

Can Restore Social Order Only By Applying Justice and Charity

Papal Delegate Cites Plan To Charities

HOUSTON, Tex. (N. C.)—Justice and charity must stand together both in personal everyday life and in the restoration of social order, His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, declared here Oct. 22 at the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

Charity cannot take the place of justice, His Excellency said. Inadequate charity without justice would be unaimed and ineffective nor would its sporadic and partial beneficence be sufficient when real reforms are necessary, to guarantee adequate wages and to eliminate abuses and injustices. These reforms then should be introduced without delay especially because social injustices and suffering obscure the vision of Christ, harm moral life and lead to disastrous reactions, rebellions and even revolution.

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His Excellency added that "in regard to such reforms and the means of accomplishing them, the Bishops of the United States have reconferred the free and extensive institution of a national group and of a sanely organized economic system." This, he said, "simply conforms with the dictates of justice and charity, with proven and happy experiences of social history and with Papal teachings. Moreover, to impede the formation of such a system would be a flagrant injustice."

Sees Private Charity Vital To U. S. Welfare

HOUSTON, Tex. (N. C.)—Private charities, voluntary service to one's neighbor in need, were cited here as indispensable contributions to the welfare of America by the Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart, President of the National Conference of Catholic Charities at the first general meeting of the Conference's twenty-seventh annual convention.

Saying that private, voluntary charity has been "stifled by totalitarian governments," Father McEntegart asserted that "we Americans would be blind indeed if we did not think of the years that are to come."

U. S. Will Show Mercy
Whatever the result of the titanic struggle abroad, he added, "one thing is certain. After the war millions of men, women and children in ruined lands will look to us with hunger in their eyes, begging for bread, clothes and a chance to live. No one who knows our history can doubt our response. We shall not pass by unconcerned because these victims are of another race. We shall show mercy to them as neighbors in the highway of life. America is destined to be the Good Samaritan of the world."

Labor unions "are destined to be an important bulwark of American democracy" at the conclusion of the war but must "plan their action in conformity with the welfare of all the people," Father McEntegart said.

Pointing out that the Federal Social Security Act would be improved with further modifications based on the careful application of social security principles and not on the exigencies of defense financing, Father McEntegart stressed that "much remains to be done in meeting total national needs" particularly in relation to labor rural life, health and youth.

"It is our duty," he said, "to protect the rights of working men in every just way, to safeguard collective bargaining, to strengthen fair wage and hour laws and to develop efficient agencies for the placement and retaining of workers."

Killed on Way to Mass
New Orleans—On her way to Mass at St. James Major Church, Miss Mary Bertha Kirn was killed by a hit-and-run driver. The Rev. Vernon Aleman, assistant pastor of the church, was summoned and gave her absolution. She was pronounced dead when the ambulance arrived.

In the bright lexicon of youth there is no such word as FAIL.

First 'Gold Mass' Asks Divine Aid For Physicians

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—A "Gold Mass," invoking the divine assistance on the medical profession, the first such Mass ever celebrated in Washington, brought together members of the medical staffs of the Army and Navy and many prominent Washington physicians, both Catholic and non-Catholic. The Mass was celebrated Saturday in the Basilica Chapel of Georgetown University by the Very Rev. Arthur A. O'Leary, S.J., President of the University.

Pontifical Mass Opens New Church Edifice

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of the sanctuary Bishop Kearney suggested to Father Schwab in the summer of 1940 that he visit the Church of Notre Dame du Lourdes in New York City. Father Schwab was so impressed with the beauty of the grotto that he immediately included it in his plans.

Upon entering the church one feels as if the main altar were erected at the very spot in southern France where the "Beautiful Lady" had appeared to Bernadette. Already in the short time that the grotto has been finished, words of praise have been expressed at the beauty of this sight.

The rectory will be located at 1051 W. Church St. until some later date when the building of a rectory adjacent to the church will be possible.

Aid Russia But On Three Conditions

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worse than Communism. One is as bad as the other."

The greatest obstacles to clear up the controversy over aid to Russia are the persistent attempts to gloss over the fact that "there is no religious liberty in Russia," Monsignor Sheen declared.

Monsignor Sheen explained Article 124 of the Soviet Constitution referred to by President Roosevelt and showed that so called rights of the Russian under the Soviet come from the State and the first right he has is to work. Whereas the American Declaration of Independence acknowledges the Creator as the One who grants rights to citizens.

The problem in Russia, he said, is to find a church and then a clergyman. "If you do find a church and a clergyman," he declared, "he can't preach because that wouldn't be just 'religion' it would be 'propaganda.'"

The Church does not condemn Russia, Germany or Italy, but it has condemned Communism, Nazism and Fascism, the Monsignor said in pointing out that Christian ideals do not preclude aid for Russia.

"We stand for the salvation of all souls not for the crushing of either Germany or Russia."

The position of the Church in relation to Germany and Russia was likened by the speaker to Christ nailed to the Cross between two thieves. He recalled that one repented and was saved and expressed the hope that both Russia and Germany may change their policies.

Monsignor Sheen asserted that the world is existing in an era marking the end of revolutions and said that the greatest punishment God is inflicting on mankind is not warfare and dictatorships but saints who could bring peace and recovery.

He asked sympathy and prayers for "the enslaved peoples of Germany and Russia" and said God will send saints in His own time.

Monsignor Sheen said that every act can be one of charity if it is offered up to God. Even the most routine acts, such as housework, can be ennobling, he asserted.

Illustrating that point he described how the bright sun can take a muddy drop of water from the street high up into the skies, purify it and return it to earth as a pure snowflake.

Monsignor Sheen was introduced by Dr. John F. Lynch, president of Elmira Catholic Charities board of directors, who shared the speaking program with His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester and Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, executive and secretary of Elmira Catholic Charities.

A message from His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Apostolic Delegate to the United States conveying the Apostolic Benediction to the gathering was read by the Rev. David V. McCauley, S.J., Dean of the Georgetown Medical School who arranged for the ceremony. The sermon was delivered by the Most Rev. Joseph M. Corrigan, Rector of the Catholic University of America.

A color guard of the University's R. O. T. C. unit heading the procession from Carroll Hall to the chapel was the only military note of the occasion. Interns from various hospitals, in their white uniforms and Georgetown medical students, acting as escorts for the procession, were followed by members of the medical profession and participating clergy.

Inspired by Red Mass
The Gold Mass inspired by the Red Mass which has been held for lawyers in many cities in recent years is proposed as an annual custom on the feast of St. Luke, the Evangelist to whom St. Paul referred as "our beloved physician." Gold vestments were worn by the celebrant and assistants.

In his message to the gathering Archbishop Cicognani said that "the doctor who understands and practices his religion is the better doctor for doing so because grace perfects nature." The very practice of medicine itself receives an advantage from the consideration of the spiritual element in man, he added.

"The doctor who understands and practices his religion," said the Apostolic Delegate, "is the better doctor for doing so because grace perfects nature. The very practice of medicine itself receives an advantage from the consideration of the spiritual element in man, while on the contrary the cure of corporal maladies often fails when no attention is given to that unity in man by which he is a composite of soul and body, or when the fundamental truth is ignored of the immortality of the soul."

Carmel Chapel Lists 'Forty Hours' Rites

Solemn services of the Forty Hours devotions will be conducted at the Carmelite Monastery, 1530 East Avenue, beginning Sunday Oct. 26 at the 7:30 A. M. Mass.

The Holy Hour will begin on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:30 P. M. Solemn singing will take place on Tuesday evening.

To pretend to satisfy one's desires by possession, is like putting out a fire with straw.

Non-Catholic Columnist Tips His Hat To Catholic Nuns In Georgia

ATLANTA (N. C.)—Dudley Glass, columnist for the Atlanta Constitution and one of the most popular newspaper writers of Georgia, paid a striking tribute to the Catholic Sisterhoods in a column entitled "The Sisters." In his characteristic style Mr. Glass wrote:

"Day or so ago I was strolling down Forsyth Street with a friend when we met a couple of nuns—Sisters of Charity, perhaps, or members of some other Order. They were swathed in black and their attire looked terribly hot and heavy. I raised my hat.

"Didn't know you were a Catholic," my friend observed.

"I'm not," I replied. "I'm not much of anything—and I'm not proud of that. But I couldn't pass one of those Sisters without raising my hat. A lot of us talk about

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A GIFT FOR THE HOLY FATHER



Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States and the Rev. Dr. Edward H. Donze, S. M., General Secretary of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, look over a specially bound volume of the Vulgate, a revised text of the Epistles and Gospels (with commentaries which His Excellency will transmit to the Vatican). (N. C. W. C.)

Catholic Hour Message

Warns of Growing Federal Power As Morally Critical

NEW YORK (N. C.)—Excessive centralization of power in the federal government has a deep moral significance, because "involved is not mere governmental organization but the development of human personality," the Rev. Dr. George Johnson, Director of the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, declared last night in his address over the "Catholic Hour."

The "Catholic Hour" is broadcast over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company through Station WEAJ here and is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men.

Speaking on "Patriotism in the Community," Dr. Johnson stressed the growing centralization of power in the hands of the Federal Government since the War Between the States, adding that in the measure that the people vest the regulation of their affairs in the hands of a distant government they will lose their zeal for self-rule and cease to practice the art of citizenship.

Citizenship Fundamentally Moral
Devoted citizenship, Dr. Johnson said, is fundamentally moral because it is the exercise of human personality and "personality is perfected by the practice of virtue."

The ultimate responsibility of government is to arrange affairs in such a manner that the people can lead a good life and grow in moral stature, he said. "The less control men and women have of their lives and fortunes the less chance they have of being strengthened with might according to the inward man."

...consists precisely in this that it respects the sacred character of the individual and has enough faith to allow him a wide scope for the exercise of his own powers. He becomes a loyal, self-sacrificing citizen not because he is dragooned and regimented, not because some government bureau solves his problems for him but because he cooperates freely and intelligently with his fellowman whom he loves as he loves himself. Thus does he increase in integrity and he becomes more and more pleasing in the sight of God."

Dr. Johnson declared that "the more of our problems we can solve on a local basis, the better it will be for us as a nation of free men and free women," saying that "citizenship morale will never be built up by broadsides from Washington or by cheer leaders dispatched throughout the country by federal agencies." But, he asserted, morale is something that wells up in our hearts as the result of knowing one another and coming to love one another. This knowledge and love being "born of living together, thinking together and working together."

Stimulus to Bureaucracy
Lack of active interest in public affairs by citizens is "precisely the stuff upon which bureaucracy thrives," Dr. Johnson declared, saying that while "many of our most pressing problems are national in scope," yet "intelligent action on a community basis would go far toward solving them, and there would be less need for federal activity."

"We go to church on Sunday to worship God and obtain from Him the grace and strength we need to do His holy Will and thus fulfill the purpose of our existence," Dr. Johnson said. "That purpose the end for which we were created in union with God. But union with God implies union with our fellowman. We prove that we really love God. Whom we cannot see by loving our neighbor whom we do see." "Christ has work to do in your neighborhood in your community, in your country in your city," he added, "and He is counting on you to do it with Him."

Takes Chaplain Post

Troy, N. Y.—The Rev. Edward J. Konisky, of St. Michael's Church here, has left his parish post, under commission as a first lieutenant, to serve as a United States Army chaplain at Fort Bragg, N. C. A native of Rensselaer, N. Y., Father Konisky has been at the Troy parish since his ordination in 1938.

Let us not be desirous of vain glory.