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WOMEN'S WORLD

MRS. SANGER AGAIN, THOSE 'EQUAL RIGHTS'?

N.C.C.W. Protests An 'Equal Rights' Plank in Platform

WASHINGTON—Protest against the inclusion of a so-called "equal rights" plank in the 1949 platform of the Democratic Party is made in a telegram which Miss Agnes G. Regan, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women, has dispatched to Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions at the Democratic National Convention.

Miss Regan stated that she wishes to present the views of the National Council of Catholic Women, representing more than 4,000,000 women since she had learned that a plank favoring an equal-rights amendment (see the Constitution) was being proposed to the platform committee.

"We hold the amendment entirely unnecessary," Miss Regan said. "We believe that great danger lies in such an amendment. We do not contest equal rights with identical rights. The equal rights amendment would operate in the opinion of the National Council of Catholic Women not only to the injury of women, but against the welfare of society as a whole."

A Catholic Dickens



With the recent publication of her first novel, "One Pair of Hands," by the attractive young woman, another Dickens appears in the literary field. She is Monica Esau Dickens, great-granddaughter of Charles Dickens, England's famous novelist. She is a Catholic and her father is a lawyer.

Says Mrs. Sanger Would Abridge Catholics' Rights

Mrs. Margaret Sanger's protest against recent Catholic opposition to a birth control exhibit in Chicago is declared to be a challenge to the right of Catholics to continue enjoying the customary privileges of a free democratic people.

"Margaret Sanger, president of the National Birth Control Federation, has issued a statement in which she makes some very grave insinuations concerning the rights of Catholics to continue enjoying the customary privileges of a free democratic people," Mr. Heffron says in a statement this week. "She says that Catholic protests resulted in the refusal of the American Negro Exposition to permit the Birth Control Federation to exhibit its wares and propaganda at the exposition in Chicago, and adds that the time has come to determine whether the Roman Catholic Church can or cannot permit a group sharing its political and political power to prevent the spread of knowledge.

"This very ominous manifesto obviously needs a little taking apart. Preventing the spread of knowledge sounds pretty bad at first, but when you get into the kind of knowledge involved, certainly the old pickpockets' schools spread knowledge of a sort."

"So the whole question simmers down to whether a minority group of Catholics, to be specific—ought to be permitted any use of political power to protect their freedom of bending every effort to prepare ourselves to defend our freedom and democratic principles—but those contentious Catholics are hindering the effort by presuming to protect their freedom according to democratic principles just as if they were Americans. How very presumptuous of them! Mrs. Sanger seems not to know that the American Negro Exposition is to be supported almost altogether by the State of Illinois and the Federal Government, and that in view of both the Illinois and U. S. Criminal Codes it is highly proper for any taxpayer—indeed even a lone individual taxpayer—to use as much of his money for the furtherance of Birth Control!"

Rochester Diocesan Council N. C. C. W. 536 Columbus Civic Center

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the resignation of Mrs. Thos. A. Kane, president of the Geneva Diocesan Council, N.C.C.W., who has served in this capacity since the organization of the Rochester Diocesan Council in 1931.

Her enthusiastic reports on Geneva activities were always a feature of our Directors' Meeting and she was most faithful in attending whatever the difficulty.

The Geneva Council has chosen as her successor as Diocesan President, Mrs. Thomas K. Quigley, who will thus automatically become a Vice-President of the Diocesan Council, N.C.C.W.

Of special interest to our women should be the article in the July number of Catholic Action, "National Catholic School of Social Work," which is the continuation of its 10th year. We quote:

"The director's report emphasized the development of Catholic Social Work education in Washington through the co-ordination in the training program of the Catholic University School of Social Work and the National Catholic School of Social Service. It was declared that the co-ordinated system offers both broader and stronger training programs to both men and women who come to Washington for their graduate professional preparation."

This number of Catholic Action also contains an interesting report by Miss Lorna Brissett on the Fourth Annual Institute on Industry, held at the Service School in June. She declares it was an outstanding success. Meeting a need long felt by young people employed in various branches of industry and business, the Institute, organized first in 1937, has fair to become a permanent institution.

Our vacation schools are now in full swing.

Helping in transportation this week are Mrs. Joan Hallinan, the Misses Marston Haffner and Mae Hughes and Mrs. Charles Bayer.

As we said last week the slowing down of general activities and the general inclination to take life a bit easier, provides an excellent opportunity for our zealous Catholic women to reflect—to take stock—and to capitalize on the result.

Let us consider our responsibility to the organization or organization to which we belong. Have we been an asset or liability? Have we fulfilled our office duties, to the best of our ability? If we have not been given a particular assignment, have we given moral support to every undertaking? What might we have done that would have contributed more largely to the success of the entire group?

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Mrs. Roosevelt Fights 'Equal Rights' Plank

(Special Correspondent, N.C.C.W. News Service)

CHICAGO—Since the battle was waged here before the National Committee of the Democratic National Convention over the so-called equal rights for women amendment, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt threw a positive declaration of opposition to the amendment.

She asserted the belief that the amendment would "work great hardships" on the nation's largest section of wage-earning women, and stated further that including a favorable plank in the party platform would be a "grave mistake."

Catholic women generally have opposed the amendment vigorously, their position being in line with that of other women's groups, notably those of working women. The National Council of Catholic Women has for many years annually passed resolutions against this proposed legislation.

At the recent Republican National Convention, a plank was inserted in the party platform favoring the amendment. The action caused considerable surprise, since both major parties had theretofore steadily refused to favor the amendment despite strong and continuous pressure to do so.

Advocates of the amendment defend away with protective legislation for women in industry on the theory that only by relinquishing this protection may women in the work world. Opponents contend that in the nature of things women have special problems when they enter industry and that it would be a fatal mistake for them to surrender the protection of laws won only after many years of hard campaigning.

"I feel about the equal rights amendment just as I have always felt, namely that until women are unionized to a far greater extent than they are at present, an equal rights amendment will work great hardship on the industrial group, which is, after all, the largest group of wage-earning women," said Mrs. Roosevelt. Her views were expressed in a letter which was read to the Resolutions Committee by Nan Wood Honeyman of Oregon.

"Therefore" Mrs. Roosevelt continued, "at the present time for us as a party interested in the well-being and protection of our women, it is to put into our platform an equal rights amendment would be a grave mistake, and to this I think all the leaders of the workers would concur."

Alice Gargan Mourned Here

Catholic women in many parts of the diocese are mourning the death of Miss Alice Gargan, 25 Thayer Street, Rochester, who died July 11 in Atlantic City, N. J. while on her vacation.

Funeral services were held at St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls, July 17, with the Rev. Bartholomew L. Quirk officiating.

A member of Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, Miss Gargan was an active worker in the Catholic Women's Club and was treasurer of the Catholic Daughters of America, here.

Miss Gargan was born in Seneca Falls and was the sister of the late William Gargan. About 20 years ago she came to Rochester and was employed as a sales representative in the Lawyers Co-Operative Publishing Company, where she was highly rated and esteemed.

She was survived by a sister, Mrs. Fred Thomson, Florida; a brother, George Gargan, Rutherford, N. J.; four nieces and a nephew. Burial was in St. Columbkille Cemetery, Seneca Falls.

Catholic Book Club Picks Romance by Alfred Noyes

NEW YORK—"No Other Man," new novel by Alfred Noyes, noted English Catholic writer, which is described as "an apocalyptic story with a happy ending, a thrilling romance and an indictment of our hypocrisies and deceptions" has been selected for July by the Catholic Book Club. It is published by Frederick A. Stokes Company, this city.

Francis X. Connolly reviewing the book in the Club's Newsletter, declares that in "No Other Man" Mr. Noyes "is challenging the whole of responsible world civilization to protect the logical outcome of its theories and practice." He shows what can happen if it persists in its contradictions, its evasions and its lies.

Mr. Connolly adds: "The intellectuals are held most responsible for a muddled thinking and muddled deeds."

Heaven is heaven because God is so beautiful in the light, and earth is the factory of sinners because God is so beautiful in the darkness. Father Faber

According To The Doctor

Good health of growing children is dependent largely on three things:

- (1) Regular health habits, such as adequate sleep, rest, exercise, a well-balanced diet, personal cleanliness and healthy mental attitudes.
- (2) The removal or correction of existing physical defects such as bad teeth, infected tonsils, adenoids, poor vision, impaired hearing, hereditary tendencies and other defects.
- (3) Periodic health examinations.

The preschool age is the age during which particular care should be taken to prevent the development of defects, or to correct such defects as they occur.

There are three well-known childhood diseases which are the cause of children losing much time from school: They are smallpox, diphtheria, and whooping cough.

Children who are given the opportunity of leading healthy, happy lives will progress in their school work and will be a pride to their parents.

Join Boys Town Faculty
 Boys Town, Neb. - Five Christian Brothers have been added to the Boys Town high school faculty, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Edward Gallagher, O.F.M., its director, of Boys Town, announced. Brother Anselm and Brother Albert have been transferred to Boys Town from Minneapolis. Brother Leander from St. Joseph, Mo., and Brothers James and Gregory from Chicago.

She Remembers Abraham Lincoln

THIS grand old lady was reminded of Abraham Lincoln when she toured the World of Tomorrow at the World's Fair in New York. She is Mrs. Sarah Hurlbert, 81, aunt of Most Reverend Stephen J. Donahue, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of New York.

This photograph was made on the terrace at the Ford Exposition, where Mrs. Hurlbert dined with her three nieces as honor guests of the Ford Motor Company. She was reminded of Lincoln, she said, by the great historical spectacles she saw at the Fair.

"When I was a little girl, I was very fond of the Lincoln cent," said Mrs. Hurlbert. "He rode past in a big parade. I can see him clearly still—the great President going by in his barouche."

Mrs. Hurlbert's father went to Lincoln, Kansas. The property that she inherited was Broadway and Fourth Street, now in the heart of downtown Manhattan.

For 50 years Mrs. Hurlbert has lived on a farm in Westport, near Washington, Connecticut. She was born and reared in New York City. She found the World of Tomorrow "a beautiful place—beautiful all through." The Ford Motor Company provided a Lincoln Replica for her tour of the grounds.

'Alumnae College' Set At Seton Hill

GREENSBURG.—Toward "Alumnae College" at Seton Hill College here will be held July 19-21.

Conducted by professors of the regular faculty at Seton Hill and two visiting lecturers, the college is held every few years for the benefit of alumnae in connection with the institution's summer session.

The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Francis J. Hane, Dean of the School of Social Sciences at the Catholic University of America, will give the opening address on "Unemployment in the United States," and the Rev. Charles E. Hogan, of the Catholic University School of Social Sciences, will speak on "Industrial Relations."

Cites 'Keys To Happiness'

NEW YORK—It was upon the plianthness or possessions which do mount of beatitudes that our Lord "became the Divine Teacher of the world," declared the Rev. Herbert F. Gallagher, O.F.M., in his address over the "Catholic Hour" Sunday night.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Father Gallagher said, "the ancient discipline of fear ceded to the new gospel of love when the promise made by God to Moses more than fourteen centuries before was fulfilled: 'I will raise them up a prophet... like to thee; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I shall command him.'"

Father Gallagher said the Beatitudes are "eight keys to happiness" and "each of them a direct contradiction of the ideals and spirit of the world."

The Beatitudes are indeed paradoxical, he added, "for they promise happiness where men least expect to find it; and yet they are eminently practical, for they indicate the only means through which happiness can be found. They mean we must be rich in all, for they require no talents or accom-

Mrs. Corcoran Rites Held In Auburn

AUBURN.—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Corcoran, wife of William H. Corcoran, were held Tuesday at Holy Family Church.

Mrs. Corcoran died July 15 at Mercy Hospital after a lingering illness. Born in Cato, she had lived more than 100 years in Auburn.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, William Corcoran of Scranton, Pa., and Raymond Corcoran of Auburn; a sister, Mrs. Eugene Cooney of Syracuse; two brothers, Dennis Hally of Rochester and James Hally of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

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