sunday, April 3, 1915. In 1929 he was transferred to this country and the following year came to Rochester to establish the parish of the Most Precious Blood at Lexington Avenue and Second Street.

In 1931 he was made pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Elmira. After two years Father Pece returned to Rochester as a permanent pastor to care of poor folk.

Buying Holds Key To Jobs

Distribution 'Bad' Avers Msgr. Ryan

NEW ORLEANS (CNS)—Unemployment can be ended only by transferring purchasing power from those who cannot or will not exchange it for consumption goods to those who will and would do so if they had the money, namely farmers and wage earners.

This belief was expressed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Ryan, Director of the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, here.

Speaking at an evening session of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems sponsored by the Most Rev. Joseph E. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, Monsignor Ryan said that bad distribution is the reason why unemployment, our worst economic evil and other most baffling economic problems, has become so widespread and has caused so much suffering.

Explains 'Bad' Distribution

By bad distribution, said Monsignor Ryan, he means simply the actual division of the product of industry among industrial groups prevents our industrial plant from operating continuously.

The actual distribution gives to one group of income receivers more than they can spend for goods, while another group receives less than they could and would spend if they had the money, he declared.

The first group does not want to spend more for consumption goods and cannot spend all their savings for investment goods. The second group would like to buy more consumption goods but cannot do so because they have not the requisite purchasing power. The first group is composed of those who receive interest, rent and profits; the second and third groups comprise, respectively, wage earners and farmers. Speaking generally but not quite accurately, we may say that capital receives too much purchasing power and labor too little.

More Than 'Confidence' Needed

Monsignor Ryan disagreed sharply with those who "maintain that our great quantity of surplus money and credit could all be profitably used for the expansion of business and the increase of employment, and the extension of employment, if only investors and businessmen could obtain that intangible and mysterious thing which they call confidence."

Even if we had full employment, said the speaker, the present rate of saving would still be excessive for the opportunities of investment today are not nearly so great as they were fifty years or even twenty years ago.

Monsignor Ryan said he has very little sympathy with the desire for new inventions as a remedy for inadequate employment.

Most of the new inventions would probably take the form of higher priced goods and luxuries, which would engage our unused money and employed men in creating the necessities and the ordinary comforts of life for the millions who are now deprived of these goods.

These are the farmers and the wage earners and their needs can be supplied without any new inventions.

Asserting that "wages can be increased in various ways," Monsignor Ryan said one is through the action of a powerful labor union which would be "encouraged and extended" and that another is by voluntary increases in wages made by employers who can afford the increases. "However," the speaker said, "neither labor union efforts nor the voluntary action of employers will be adequate. The intervention of government is indispensable," he added. "This means that there is needed a comprehensive program of minimum wage legislation by the states and the federal government."

Monsignor Ryan also said "interest rates need to be reduced in order to check the excess of savings and to transfer a part of the national income from the owners of capital to the wage earners and the farmers."

Expressing the firm conviction that the program he outlined represents the only means by which we can end unemployment and remove this grave reproach upon our morality and intelligence," Monsignor Ryan said that "even if all these methods should be adopted, progress would be slow because the difficulties are great. 'There is no alternative but futile and pitiful wishing.' He said the "principal obstacle to the adoption of the program is a very old vice, it is simply avarice."

Death Claims Fr. Lynch, Redemptorist Jubilarian

Final Tribute Set For Monday At St. Joseph's

But three days after completion of fifty golden years in the Holy Priesthood of God, the Rev. John Lynch, C.S.S.R., was called to his eternal reward. Father Lynch died this morning at St. Mary's Hospital at the age of 78.

The distinguished Redemptorist Father had lived to celebrate the Solemn Golden Jubilee Mass on Tuesday and to hear his life work highly lauded by the Bishop and conferees in the Redemptorist Order.

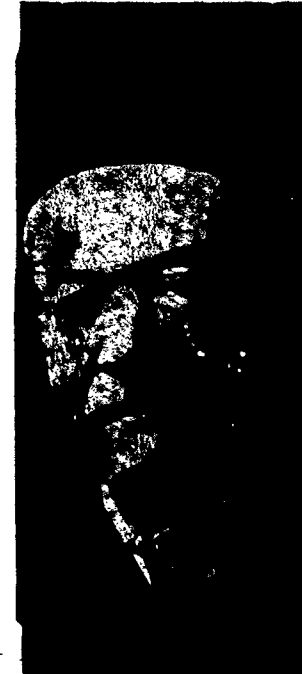
Solemn funeral services will take place Monday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Joseph's Church. The Solemn Mass of Requiem will be sung by the Very Rev. William J. McTernan, C.S.S.R., of Brooklyn, Father Provincial of the Redemptorists. His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester will impart the final blessing.

The eulogy will be delivered by the Rev. Joseph Murphy, C.S.S.R., Office for the dead will be sung at 8 o'clock Sunday evening in St. Joseph's Church.

Burial will be in the priests' plot of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Father Lynch was ordained by His Eminence, the late Cardinal Gibbons on April 18, 1860 at the Redemptorist Seminary in Rochester. His entire life was devoted to missionary work here and in Puerto Rico. He toured the country in the cause of the Catholic Medical Mission.

His last ten years here in the Rochester Diocese won for him a



REV. JOHN LYNCH, C.S.S.R.

host of friends keen-witted, lovable, and with a burning zeal for souls, he was an exemplary priest and an outstanding member of the Redemptorist Order.

High dignitaries, conferees in the Redemptorist Order and mission leaders came to pay honor to the Rev. John Lynch, C.S.S.R., at his golden sacerdotal jubilee Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin St., Tuesday.

Presiding at the Mass wearing the magna cappa was His Excellency.

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Says Negro Converts Gain Red Threat Brings Catholic Zeal

"Within the past ten years there has been at least 100 per cent. increase in Catholic interest in the Negro in the United States," according to a statement made here this week by the Rev. John T. Gillard, S.S.J., Ph.D., of Baltimore, Md., and Assistant Superior General of the Josephite Fathers, a community of priests laboring exclusively among the 13,000,000 Negroes in this country.

"One of the most potent forces in awakening Catholic interest in the Negro is the threat of Communism to stifle the allegiance of the Negroes," said Father Gillard.

"Like many things that no one seems to value," continued the missionary, "no one wanted the Negroes until the radicals set a high price upon them. Then we Catholics suddenly realized that we have been apathetic in the performance of our duties toward the Negro Missions. The great interest of the late Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, and of the present Pope, Pius XII, spurred on awakened Catholic conscience to an enlivened Catholic action which is producing remarkable results."

Speaks at St. Bernard's

Father Gillard was in Rochester as the guest of the Mission Society of St. Bernard's Seminary. He delivered lectures on the Negro problem at St. Bernard's Seminary. He delivered lectures on the Negro problem at St. Bernard's Seminary. He delivered lectures on the Negro problem at St. Bernard's Seminary.

Father Gillard is the editor of "Colored Harvest," a monthly magazine of many publications on the Negro, notably the standard reference work, "The Catholic Church and the American Negro; The Catholic Student's Mission Crusade Study Booklet; The Negro American and Christ; Color and Communism. He is also director of a community of colored nuns in Baltimore and head of the Archdiocesan High School for Colored Girls.

Father Gillard lectured on Sunday to the Seminarians of St. Bernard's on Social Psychology, dealing with the mentalities in back of the disturbed conditions in Europe is one of fear of the threat to the security of the balance of power. In Germany the fear reaction found specific victims in the Jews whose persecution is accelerated by the philosophical-biological blood theory.

A Major Obstacle

"While we are vociferously indignant at Hitler's persecution of the Jews on the basis of Racism, we are strangely silent at identical treatment of American Negroes on a similar basis," said Father Gillard. "But Racism and Catholicism are antithetical and the scandalous inconsistency of white Catholics in belief and practice is one of the major obstacles in winning the Negroes to a consideration of Catholic claims," pointed out the speaker.

On Sunday afternoon Father Gillard visited the St. Peter Claver Social Center on Rome Street, where he spoke to a group of colored and white persons assembled to greet His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, who visited the Center and spoke encouragingly and approvingly of the work being carried on here. The Rev. John O'Donnell and the Rev. George Weinmann are directors of the Center. Father Weinmann expressed thanks particularly to the Rev. Dr. Edward Byrne of St. Bernard's Seminary, to the Rev. Hugh Haffey, C.S.B. of Aquinas Institute and to Mr. James Coff, a prominent attorney of Rochester, through whose generous co-operation the Center was established.

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Governor Signs Bill To Permit Moral Training

Governor Lehman's signing of the Coudert-McLaughlin bill, which had the overwhelming approval of both houses of the legislature, is being gratefully acclaimed here by citizens who feel deep concern for the religious training of all children.

The Governor's action, Tuesday, is being looked upon here as further evidence that both the state and federal governments are alert to the inroads of materialism and atheism among youth and will take all steps necessary within the constitution to provide moral training for the children.

The bill now becomes law by Governor Lehman's signature is entitled "AN ACT to amend the constitution in relation to authorizing religious instruction."

Fears of those who were concerned that this measure would be contrary to the constitution are dissipated groundless by the Governor. In a memorandum attached to the bill, signed by the Governor, in approving the bill, he states:

"Under this bill the State Commissioner of Education shall establish rules under which children may on certain occasions be permitted to leave school for the purpose of attending their religious observances and receiving religious education."

"For some time it has been the policy of the Legislature of the State to excuse children from school a certain period each week for religious instruction. The Board of Regents has recognized the right of local school boards to do this. The Court of Appeals unanimously held in the case of People ex rel Lewis v. Graves (248 N. Y. 195 in 1927 that the practice was within the letter and the spirit of our Constitution and the Court of Appeals pointed out: 'Neither the Constitution nor the law discriminates against religion. Denominational religion is merely put in its proper place outside of public aid or support.'

"However, at the present time, there is no uniformity of practice throughout the State. Nor is any officer or agency of the State authorized or charged with the responsibility of adopting

Fr. Duffy Commends Governor's Action

The Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent, Catholic Schools, Diocese of Rochester, issued the following statement in the CATHOLIC COURIER following Governor Lehman's signing of the Coudert-McLaughlin bill:

"Governor Lehman should be commended for signing the Coudert-McLaughlin bill, thereby showing his approval of religious observance and education as an integral part of children's general education. We have always believed that Governor Lehman is a man who recognizes the influence of religion in the life of the people, from his many public addresses in this regard. It was because of his belief in the value of religion that he was elected Governor of the State of New York. He has shown his approval of religious observance and education as an integral part of children's general education."

rules which absences for religious observance or instruction may be permitted. This bill will assure some uniformity and permanency by placing the authority and responsibility upon the State Commissioner of Education to adopt such rules.

"A few people have given voice to fears that the bill violates principles of our government. These fears in my opinion are groundless. The bill does not interfere with the freedom of the public school system nor does it violate the principles of our public educational system.

"The bill is approved."

Catholics, Protestant and Jews throughout the state supported the measure. They feel that in this action of the Governor and the

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NEW WAVE OF ARRESTS OF PRIESTS HITS AUSTRIA

AMSTERDAM A new wave of arrests of Catholic priests is sweeping former Austria, according to reports received here.

Father Bogswager of St. Casimirus Church in Vienna is arrested because he had devoted a Mass to be said in memory of the late Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Engelbert Dollfuss, who was murdered by the Nazis.

Likewise, Father Fried a close adviser of His Eminence Theodor Cardinal Innitzer was taken into custody because letters written in former times to him by Empress Zita of Austria were found in his home in the course of a search by the Nazi police.

HOLY NAME INDULGENCE GRANTED SERVICE MEN

NEW YORK The Rev. Harry C. Graham, OP, National Director of Holy Name Societies, has received a rescript from the Sacred Penitentiary in Rome granting to soldiers sailors and marines the 300 days' indulgence for wearing the Holy Name insignia in medal form.

Prior to the rescript the indulgence could be gained only by the badge or button being worn visibly.

This concession, according to Father Graham is made so that the fighting forces of the United States as well as those of Canada, will not be deprived of the Holy Name indulgence.

Leftists Seek To Oust Religious Instruction

BUENOS AIRES The Teachers Confederation, which has been leaning, sent a petition to the authorities of the Province of Buenos Aires asking the abolition of religious instruction in the primary schools.

The Director of Schools replied indirectly to the request in a radio address in the course of which he stated the matter is one for the Provincial Legislature, to be elected at the end of the present Federal "intervention," which a short time ago deposed the Governor and dissolved the Legislature.

Fr. Hubbard III

Los Angeles—A lecture scheduled for the Catholic Theater Guild by the Rev. Bernard R. Hubbard, S.J., noted explorer, has been cancelled after reports that Father Hubbard was ill of pneumonia at the University of Santa Clara.

CITY VOTES FREE WATER TO PARISH SCHOOLS

CLEVELAND Parochial schools included in the new utility plan designed to reduce fire water service according to an ordinance passed by the City Council of Cleveland by a vote of 25 to 15.

The ordinance will reduce the water rate for parochial schools, libraries and cemeteries as other agencies named for such a benefit.

It is pointed out that these institutions have not paid for water service in the past on the basis of the rate for other utility users.

This ordinance was introduced by a ruling by Common Pleas Judge Lee E. Skeel that the city's Utilities Department could not distribute water free of charge without a city ordinance to that effect.

The ordinance provides that "whenever it is deemed expedient to make provision for such a measure, the city shall provide for it."

This does not end the matter, however. The city Law Department will instruct the Utilities Department to ignore the ordinance on the ground that it is unconstitutional, in which event the matter will be decided in the higher courts.

Fr. Wilfrid Parsons Named To Catholic U.

WASHINGTON The Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, J. D., of the Graduate School of Georgetown University, has been appointed to the faculty of the Catholic University of America, it was announced today by the Most Rev. Joseph M. Corrigan, Rector of the university.

The appointment of Father Parsons, who will serve in the School of Social Service, was said at the university to mark the first time a member of the Society of Jesus has served as a regular member of the Catholic University faculty.

At present a half dozen Jesuit scholars are taking courses at the university in sacred theology and sciences.

Father Parsons was formerly Editor-in-Chief of America, a national weekly review published by the Jesuits.

Abolishes Russell Office

NEW YORK—By striking a \$3,600 salary item from the budget, Mayor La Guardia has abolished the professorship in the College of the City of New York to which Bertrand Russell had been appointed.

Mr. Russell was named Professor of Mathematics and Philosophy at City College, but the appointment aroused a storm of protest, it being charged he openly advocated companionate marriage and other immoral practices, and that

Mission Brings Solace To Youth In Reformatory

BY AN INMATE

"Come to me all ye who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you."

These words of Christ, taken from Holy Scripture, were answered beyond question by many hundreds of the inmate body of the Elmira Reformatory during the past week, as they turned out each morning and evening for the five-day Mission held at the St. Don Bosco Chapel.

The Mission was conducted by Father Gerald McMillan of the Franciscan order from New York City, under the joint sponsorship of Father Francis J. Lane, the Catholic Chaplain of the institution.

The Mission officially opened Sunday evening, March 31, at 8:30 P. M. After the necessary announcements concerning the Mission was the recitation of the Holy Rosary and a most inspiring sermon followed by the Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament, beautifully arrayed with cut flowers and potted plants of many varieties, as it was throughout the entire Mission. This presented a fitting tribute indeed to the honor and glory of Almighty God and the man Altar of the Church was to the capacity congregation which attended.

More than twelve hundred Communions were received throughout the duration of the Mission. Instructions on the "Ten Commandments of God" were given daily after each Mass. The Holy Rosary was also recited each morning at Mass by the inmate body, led by two of its members. The work done by the choir and organist, as they lauded the praises of Almighty God, both at Mass and the evening services, is to be highly commended, as it too was a contributing factor to the Mission's great success.

It is the consensus here at the institution, that Father Lane's decision could not have been more wisely founded than by his selection of this young prominent

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Reparation Rites Held For Paper's Blasphemy

BUENOS AIRES In reparation for a blasphemous newspaper article published in Santa Fe on Holy Thursday which referred offensively to Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin the Most Rev. Nicolas Faolino, Archbishop of Santa Fe, ordered special Masses and prayers to be offered and the Blessed Sacrament exposed in all churches in the archdiocese.

Mission Brings Solace To Youth In Reformatory

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In the Parish Hall at
ST. BONIFACE
7:30 P.M.
FRIDAY, APRIL 12

I'll meet you at the
Catholic Courier
Schools of Cookery
Conducted by
MISS IRENE MUNTZ
GUEST DEMONSTRATOR from the
Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation
HOME SERVICE DEPARTMENT

In the Parish Hall at
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
7:30 P.M.
FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Fr. Keane Is 'Most Popular Irishman'

CHICAGO—The Rev. James R. Keane, O.S.M., founder and director of the Perpetual Novena in Honor of Our Sorrowful Mother, was chosen the most popular Irishman in this city in a contest sponsored by the Chicago Star.

Father Keane, a son of the Emerald Isle, was awarded a silver trophy when more than 2,000 members of the local Irish societies gathered to hear the results of the balloting which was begun the first of the year.

The day's festivities began with services in St. Patrick's Church in memory of those who died in the Easter Week rebellion.

Prisoners Decorate Chapel

TUCSON, Ariz.—St. Dismas, who evoked from his Companion on the cross the words "Thou shalt be with Me this day in Paradise," is being honored by the residents of the Arizona State Prison who have erected a chapel which was dedicated by the Most Rev. Daniel J. Gercke, Bishop of Tucson.

Chapel decorations, the work of inmates who are resident in the prison, include a crucifix of carved wood, solid mahogany pillars and stucco columns made with brushes.

Father Murphy, Chaplain of the institution, and one of the original

Catholic Alumni Oppose Thomas-Larrabee Bill

NEW YORK.—Asserting that education is primarily the obligation of the parents and it should not become centralized in Washington, the Executive Committee of the National Catholic Alumni Federation has voiced its opposition to the Thomas-Larrabee Education Bill.

In a letter to Senator Elbert D. Thomas, of Utah, and Representative William H. Larrabee, of Indiana, concerning this bill, which would appropriate Federal funds to aid public education in the States and Territories, Edmund Borgia Butler, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Federation, says:

"The Federal Government has through its grants in aid to the States public assistance programs—the old-age assistance, aid to the blind, and aid to dependent children—insisted on dictating to the localities the type of assistance which shall be granted, has required a great extent of the amount of grants and has determined to a great extent the type of personnel that shall be employed. Most recently it has insisted in New York, that all of the persons dealing with this type of assistance shall be in civil service without regard to the local problems involved. When the Federal Government reimbursed direct relief, the FEERA dictated to a great extent to the localities on every phase of the relief program."

"Under the circumstances," says Mr. Butler's letter, "we feel that it is most important that the Federal Government does not become involved in education."

Low Birth Rate Called U. S. No. 1 Problem

WASHINGTON—The declining birth rate in the United States is the country's "Number 1" problem, Representative Louis C. Rabaut, of Michigan, father of his children, declared upon the floor of the House of Representatives.

The Congressman agreed with a Washington columnist that "you will not be troubled very much longer with building elementary schools in this nation, except to replace those that become obsolete."

He introduced a table showing a decline in the birth rate from 32.1 births per thousand of population in 1910 to 17.4 births per thousand of population in 1938.

"You will find as many doctors interested in children as are required today, less teachers, less nurseries, less clothing, less agricultural products, and all down the line," Representative Rabaut added. "It is your Number 1 problem, and do not have any doubts about it. The absent child of today is the missing but necessary adult of tomorrow."

CATHOLIC U. DRIVE NETS \$164,649 IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS—A total of \$164,649 or approximately 33 per cent. more than the \$125,000 goal, was raised in Archbishop John G. Glavin's financial crusade in the St. Louis Archdiocese for the Catholic University of America, it is announced by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. P. Spencer, general clerical director of the drive.

Representatives of the university at campaign headquarters said it was the largest sum thus far raised by any diocese participating in the university's national appeal to lift its \$2,000,000 indebtedness. Of the amount, \$99,815 has already been paid.

New Bishop in Chile

VALDIVIA, Chile—The Most Rev. Fernando Frias Hurtado, a pastor of Santiago, Chile, has been named Bishop of San Carlos de Arica.

Petition Denied, Mexican Catholics Take Over Church

MEXICO CITY.—Again the Catholics of Tampico, Ariz. in the State of Vera Cruz have taken possession of the church in the parish of San Juan de los Rios. The church had been taken over by the petition which they had presented to the state government. After the state had refused to grant the petition, the Catholics of Tampico took possession of the church and have been holding it since.