Protestants' Attack On Church In Mexico Decried By Hierarchy

MEXICO CITY—North American Protestants are energetically trying to destroy the Catholic Faith in Mexico by deliberately waging campaigns of contempt, calumny and misrepresentation against the Church.

A pastoral letter, signed by five Mexican prelates under the leadership of the Most Rev. José Gonzalez, Archbishop of Durango, discloses that Protestants are currently carrying on intense propaganda in Mexico under the cover of schools, nurseries, dispensaries, clinics and sport societies.

"Of late," the pastoral says, "we have noted a great activity on the part of certain North American Protestant sects which are trying to uproot Catholic faith from the hearts of Mexicans. These sects wish to regard our socially underprivileged Mexicans as people who, having forgotten the faith of Christ, have been converted into a mission people . . . It is truly deplorable that the North American Protestant sects focus all their activities and financial resources upon weakening the unity of the Catholic Church in our country, calumniating her, holding her up for contempt, and accusing her as responsible for the misfortunes the underprivileged are suffering . . . The Protestants know well that our nationality is interwoven with our Catholicism and that the grafting of a North American heresy necessarily forms a propitious atmosphere for social, mercantile and other ulterior incursions."

The pastoral prohibits Catholics of the Durango Province under sanction of the refusal of absolution, to hear or read Protestant sermons, to attend their schools, welfare institutions, athletic clubs or any other Protestant institution, or to accept economic assistance from these in any form.

In the State of Mexico and the Federal District, as well as in the Durango area, Protestant missions are making great efforts to win followers through gifts of domestic animals—cows, oxen, sheep and poultry — farm implements and seed, as well as gratis assistance in the building of modest homes or huts.

Would Have Canadian Embassy at Vatican

QUEBEC, Que.—The Canadian Government which has already opened an embassy at Moscow should also establish an embassy at the Vatican, according to the recommendation of L'Action Catholique, local daily French-language newspaper of Quebec.

Noting the numerous embassies which Canada has recently opened in foreign countries, the newspaper states:

"Would it not be truly logical that Canada, a sovereign country, should have an ambassador near the Holy See, this incomparable center from which radiates the Christianity and civilization whose defenders we call ourselves?" the paper asked.

"Our Government has deemed it wise to open embassies in Moscow and in other capitals. In every case, they have yielded first to motives of material order. Now, for peoples, the same as for individuals, the material side, no matter how important, is not all. For their part, Catholics put spiritual values in the foreground, and nothing has shown them since the beginning of this war that they were wrong; on the contrary, they abide by all that has been said and written to make them 'war minded.'

"If thus we have deemed it wise to open up embassies to assure the material future of our country and allow it to play an adequate role in the world of tomorrow, what should prevent us from taking steps toward being represented near the Holy See? Canada will have much to gain and nothing to lose. We believe that after the war the world will have need to reply upon direction from the Sovereign Pontiff so as not to founder in the chaos.

"We want to believe that our political leaders are sincere when, in their speeches, they put spiritual values first. They will prove their sincerity in acting in such a way that Canada, a Christian and sovereign country, may have its recognized representative in the Eternal City."

Oklahoma's Bishop Kelley Recovers from Illness

OKLAHOMA CITY. — Widely known as a writer and speaker, the Most Rev. Francis C. Kelley, Bishop of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, appears to be recovering rapidly from his long illness.

His physical appearance and his ready acceptance of speaking engagements tend to show that he is more alert than at any time since the beginning of his illness. The fatigued note in his voice has disappeared.

On Mar. 26 His excellency addressed the National Council of Catholic Men retreatants at the Villa Teresa and later in the day spoke to a gathering of Carmelite Sisters. On Monday he spoke at the close of the novena to St. Joseph in the old cathedral.

Bishop Kelley is gradually resuming his episcopal duties throughout the diocese.

Notre Dame's Death Toll in War up to 89

NOTRE DAME.—The University of Notre Dame's casualty list rose to 89 last week when Aviation Cadet Thomas J. McQuaid died in a plane crash near San Antonio, Tex., and the death of Lt. Donald McNally, Chicago Ill., was confirmed.

Cadet McQuaid was a native of [illegible]. He had trained at [illegible] Field, Tex.; Harlingen [illegible], and [illegible] Army Field, [illegible]. Lt. [illegible] was killed in a mission [illegible] and had been [illegible] since Nov. 13, 1943.

Warns Federal School Subsidy Means Control By 'Soulless' Bureau

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Federal subsidy for education, if it ever becomes a reality, will surrender the education of the American child "into the hands of a soulless and conscienceless bureau" worthy of the Fascist or Nazi State.

This warning is voiced by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward B. Jordan, Vice Rector of the Catholic University of America, in a pamphlet entitled "Federal Aid for Education," just published here by the Department of Education, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

"The question of Federal aid to education is an issue with which every American citizen should become familiar," Monsignor Jordan writes, "one that he should follow with vigilant care, lest he wake up some fine day to discover that he has surrendered the education of his children into the hands of a soulless and conscienceless bureau which has no more regard for his rights than has the Fascist or Nazi State. Above all, Catholics must do whatever lies in their power as American citizens to see that that day never arrives."

Proponents of legislation which would provide a Federal subsidy for education are not at all discouraged since their latest effort was forestalled in the United States Senate, but it is certain that succeeding Congresses will be called upon to consider the issue, as "practically every session of the National Legislature" has since

'Catholic Hour' Plans Radio Drama Series

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A series of Catholic radio dramas will be inaugurated on Sunday, Apr. 16, on the "Catholic Hour," which is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men and broadcast over the nation-wide network of the National Broadcasting system.

The series is a departure from the usual custom of presenting an outstanding orator on the program.

The first episode will concern the late Lt. Comdr. John Joseph Shea, of Arlington, Mass., and his immortal "Letter to Jackie," his son. Commander Shea's touching letter, written just before he was lost on the Wasp, has been publicized widely in the Catholic and secular press.

Speed Victory — Buy War Bonds

Laymen's 1944 Schedule Of Weekend Retreats Set

Catholic men from all sections of the diocese will make the closed weekend retreats at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers on Lochland Road, Geneva, according to the 1944 retreat schedule out this week.

The closed retreats begin on Friday evening at supper and close the following Sunday afternoon in the beautifully appointed home on Seneca Lake.

Released this week by the Rev. John P. Murphy, C.SS.R., founder and director of the diocesan retreat house, the schedule is as follows:

June 9, 10, 11—City of Auburn.

June 16, 17, 18—St. Ambrose, St. Mary, Canandaigua; St. Rose, Lima; all other Livingston County parishes.

June 23, 24, 25—Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bridget, St. Francis Assisi, St. Anthony.

June 30, July 1, 2—Mount Carmel, St. Francis Xavier, St. Philip Neri, St. John Evangelist.

July 7, 8, 9—St. Jerome, E. Rochester; St. Louis, Pittsford; Fairport and Penfield Churches.

July 14, 15, 16—St. Ann, St. Boniface, St. Mary, Immaculate Conception.

July 21, 22, 23—Blessed Sacrament, St. Paul, Honeoye Falls; Good Shepherd, Henrietta; St. Joseph, Rush.

July 28, 29, 30—SS. Peter and Paul, Holy Family, St. Andrews.

August 4, 5, 6—St. Monica, Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Mary's, Scottsville.

August 11, 12, 13—St. Augustine, Holy Ghost, St. Helen.

August 18, 19, 20—Holy Rosary, Holy Apostles, Precious Blood, St. Patrick's.

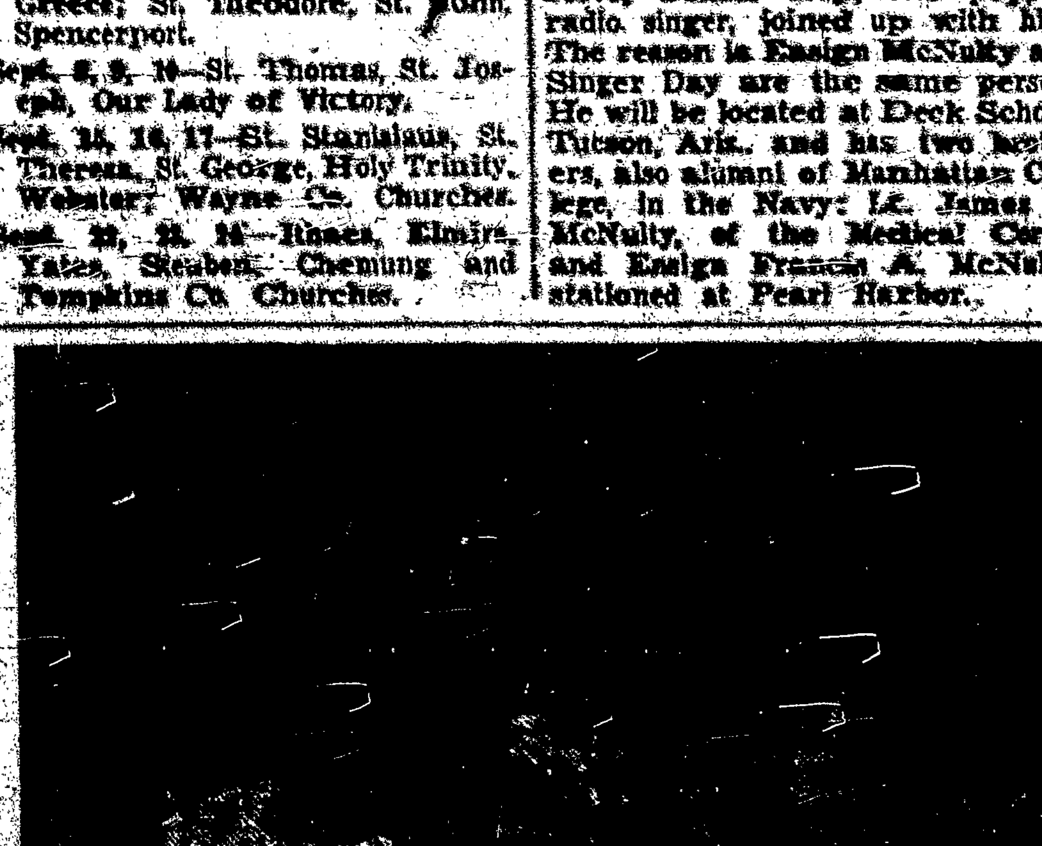
August 25, 26, 27—Holy Redeemer, St. Josaphat, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Salome, St. Michael's.

Sept. 1, 2, 3—Sacred Heart, Holy Cross, St. Charles Borromeo, Mother of Sorrows, St. John, Greece; St. Theodore, St. John, Spencerport.

Sept. 8, 9, 10—St. Thomas, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Victory.

Sept. 15, 16, 17—St. Stanislaus, St. Theresa, St. George, Holy Trinity, Webster; Wayne Co. Churches.

Sept. 22, 23, 24—Itnaca, Elmira, Yates, Steuben, Chemung and Tompkins Co. Churches.



WHAT IT MEANS to go [illegible] in Brazil. It is with such primitive mode of travel that our missionaries must journey in their search of souls in South America.

Catholics' Downfall Aim of Oath-Bound North Ireland Group

DUBLIN (NC)—The operations in Northern Ireland of a new oath-bound organization called the Protestant Action Society of Great Britain and Ireland, whose avowed purposes are "to fight and counteract Roman Catholic action" and demand "forthright" the removal of all Catholics from Government key positions, were described in a release issued at the headquarters here of the Northern Ireland Publicity Service.

The release listed Victor S. C. Lockart of Belfast as the secretary of the new society, and stated:

"The authorities in Belfast are fully aware of the existence of this organization, which is said to be carrying out big recruiting campaigns among the Orangemen. Its objects are the objects of the Orange Order, which controls the Belfast Government. But its objects as set out in its Rules are clearly unconstitutional and illegal, and no Government claiming to be democratic could permit the continuance of this activity.

"No action has been taken to suppress it; its literature is mailed through the post office."

Members of the society, the release stated, take an oath that they are Protestant and "will at all times stand by and support this Society in whatever action it shall decide to take." The rules provide that the headquarters of the organization shall be in Northern Ireland, and also state that when Protestants "persist in not becoming members, they are to be treated as hostile to the Society."

The release listed the following as a summary of the objects of the society:

"To fight and counteract Roman Catholic action; to make and keep all countries where the Protestant flag flies Protestant for the Protestant people. The Union Jack shall be the recognized Protestant flag. To return to Parliament all loyal, True Protestants who are members or supporters of this Society, and to see that all Government positions in every country under the Union Jack are occupied by Protestants only. To arrange for all Protestant Firms, Companies, Societies and Employers to employ Protestant workers. To assist all members to obtain suitable employment and housing accommodation, together with financial and other assistance where necessary. Members in Northern Ireland to stand by and support the Ulster Special Constabulary and all Protestant members in any Police Force. To demand the immediate removal of all Roman Catholics from Government key positions forthwith."

Irish Fighting For Poles—But On Their Knees

LONDON.—Despite Ireland's political neutrality, Irish prayers are "storming heaven" in behalf of the victimized nations of Europe, especially war-ravaged Poland.

Pastoral letters asking prayers for nations threatened with annihilation, and especially for Poland, have been sent to the clergy and the faithful by the Most Rev. Michael Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, and the Most Rev. Patrick Morrisroe, Bishop of Achonry, the Polish Catholic Press Agency reports here.

In his pastoral letter Bishop Fogarty said:

"I know that in your public prayers in church and in your private prayers at home you beg of God, in pity for mankind, to bring this horrible war to a just and speedy end," Bishop Fogarty said. "And while you do so, there is one great people in Europe—the Polish people—that noble nation whose long history is not unlike our own in its record of suffering and steadfast adherence to the Catholic Church. They are at present threatened with destruction. They will be glad to know they have your sympathy and prayers in this hour of peril."

Bishop Morrisroe said: "Unhappy Poland seems at the moment to be threatened with the fate of the countries destroyed by the Moslems. Let us pray fervently that this may not be the case, but that this grand old nation may soon rise from her ashes to the enjoyment of freedom and peace, which will bring back her ancient prestige and greatness."

DEPLORES BAPTIST BIGOTRY IN BURMA

ST. COLUMBANS, Neb. — "God forgive the Baptists," writes Father Carroll, C.SS.R., in a recent letter from India, "for their campaign of calumny in Burma! Their poor unfortunate converts are imbued with a diabolical hatred of everything Catholic."

Proof that the example of their own bigotry is the deepest impression American Baptist missionaries in Burma have left on the minds of their converts is found in a remarkable incident of the Japanese conquest of Burma just revealed.

Missionaries of St. Columban of the Prefecture of Bhamo, North Burma, remained in their missions after the British had left and many of these missions the Japanese did not reach for some time. In the meantime, various native headmen exercised a measure of control in their own villages. In a village where one missionary of St. Columban was stationed, the local headman was a Baptist and when the British left, he lost no time in arresting the priest.

When the Japanese arrived the headman with great satisfaction produced his prisoner. Unfortunately for the zealous Baptist, the Japanese officer in charge was a Catholic. He openly manifested the deepest respect for the priest, ordered his immediate release and showed in no uncertain manner what he thought of the Baptist attitude towards a Christian.

Radio Dennis Day Becomes Ensign McNulty in Navy

NEW YORK.—There's a simple explanation of the fact that when Eugene P. McNulty, alumnus of the Christian Brothers' Manhattan College here, was commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve, Dennis Day, the popular radio singer, joined up with him. The reason is Ensign McNulty and Singer Day are the same person. He will be located at Deck School, Tucson, Ariz., and his two brothers, also alumni of Manhattan College, in the Navy: Lt. James V. McNulty, of the Medical Corps, and Ensign Francis A. McNulty, stationed at Pearl Harbor.

German Bishops Set Fulda Meet

LONDON.—Members of the Hierarchy of Germany have advanced the usual date of their annual meeting from August to the middle of May to discuss problems caused by the bombing of German cities.

Rulings are to be made concerning emergency measures to be put in effect in places where churches have been destroyed. Twenty-eight Bishops are expected to attend the meeting, at which His Eminence Adolf Cardinal Bertram, Archbishop of Breslau, will preside.