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Announce Program For Rural Life Conference

PEORIA—Street preaching demonstrations will be one of the features of the twentieth annual convention of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference to be held here Oct. 1-6. The noon hour throughout the four days will be set aside for that purpose.
 Among the many communities of priests engaged in this apostolate is the Home Missions of America, at Oread, O. The Rev. Raphael A. Bourd is bringing a trailer "Chapel of the American Martyrs" to Peoria. The Rev. Howard Bishop, founder of the community and former president of the Rural Life Conference, will give one of the principal addresses at the public mass meeting on Saturday morning on the subject "Missionary Opportunities on the Land."
 From the Ozarks, with a trailer chapel, will come the Rev. John H. Dreisboerner of the St. Louis Archdiocese. The Catholic Rural Life Conference of St. Louis is sponsoring this missionary activity. The Very Rev. Messrs. Leo J. Stack, Second Vice-President of the National Conference, is the diocesan director. He will participate in the convention by explaining the work of the diocesan group.
 From New York the Catholic Medical Mission Board will bring a "Traveling Dispensary" in charge of Rev. Edward F. Garosche, S.J. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine will have charge of other sectional meetings discussing the teaching of religion in rural districts.

OUR HIERARCHY

This is one of a series presenting American members of the Hierarchy.



No. 177. Bishop Hettinger

Most Rev. Edward Gerhard Hettinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Columbus, Ohio. Born, Oct. 14, 1902, at Lancaster, O. Ordained, June 2, 1928, by Bishop Hartley, of Columbus. Pastoral work, Diocese of Columbus, a member of Diocesan Curia, 1928-1941. Chancellor of Diocese of Columbus, 1938-41. Elected Titular Bishop of Teos, Dec. 8, 1941, and named Auxiliary Bishop of Columbus, consecrated, Feb. 24, 1942, at Columbus, (N.C.W.C.)

Contrasts Old World Bloodshed With Spirit Of Amity In New

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — The contrast of the Old World engaged in blood warfare while the nations of the New World join hands in a friendship which, with the blessing of God, is to endure forever was drawn by the Rev. Peter F. Forrester, C.S.C., in his address of welcome to the members of the Inter-American Seminar on Social Studies at the session held here this week.


"Because we have not forgotten the eternal values, today, while in the Old World practically all peoples are misapplying their God-given talents to the work of mutual extermination and bloodshed, there is seen on (his continent, and in beautiful contrast, the magnificent spectacle of 21 nations reaching out to one another the hand of friendship — a friendship which, with the blessing of God, is to endure forever.

Referring to the missionary and educational work carried on in Latin America, Father Forrester said: "We know that almost a century before we could boast of a single college within the present confines of the United States there had been established in Mexico, the colleges of Santa Cruz and San Juan de Letran, with a curriculum that included Latin, philosophy, music, medicine and other branches of learning; and that more than 80 years before the chartering of our oldest university, that of Harvard, in 1636, there had been established the Royal and Pontifical University in Mexico, the University of San Marcos in Peru, and that of Sao Paulo in Brazil."


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 Bay St. Louis, Miss.—Brother Alfred, S.V.D., who as an infirmarian at the motherhouse of the Society of the Divine Word, St. Michael's, Beryl, Holland, attended the Venerable Arnold Janssen, saintly founder of the Society, in his last illness, has died at St. Augustine's Monastery here.


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Deny Sinarquistas Stir Up Lawlessness In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Charges made by Guy T. Nunn, official in the Los Angeles office of the War Manpower Commission who deals specifically with minority groups, that outbreaks of violence among youthful gangs here which recently resulted in two violent deaths are traceable to the Sinarquistas of Mexico, have been emphatically denied and termed "absurd" by the Rev. Dr. Manuel A. Canseco, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe in a recent issue of La Opinion, local Spanish-language daily. The Mexican colony here is well identified with Our Lady of Guadalupe parish. Father Canseco is a native of Michoacan, Mexico, and has been a pastor in Los Angeles for twelve years.

"It is incredible," he declares, "that anyone, much less a person in a responsible government position should charge our Los Angeles youth with being instigators or promoters of disorderly gangs either here or elsewhere.

"I have no connection with the Sinarquistas. I do know that they represent in Mexico a very respectable and well-recognized movement to counteract the effects of extreme Communism and this through lawful means predicated upon the rights of citizens acknowledged by all democratic forms of government.

"I have never encouraged the formation of Sinarquista groups here, even with the legitimate purpose of aiding, financially or otherwise, the efforts of their fellow Catholics in Mexico to combat Communism.

"I do know that the American sympathizers with the Sinarquistas, who are registered with the United States Department of State under the title of the Regional Committee of California, as of May 31, 1941, are made up of young men and women of the highest integrity who have recognized the disorders carried out in Mexico by the extreme Communists and who, being of Mexican blood and anxious for the welfare of the land of their forebears, are anxious to play a part in the full restoration of lawful freedom in that country."

Dies In Rome
 London.—Monsignor Arthur Currotte, Canada, for many years professor of theology in Rome, has died at the age of 73, a radio message from Vatican City heard here reports. A consultant of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments, he also was a canon of the Lateran Basilica.

Study Catholic Rural Life Move In Ire

DUBLIN—The fifth National Rural Week organized by Muinín na Tíre (the organization founded by Father J. M. Hayes for the people of the land) has concluded its sessions at Mungret Jesuit College, Limerick. The Congress, which was attended by many priests and lay delegates from all parts of the country, Northern Ireland included, was highly successful. The main theme of the conferences was the Parish in its relation to the national life.

Pressing problems affecting social and economic conditions of rural life today were exposed to the searchlight of trained minds when leading authorities in the various subjects of discussion cited their views and propounded solutions. The principal speakers included University professors, distinguished priests, doctors, practical farmers and social workers.

Preaching at the Solemn Mass which inaugurated the Congress, Rev. J. Ryan, S.J., Professor of History, University College, Dublin, in a broadcast sermon, gave a warning of the consequences of the fight from the land.

"Healthy rural life," he said, "is now menaced for the first time in Irish history. In a typical parish of the country where the annual birth-rate was 170 a hundred years ago, the annual birth-rate today is 20. Irishmen and Irishwomen are fleeing from the countryside to the towns and from the smaller to the larger cities.

"They are fleeing even across the water. The Irish nation is being destroyed at its very roots, for the towns must draw their vitality and their sap from the rural areas. What does it avail to speak of urban prosperity, urban amenities, urban glamour, while the country round is steadily losing its population?"

Premier de Valera visited the Congress, and a touch of additional interest was lent to the proceedings on the arrival of William C. Bullitt, noted American diplomat, with his host, David Gray, U. S. Minister to Ireland.