

NATIONAL NEWS

BISHOP GRIFFIN APPOINTED STATE K. OF C. MEET

KU KLUX KLAN RIDES AGAIN, SAYS WRITER

(By NCWO News Service)
The Ku Klux Klan "rides again in the South" but already it "has run afoul of the law," and some observers hold the belief that its projected expansion is being hampered by swift and vigorous prosecution on the part of local authorities.

These are findings of Thomas L. Stokes, reported in a series of articles in Scripps-Howard newspapers after intensive investigation in Georgia and South Carolina. Mr. Stokes, a distinguished newspaperman, holds a Pulitzer prize for his reportorial excellence.

Mr. Stokes says the Klan "preaches intolerance for racial and religious minorities" and that "it proclaims a narrow sort of 'Americanism' that is being translated here and there into a fight against the C. I. O." He declares that "in a letter to all Klan local units, the Imperial Wizard ordered a species of 'bring-from-within' tactics—similar to those employed by Communists—whereby members of the Klan would seek to gain control of unions, both A. F. L. and C. I. O., as well as the Workers Alliance and the organization of W. P. A. workers."

Has Some Paraphernalia
The writer says the Klan still has "its white robes, its torches and its fiery crosses." However, he points out that "temporarily, at least, it has drawn in its horns, since flogging outrages and other activities of this kind have been brought to light. He quotes one informed authority as saying the Klan membership in Atlanta dropped one-third since brutalities were revealed there."

He adds that "a strategic retreat if it is not more the trend, is evident in the Imperial Wizard's recent numerous orders—for unmaking, against cross-burning, except as a ceremonial; for suspension of the East Point Klan, perpetrator of the flogging outrage; for banishment of the first Klansman convicted here."

Mr. Stokes records that Dr. James A. Colecott, "a pudgy, pink-faced ex-veterinarian," has succeeded Dr. Hiram W. Evans, "an ex-dentist," as Imperial Wizard. Speaking of Dr. Colecott's statement on the occasion of his inauguration, Mr. Stokes says:

"He insisted that he would oppose the Catholic hierarchy only in so far as it related to the union of Church and state, and as for Jews, he said, 'I consider Jews a minority group, if they have a problem it is undoubtedly a result of their failure to adapt themselves wholeheartedly to the American idea and principles.'"

Three Falts Unchecked
Mr. Stokes also says that "no outrage which has occurred in the South has involved either Catholic or Jews, Negroes have been intimidated and terrorized in some sections. Klan rides and floggings and cross-burnings at the expense of people are concerned, have been directed at alleged violations of the moral code as interpreted by Klansmen, and, in some cases, at labor unions."

The writer quotes the Imperial Wizard as saying the Klan is now functioning in 39 States; that it has a 30 per cent increase in membership since last June, and that, in order of strength by States, Florida is at the top, followed by Colorado, Michigan, Georgia, New York, California, and then the Mid-West States generally.

Asserting that "the Ku Klux Klan, as of old, seeks to reach its tentacles into politics," Mr. Stokes says "it is a fact that the Klan has been found to be entrenched in numerous local political offices."

Mr. Stokes says the salutation of a message from the Imperial Wizard to his "Klanpeople," is "like something from Hitler."

"The 300,000 Klan members in the conclusion of such messages, which Mr. Stokes says, goes as follows:

"Come in the executive chambers of the Leadership, the Imperial Wizard, in the Imperial Palace, the Imperial City of Atlanta, Commonwealth of Georgia, on the Fourth Day of the Twelfth Month of the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Nine, and on the Deadly Day of the Woodlark Week of the Apalling Month of the Year of the Klan LXV."

No Aid From Ireland For Nazis, Says Envoy
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happen without the knowledge of the Coast Guard and the Irish Civil Guards. The only incident that has occurred was when a German submarine put ashore in Bantary Bay the crew of a Greek ship which had been torpedoed. The Civil Guard was on the scene within a few minutes and the German submarine had disappeared.

Bishop W. A. Griffin Named To Trenton See

Rev. Thomas Boland Named Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

WASHINGTON.—A vacant See is filled and a new Bishop created in two Hierarchical appointments, word of which was received today at the Apostolic Delegation, here.

His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, announced that His Holiness Pope Pius XII has appointed: The Most Rev. William A. Griffin, Titular Bishop of Sanavus and Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, to be Bishop of Trenton.

The Rev. Thomas Aloysius Boland, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Newark, to be Titular Bishop of Hircina and Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.

Bishop Griffin will succeed to a See made vacant by the elevation of the Most Rev. Moses E. Kelly to the Archbishopric of Milwaukee. Archbishop Kelly was named Ordinary of Milwaukee on January 4. Bishop-elect Boland will succeed Bishop Griffin as Auxiliary to the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Archbishop of Newark.

Bishop Griffin was born in Elizabeth, N. J., on November 20, 1885. He made his studies at Seton Hall College, South Orange, N. J., and at Immaculate Conception Seminary, then located in South Orange. He was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop O'Connor on August 15, 1910.

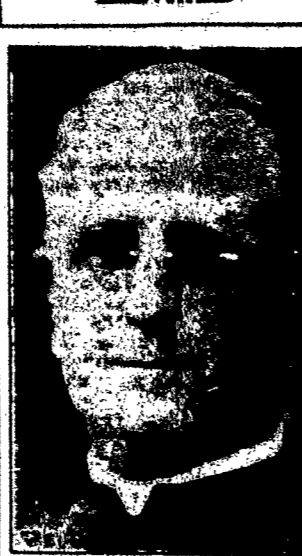
From 1910 to 1923 Bishop Griffin was a member of the faculty at Seton Hall High School and College. At the time of his elevation to the hierarchy he was Irremovable Rector of the Church of St. Michael, Jersey City. Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Work of the Propagation of the Faith, of the Association of the Holy Childhood, and of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade. He was made National Treasurer of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in 1935.

The solemn consecration of Bishop Griffin took place in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark, on May 1, 1938. Archbishop Walsh was the consecrating prelate, and the Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Buffalo, and Archbishop Riley, then Bishop of Trenton, were the co-consecrators.

Bishop-elect Boland was born in Orange, N. J., on February 17, 1896, the son of John Peter and Ellen Agnes (O'Rourke) Boland. His mother is dead, but his father lives in West Orange.

Minister-Convict Dies
London.—Former Anglican clergyman, Arthur Ernest Bowett, who was received into the Church in 1937, has died. He was an Anglican clergyman for 46 years.

ELEVATED



BISHOP GRIFFIN

The Bishop-elect attended St. John's parochial school in Orange, St. Francis Xavier's High School in New York City, Seton Hall College and the North American College in Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood in the chapel of the North American College in the Eternal City on December 23, 1922.

Following his ordination, he took courses at Fordham University, New York.

Pastor and Educator
From June 1, 1921 to September 19, 1923, Bishop-elect Boland served as an assistant at St. Catherine's Church, Haledale, N. J. He joined the faculty of Seton Hall High School and College, teaching Latin and Greek, and also taught Sacred Scripture, Moral Theology and Canon Law in the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N. J. Between September, 1923, and May, 1929, he served as Administrator of St. Anthony's Parish, Union City, and Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel. He became a member of the diocesan curia in 1933, and has been Chancellor of the Archdiocese since 1938.

Bishop-elect Boland has held the offices of Pro-Synodal Judge, Pro-Synodal Examiner, Moderator of Diocesan Conferences, Moderator of the Catholic Doctors' Guild, Secretary of the Archdiocesan Branch of the National Organization for Decent Literature, Visitor General for Religious Communities, and a member of the Sites and Building Commission.

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Dr. Smith said this notion of universality has been "imbedded deeply in the spirit and thought of the Catholic Church."

State K. of C. Meet in Buffalo

Bishop Kearney Speaks on Friday

BUFFALO.—With the Most Rev. John A. Duffy, D. D., Bishop of Buffalo, celebrating the Mass and the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D. D., Bishop of Rochester, delivering the sermon, the 45th annual New York State convention of the Knights of Columbus will be formally opened here, Friday, this week.

An attendance of upwards of 2,000 guests is expected at the convention. Past State Deputy John V. Neuber, chairman of the State Council Convention Committee reports.

With reservations being made at Hotel Statler, campaign headquarters, on Thursday, this week, a class of 100 Buffalo Knights received the Third Degree in the evening. State Deputy Joseph F. Lamb and staff of New York City officiated.

The opening Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Old Cathedral. Preceding the church services, the convention parade will form at Hotel Statler at 8 o'clock. Lieut. Col. Alexander L. Gilly is grand marshal of the parade with Colonel Philip H. Gebhard of the Knights of St. John as chief of staff.

Sessions of the convention will be called to order in Hotel Statler after the Mass with State Deputy Lamb presiding. Addresses will be given by Grand Knight Thomas J. McConnell of Buffalo council, District Deputy Frank M. Davis, and Mayor Thomas L. Holling, long-time member of Buffalo Council.

During the Friday session the visiting women will be entertained at a bridge luncheon in Transit Valley Country Club. Friday evening, the annual state ball will be held in the Hotel Statler ballroom. Saturday evening, following the close of the convention sessions, the annual state dinner will be held in Hotel Statler ballroom. Bishop Duffy and Supreme Secretary Joseph F. Lamb will be the principal speakers.

Election of officers will take place at the convention on Saturday. In the afternoon there will be a theater party at 2:30 o'clock for the ladies.

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