

# NATIONAL NEWS

## LAYMAN HONORED FILM ON DIVORCE

### Priests Hail Film As Aiding Church's Fight On Divorce

LOS ANGELES (N. C.)—"Hollywood's first contribution toward the fight of the Church against divorce" is the manner in which the new Paramount picture, "I Want a

#### BONA MEDALIST



JOHN J. CRAIG

### John J. Craig Given Catholic Action Medal

ST. BONAVENTURE, N. Y.—The answer to the challenge of a world in ferment to the Church for a solution of its problems can be found in the devoted service of the Catholic layman who will spread the gospel of Christ in its simplicity. The Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Buffalo, declared at ceremonies marking the conferring of the St. Francis Medal for Catholic Action at St. Bonaventure College here on John J. Craig of Tulsa, Okla.

Bishop Duffy's call to service to the Catholic layman in the spreading of the gospel and the renewing of the faith of men was pointed by reference to the work of Mr. Craig.

The Bishop pointed to the need of a more active apostolate of the Catholic layman, declaring that street preaching, which he has fostered in his own diocese and of which Mr. Craig is an exponent, is one of the most effective means by which the Catholic layman can make Christ known to the world and bring men to his followers.

Bishop Duffy presided at the ceremonies and the award was made by the Very Rev. Thomas Flanagan, O.F.M., President of St. Bonaventure.

The Catholic Action Medal is awarded each year by St. Bonaventure College to a Catholic layman whose work has been outstanding in the previous year in the interests of the Church and society.

Mr. Craig is one of the best known business men of the Southwest. In the mining business he has applied the principles of social justice enunciated by recent Popes. In spite of the demands of his business, Mr. Craig has found time to devote himself to a large number of activities connected with the Catholic Church on a national scale. His principal activities have been in connection with the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Catholic Evidence Conference and the Laymen's Retreat Movement. He is a Grand Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Mr. Craig was prominent at the regional meeting of the Laymen's Retreat Movement here in November and spoke before the Holy Name Society of Holy Rosary Church on another occasion.

#### PUBLISH HAND BOOK FOR CITIZENSHIP GROUPS

DAYTON, O.—To further its efforts in sponsoring the formation of student Civics Clubs throughout the country, the Commission on American Citizenship at the Catholic University of America, Washington, has provided a handbook as a guide in the establishment of such groups in schools.

The booklet, "Americans All," is published here by the Messinger Publications, and is the first publication of the Commission. It has been prepared by Dr. Robert M. Conroy, Director of the Commission, and in addition to explaining the rules of parliamentary procedure, gives practical suggestions for activities that may be undertaken by members of the Civics Clubs.

#### Build Atom-Smasher At Notre Dame U.

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—An 8,000,000-volt atom-smashing machine which will be capable of producing a voltage nearly twice as large as any existing electrostatic generator is in the process of construction at the University of Notre Dame and will be in use the first of the year.

Notre Dame's atom smasher, Dr. George W. Collins and Dr. Bernard Waldman, who operate the 1,500,000-volt atom smasher in the Cushing hall of engineering, and John T. Ferguson, supervisor of the Notre Dame machine shop, designed the new equipment, modeling it after the 4,500,000-volt generator, the country's largest, at the University of Wisconsin.

#### \$100,000 School

Rochester, N. H.—A new \$100,000 Holy Rosary school was dedicated here. Classes have been conducted in the structure for several months, but the ceremony was delayed due to the illness of the Most Rev. John B. Peterson, Bishop of Manchester, who officiated.

#### HONORED AT MASS



Very Rev. Charles J. Callan, O.P.

### Celebrates Mass Noting Papal Post

A Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating the appointment of the Very Rev. Charles J. Callan, a Dominican Father, as consultant of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will be celebrated Saturday, Oct. 12, in New York City by the Rev. Dr. Edward J. Byrne, professor of St. Bernard's Seminary.

With many prominent Catholic clergymen engaged in theological and biblical science from all sections of the United States and Canada, in attendance, the Mass will be offered at 11 a. m. in the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, Lexington Ave. and Sixty-sixth St., in New York.

Doctor Byrne is president of the Catholic Biblical Association of America. Assisting will be other outstanding biblical scholars.

The program will be presided by the Most Rev. James B. Walsh, D.D., titular Bishop of Sata and Superior General of the American Foreign Mission Society of America, with headquarters at Maryknoll where Father Callan was a member of the faculty for 25 years.

Father Callan is said to be the first native born American to receive the high honor as Consultant of the Pontifical Biblical Commission. He was recently appointed to the post by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII. Headquarters of this Commission are in Rome.

### PUERTO RICO LABOR INVESTIGATORS LAUDED

SAN JUAN, P. R.—The intelligent approach it has made in the investigation of working conditions in Puerto Rico was the subject of praise bestowed upon the committee of Americans and Puerto Ricans which has opened its hearings here.

The committee, of which the Rev. Fr. Francis X. Flanagan, Dean of the School of Social Science, Catholic University of America, is chairman, was lauded by Louis Col Philip B. Fleming, Wage-Hour Administrator.

The committee carries with it its own peculiar responsibility.

"I am thinking of the right to property as well as the right to property, and therefore of a correlating duty we all have in a changing economy to co-operate in establishing conditions which make it possible for every man to have his right of every man to have his right, who is willing to work and to save to accumulate property which represents security for himself and his family.

"This same right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness implies the right of every man to his dignity as a human person respected. Man is not made for industry, but industry for man. Man is not made for the State, but the State for the man. Think of it, our Republic the State is founded on the recognition of the truth that man's inalienable rights come not from the State but from the Creator. May our Federal and State governments ever maintain this sound position and enforce its maintenance in all relations of our social, industrial and political life.

"To insure this in a democracy one thing more than all else is necessary—a highly cultivated sense of right and wrong, and a sincere disposition to follow that sense of the nation and in its component parts, in the government and in its citizenry, in rich and poor, in its employer and employe alike.

"Our country is now engaged in a mighty effort to tap the full force of its vast resources into the greatest defense program of our history. This is only a commonsense move for self-protection in what is fast becoming a bully's world. The reason that prompts us to do it is so obvious that Our Lord made a parable of it: 'When a strong man armed keepeth his court, those things are in peace which he possesseth.'

"But the strong man armed has a special need of a keen sense of right and wrong to keep him from becoming a bully. And the strong nation armed has a special need of cultivating in its citizens a keen sense of right and wrong lest its very strength betray it into thinking that might makes right. Around the world today men are in imminent danger of losing their capacity of being shocked at the sight of justice force standing over the prostrate form of a trampled rights.

Without a keen sense of right and wrong they are in danger even of draining the efficiency of brute force, instead of abhorring its capriciousness. Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland and Belgium are mute and martyred witnesses to the international need of this sense of right and wrong."

To think kindly of one another is good; to speak kindly of one another is better; to act kindly one towards another is best of all.

### Artist, Former Polish Count, Designing Huge Crib For U. S. Parish

ATCHISON, Kans. (N. C.)—A huge outdoor Christmas crib designed by the well-known European artist, Lino S. Lipinsky, is now under construction in St. Benedict's parish here.

The crib, which will be 24 feet wide and about seven feet high, will be housed in a permanent or semi-permanent wooden structure across the street from the church.

Designing Christmas cribs is something of a hobby with Mr. Lipinsky, a Polish count, who came to America last February. The former nobleman has been widely acclaimed in Europe as a portrait and landscape painter and as an engraver and sculptor.

Under the direction of the Rev. Albert Havelkamp, O.S.B., pastor of St. Benedict's Church and Mrs. Gerald Dougherty, General Chairman of the crib committee, nearly a dozen young women of the parish will model the figures of the Holy Family, the Wise Men, the angels and shepherds out of Kansas woods and Missouri River mud.

Have you many lines to say in the new play?  
No, I take the part of the bus hand.

### Heads Dentists



Dr. George W. Wilson, assistant dean of the School of Dentistry, Marquette University, Milwaukee, who has been named president of the American College of Dentists. Dr. Wilson has been a member of the Marquette University faculty since his graduation from the school in 1914. (N.C.W.C.)

### Archbishop Mooney In Columbus Day Address Warns U. S.

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an explicit and formal recognition of certain inalienable rights that no government can abrogate, and of the proposition that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.

"It would be an exaggeration to say that this was a new political philosophy, for fact it was publicly taught in a Roman University by a Jewish philosopher and theologian in lectures that were published in 1576, just two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence. But the solemn declaration of the Founding Fathers was the first formal and written recognition of these fundamental principles in the establishment of a nation.

Devotion to an ideal  
"This summary statement of an outstanding historical fact suggests two reflections which I would briefly put before you. The first is that the origin of our nation on the basis of the formal acceptance of these democratic principles of government gives a new and distinctive character to American patriotism. In older countries, patriotism is colored to a greater extent by values that are sentimental, by love of the land, by reverence for monuments that dot the countryside and by a traditional culture, and by pride in historical achievements that make a nation's glory.

"American patriotism is essentially devotion to an ideal—an ideal that can perhaps be best summed up in principles of religious and civil liberty. There is a practical conclusion from this thought: it is this: that the last interest that was cleared through Ellis Island, if he is in his heart resolved to become an American citizen and pledge solemn devotion to the Constitution of the United States and the principles it enshrines, is as good an American as the descendant of forebears who disembarked from the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock, or from the Ark and Dove on the shores of the Chesapeake at St. Mary's. In the last, a better citizen than a son of the colonial family who toys with movements that are subversive of our American Constitution and destructive of our American ideal.

"Another observation I would make has to do with the maintenance of the human rights which make up our American ideal and are guaranteed in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Anyone who reads history cannot be unaware of the fact that in the growth of a nation there is a gradual development in the application of its fundamental principles. Thus, to give an instance in point, it took 85 years for the recognition of the essential equality of all men before the law to bear fruit in the abolition of slavery in an American soil. It may fairly be questioned whether the principle of religious liberty has even yet been fully implemented in all phases of our national life. And so for other fundamental principles—

—their application is often gradual, and subject to controversy. Wholly of human reason.

"In this matter of the gradual application of admitted principles touching guaranteed human rights, let me recall that the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness involves, according to witnesses of both reason and history, the right to property. In saying this I am thinking of the modest property which is essential to the happiness of the many, even more than of the vast property which is the privilege of

#### Graduates to Position



JEAN THOMPSON, whose name is in Penn Yan, N. Y., completed the Secretarial Course at Rochester Business Institute and immediately accepted a position in the office of one of Rochester's leading banks. Miss Thompson is one of over 400 recent B. S. I. graduates to secure a permanent position since January 1, 1940.—Adv.

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