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U. S., Canada Crack Down On 'Witnesses'

Arrests, Fines, Expose of Tactics Dog Jehovah's Witnesses; Priest Balks Operations in Texas

Jehovah's Witnesses and their tactics are meeting rebuffs on various fronts in this country and in Canada. N. C. W. C. News Service reports this week.

Nazis Grab Polish Youths For Labor

NEW YORK (NC) The brutal manner in which Nazi police are seizing Polish young men and women and shipping them to Germany to perform manual labor there was described here by a young Polish girl, a recent arrival in New York from Warsaw.

The girl related her story at the offices of the Polish Information Center, asking that her name be withheld to avoid Nazi retaliation against some of her relatives still living in Nazi-occupied Poland.

"Posters have been placed in all public places ordering all young men and women between the ages of 15 and 25 and without employment to register with the authorities without delay," she declared. "These posters also warn that resistance will be dealt with severely."

"Since it is impossible to obtain working certificates, the young people are being hunted like wild animals. Army trucks continually roam the streets searching for victims. Streets are suddenly blocked off and grinning Nazi soldiers raid homes and apartments, seizing young men and women and forcing them into the trucks. When the trucks are filled, the victims are brought to stations, from which they are sent into Germany without even being permitted to say good-bye to their families."

'Deweyism' On Wane Declares Educator

NEW ORLEANS (NC) The principal of John Dewey's famous University of the South here Saturday.

In the commencement address Father Smith called Professor Dewey a "prestidigitator in education" and blamed the Columbia educational philosophy "for the lack of unity in American education today."

"His rule is now being effectively challenged by humanist leaders like Hutchins and Adler of Chicago, Scot Buchanan and Springfellow Barr in Maryland," Father Smith said, adding that these modern leaders are laying aside the Dewey teachings of the relativity of truth, of the obsolescence of a personal God and of ethics determined by social custom.

Warn Against Clothing Agents

MOUNT OLIVE, Ill.—Denial that it has any representative by the name of "P. H. Decker," is made by the National Tailoring Company, with headquarters at St. Louis, in a letter to the Rev. George Windsor, pastor of the Church of the Ascension, here.

A Boston Municipal Court Justice fined twelve of the Witnesses, six men and six women, \$2 for wearing placards and distributing pamphlets without permit. Defendants claimed their constitutional rights had been violated. They are threatening an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Canada's police are "cracking down" on the Witnesses, outlawed here. The police, under the Defense of Canada Regulations, seized thousands of their pamphlets. Convictions have been recorded in several cities. Fines and jail terms have been imposed.

In Montreal, one member of the sect, Albert Francois Letellier, 55, of Lachapelle, was found guilty of sedition. His term will be six months in jail.

Devout tactics of the Witnesses are exposed in a printed attack made on the Rev. Thomas A. Carney of Dickinson, Texas, widely circulated here and in Father Carney's answer.

The attack was made in a printed dodger headed "Dividing the People." It invites readers to write to the Watchtower Bible and Tract headquarters "for more information."

The dodger says Father Carney ordered a group of Jehovah's Witnesses "to get out of town." It says that the priest claimed he was the law in Dickinson. It claims one of the Jehovah's Witnesses was killed on the road but does not know who struck him. The statement is made that the priest was arrested for starting the assault, that the priest lied on the witness stand and that he cursed in court.

A virulent attack on the Catholic Church generally and on its hierarchy is made in the dodger.

Explains His Stand Father Carney lost no time in issuing a statement upon learning of the attack. Said the accused priest: "Agents of Mr. Rutherford's began operations in Dickinson on a Sunday morning when we were up to two or three young men and I stopped them. We used no physical force. Nor was any violent or unseemly language employed."

"Impressed by our evident determination to see that the law is not circumvented in our operations in this vicinity, the Jehovah's Witnesses sought the protection of the sheriff. With the understanding that they see the sheriff, I asked them to share young men to watch their movements and retired to my home."



Public School Pupils Get Time For Religion Study

Rules to govern absence of public school pupils from classes for the purpose of religious observance and education announced by the State Commission of Education at Albany.

St. Agnes' Academy 1st, 2nd Year High Registration Now

Registration for pupils in first and second year high school at St. Agnes' Academy, branch of Nazareth Academy, should be made this week with the State Superior at 875 Main St. Int. any day between 9 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Pope Provides For Rumanian Refugees

VATICAN CITY—Giving further proofs of his paternal and generous charity, His Holiness Pope Pius XII, in order to meet the exceptional needs arising from the present European situation, has given instructions to distribute adequate assistance to the Rumanian refugees coming from Besarabia and Bucovina.

To Broadcast Catholic Rural Life Sessions

ST. CLOUD, Minn.—Highlights of the eighteenth annual National Catholic Rural Life convention will be described on the "National Farm and Home Hour" broadcast from the scene of the convention here on October 2.

Summer Duty and Play—Here are typical Sunday scenes at Conesus Lake.

The Sunday obligation fulfilled, cottagers emerge from St. Margaret Chapel, (top row right), Camp Stella Maris boys offer their prayers in St. Jude's Chapel (lower row, left). The Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, (top row, center) looks after the cottagers' chapel and is the founder of Camp Stella Maris. Chief Counselor Dick Torrey (second row, left) and boy campers round out the day with instructions, swimming, boating, high-diving, a watermelon or two.

TOTALITARIANS WOULD BAN VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

ST. LOUIS In many totalitarian states of Europe an organization like the St. Vincent de Paul Society would be abolished, the Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, declared in an address at the general meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society here.

100,000 Autos Blessed At 'Motorists' Church

BALEWEN, L. I.—More than 100,000 automobiles have been blessed in the past decade by priests of St. Christopher's Church here known as the "Motorists' Church."

Called 'Indian World Capital'

(By N.C.W.C. News Service) Gallup, N. M., See City of the newest diocese in the United States, is called the "Indian Capital of the World." Although coal-mining is the only local industry, Gallup is the gateway to the native Indian Crafts Industries (Jewelry, rug-weaving, pottery, etc.) for hundreds of miles around. It is also widely known for its annual Indian Commemorial, in which representatives of over 30 Indian tribes take part.

Warns of Suspended Priests Now in U. S.

VATICAN CITY.—A warning that two suspended priests, Anthony Jazbek, Rector of Ghazal, Lebanon, and Nemattallah Saliba, a native of Beirut, are in North America without permission, and are not entitled to Mass stipends or to collect any funds, has been issued by Aca Apostolica Sede.

Woman Who Captured Parachutist Honored

LONDON.—Twenty-four hours after she had captured a German aviator near her home in northwest England, Mrs. Norman Cardwell, a Catholic, was awarded the Order of the British Empire.

Try Voluntary Training First, Then Conscript

House Committee Told Views of U.S. Bishops on Compulsory Program; Exemption of Clergy Urged

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—"The possibility of a one-year voluntary enlistment program should be exhausted before resorting to a compulsory one."

That this measure be tried first was asked of the House of Representatives Committee on Military Affairs by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Reedy, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference on Tuesday.

Vigoreously Msgr. Reedy urged that priests, missionaries and Brothers be exempted from military service under the provisions of the Burke-Wadsworth Compulsory Enlistment Act now under consideration.

Msgr. Reedy had previously appeared before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs to ask the specific exemption of ministers of religion, missionaries and Brothers under the same bill. He told the committee that the bill was prepared by direction of the Administrative Board of the N.C.W.C. He restated the statement of "general attitude towards the bill" drawn up by the N.C.W.C. Administrative Board for the year 1939, which he had read to the Senate Committee.

"We believe that the interests of our country would have been served better if the proposed legislation had originated in Congress," Msgr. Reedy told the House Committee Tuesday. "Chiefly, Congress would have supported, not to say protected, the basic interests of religion."

"There is at present a high pressure propaganda for this bill emanating from military professionalists. This propaganda is designed to convince the American people that war is inevitable and the time to prepare for that war is very short. If the measures of defense contemplated in this conscription bill is forced upon us, then the lives of the young men of our country should know the facts," he said.

The Archbishop declared that every least American is in favor of a defense program which would make the United States so strong that no other nation or coalition of nations would attack it, but in preparing our defense program, we must be guided by the common sense judgment, should prevail rather than a coalition of extraneous, crusader, totalitarian, radical militarists, and even some patriotic forces who would see armed America as in the vanguard of the form of government."

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Compulsory Training Hit By Prelate

CINCINNATI.—(NC)—The proposed compulsory military training in the United States was described as "the serious beginning of a totalitarian form of government in our country" by the Most Rev. John T. McElroy, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, in a pastoral letter read in all churches Sunday.

He stressed in his statement that "the possibility of a voluntary enlistment program should be exhausted before resorting to a compulsory one."

"Once the Federal Government, especially Federal conscription, particularly for the youth of our country, should will always be found not only to continue but to extend that evil," the Archbishop said. He stated that there is a "seriousness" about the proposed program.

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CONFIRM FR. O'DONNELL'S APPOINTMENT AS HEAD OF NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—(NC)—President of Notre Dame Catholic and Mission in the United States was named last night by the Rev. Thomas A. Stitzer, C.S.C., provincial of the Congregation of Holy Cross, as a community conference on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

The Very Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C.S.C., who has been serving as acting president of the University of Notre Dame since last January, was confirmed as president of the university. The Rev. John Cavanaugh, C.S.C., will be vice president.

The Rev. Charles C. Millen, C.S.C., member of the faculty of Notre Dame since 1938, succeeded president of Fordham University, Fordham, N. Y.

The Rev. Stanislaus F. Loefer, C.S.C., becomes president of St. Edward's University, Austin, Tex. Father O'Donnell, however, was president of Notre Dame in 1938. Formerly he had been president of St. Edward's University. He was graduated from Notre Dame in 1916 and received a doctor of philosophy degree from the Catholic University of America in 1927. He was a varsity athlete at Notre Dame, having played with the late Knute Rockne.

All were graduates of the famous to be inscribed in the graduating class of the unique foundation inspired by the late Bishop Henry of Ogdensburg, N. Y., and established by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas O'Dwyer of the Los Angeles Catholic Charities Bureau were corded last week when four and a half degrees from the Hand of the Foundation for the Blind in Duarte.