

Protestant Missionary Activity in Mexico Draws Press Comment

MEXICO CITY (NC) — Intensified activities here by Protestant missionaries from the United States has caused considerable comment in the daily press of the Mexican Capital.

Despite the fact that the present regime of President Avila Camacho carries the principle of the separation of church and state to extremes and that the Constitution requires that "every religious act of public worship shall be performed strictly within the places of public worship," Jehovah's Witnesses recently held a Sunday evening meeting in the official Hidalgo theater, which is controlled by the government Ministry of Education. For days before the meeting thousands of handbills were distributed urging attendance, and sandwich women as well as men traded through the principal avenues of the Capital advertising the event.

Another outstanding non-Catholic religious event of the month is the Mexican National Methodist Conference held here August 17, attended by Methodist clergy from California, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico. Other Methodist conventions have been held of late at Vera Cruz, Monterey and Mazatlan. The Methodist bishop for Mexico, Eleanora Terra, said recently: "We do not deny that we are intensifying our activities, notwithstanding we do deny that we are engaging in proselytism. We are increasing our activities wherever we can. In addition to the 13 churches already existing in the Metropolis, eight others are under construction."

A Grand Congress of the National Crusade of Evangelism has been announced for October 25 to

Ultimas Noticias, afternoon edition of Excelsior, one of the Capital's leading dailies, carried an editorial commenting upon alleged disturbances and threats in Mexico and expressing the opinion that protestant action in Latin America occasioning conditions opposed to the Good Neighbor policy.

Men to Return to Canada Priests Rescued from Nazis

OTTAWA (NC) — The Department of External Affairs has announced that as soon as arrangements can be made the 130 Canadians, many of them priests and students for the priesthood, who have been freed at the St. Denis internment camp near Paris, will be returned to Canada if they desire. There were 7,300 British subjects in this camp, including priests and seminarians who had been interned in Paris or Italy.

Unemployment-Wage Law Conflict Seen 'Crazy'

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One of the arguments against a good unemployment insurance law is that if we had a good law some southern workers would get more money if they did not work than if they worked. That is true. The minimum wage under the Wagner Act is \$16 a week; those protected by it might get much more. The minimum under the unemployment insurance bill goes as high as \$25 a week. It is crazy that a person under one law would get so much more while not working than he would get under the other law while working.

At the crazy thing is not the unemployment insurance benefit—a week unemployment insurance benefit is not wrong. The crazy thing is the low wage of the Federal minimum wage law—a week is what is crazy. Mississippi man if he is working in a national industry he may, in fact, get \$40.00 a week. If he is working for the Federal Government, he'll get about the same as he would live in Ohio. But because of the general wage-rate in Mississippi is so much lower than the wage rate of the Mississippi employees in national industries, the Mississippi Government wants to keep Mississippi employees down. And so they want to keep unemployment benefits all over the country down.

You can call this State's Rights if you wish. What it is based on, though, is simply the low wages of the people when others get

ADMIRAL SERVES CHAPLAIN'S MASS



Men of a United States aircraft carrier had the unusual spectacle of seeing a British admiral serve Mass recently aboard their ship, "Somewhere in the Asiatic area." The server was Admiral Moorhead, G.O.C. of the British Royal Navy and the celebrant of the Mass was Chaplain Maurice Sheehy, USN, formerly of Catholic University of America and now District Chaplain at Pearl Harbor. Official photo. (N.C.W.C.)

Both Parties To Shy Clear of Religious Battles in Campaign

NEW YORK (RNS)—An election campaign free from racial and religious controversy has been promised by the chairmen of the Democratic and Republican parties, the National Conference of Christians and Jews announced here.

In statements to the Interfaith body, both Robert E. Hannegan and Herbert Brownell, Jr., chairmen of the Democratic and Republican National Committees respectively, denounced the injection of such issues in the coming election, and expressed their abhorrence of disqualifications and hatreds based upon differences in race or religion.

"The election itself, and the campaign that precedes it," Mr. Hannegan said, "must be a consistently democratic performance. It must be kept free of the very taint that we are engaging in war to remove from the world. This means that

racial and religious differences, and the hatreds which our fascist enemies have erected upon them, can be given no expression among us."

Declaring that "our political system can justify itself only if we are ever alert against any doctrine or practice which seeks to exploit differences of race or religion," Mr. Brownell said that his party's platform "takes a vigorous position pledging itself to uncompromising battle against intolerance and discrimination."

Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the Conference, described the statements as setting "a precedent in American political life," and serving notice "to all who would trade in bigotry for political advantage that such tactics will not be tolerated by the responsible party leadership."

"The prejudices and bigotries which have disfigured and distorted American political relations will always threaten our national unity," he said. "But these pledges will strengthen the politician and the voter in the restraints implicit in decent, democratic campaigning."

NAZIS DESTROY WARSAW CHURCHES, SAYS GEN. BOR

LONDON (NC) — Many churches in Warsaw have been reduced to shambles and debris by the German Wehrmacht in the recent bitter struggle, according to communiques from General Bor received by KAP, Polish Catholic Press Agency here.

The churches reported demolished include the Cathedral of St. John, which collapsed after it is reported to have been set afire by the Germans, the Jesuit convent, the Church of Our Lady, reported destroyed by incendiary bombs, the Military Church, the Church of All Saints, as well as the churches of St. Bernardine, Holy Cross, and St. James.

Dubuque Coadjutor Archbishop Installed

DUBUQUE (NC) — The Most Rev. Henry P. Rohlfman, former Bishop of Davenport, was installed as Coadjutor Archbishop of Dubuque by the Most Rev. Francis J. L. Beckman, Archbishop of Dubuque, at a solemn and colorful ceremony in St. Raphael's Cathedral here Tuesday.

No Word at Vatican on Any Soviet Accord Overtures

ROME (NC) — Osservatore Romano on Sept. 8, reiterated the declaration that nothing is known in Vatican circles about reported attempts of Soviet Russia to reach an accord with the Holy See.

The declaration was made in the course of comment in Osservatore on an article in L'Unita, Italian Communist organ, which purports to reproduce from a publication called the New Statesman and Nation a charge that Osservatore had insinuated that the Russian forces had halted designedly outside of Warsaw "in order to provoke the slaughter of Polish patriots."

The publication New Statesman and Nation, according to L'Unita, added: "The charge of the Vatican is one of the accustomed anti-

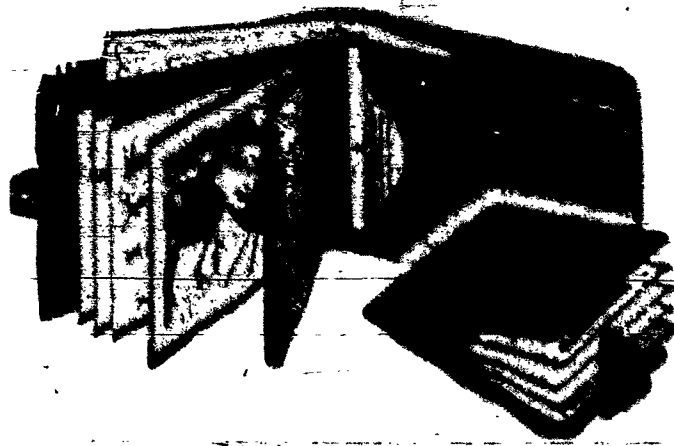
Soviet maneuvers. This is particularly to be deplored at a moment when Moscow is trying to reach an accord with the Vatican."

Osservatore pointed out that it had published information from Russian and Anglo-American sources concerning the tragic situation at Warsaw and also had published a statement by Lord Vansittart, British statesman on relations between the Soviet Union and the Holy See.

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