

Priests Exhorted To Champion Laborers, Encourage Unions

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Catholics Get Warning on Divorce Rise

(Cincinnati — (NC) — "When the poor and laboring men ask for advice in matters of justice and morality, the priest has no choice but to render the best service of which he is capable."

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These statements were made by Archbishop John T. McNicholas, C.P., of Cincinnati, in a letter which explains the role of priests in the social question. The letter is to be read in all churches of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

"Priests will be ready whenever there is a violation of justice, if given the opportunity, to defend the laboring and poor man," the Prelate stated, quoting from his instructions to 19 priests selected eight years ago for this purpose. "Their services

will be offered to all groups, regardless of creed, color or race."

Pointing out that a priest's life "is dedicated to moral living, to religion and to the virtues of justice and charity," the Archbishop declared:

"Our priests should know the privations, the difficulties, the hardships facing the laboring man. If the families of these men are undernourished, if sitting shelter and clothing cannot be secured because of inadequate wages or high cost of living, our priests should be the first to know it. They should be spokesmen and champions of men who toll."

On the question of labor unions, Archbishop McNicholas had this to say:

"Priests, who have had a long and careful training, know that every man should live according to the dignity of a human being and that he is entitled by nature, with the sweat of his brow, to the means which enable him to live in this manner."

"Our priests, rightfully, are in favor of unions — not in the sense that they must tell every man that he cannot exercise his freedom in refraining from joining a union, but they should try to make all men who toll realize the advantage of unionism. The gains that have been made for the laboring man have come through the unions."

"The rank and file of union men, because they are honest, should take a resolute stand against all dishonest and selfish leadership in their unions."

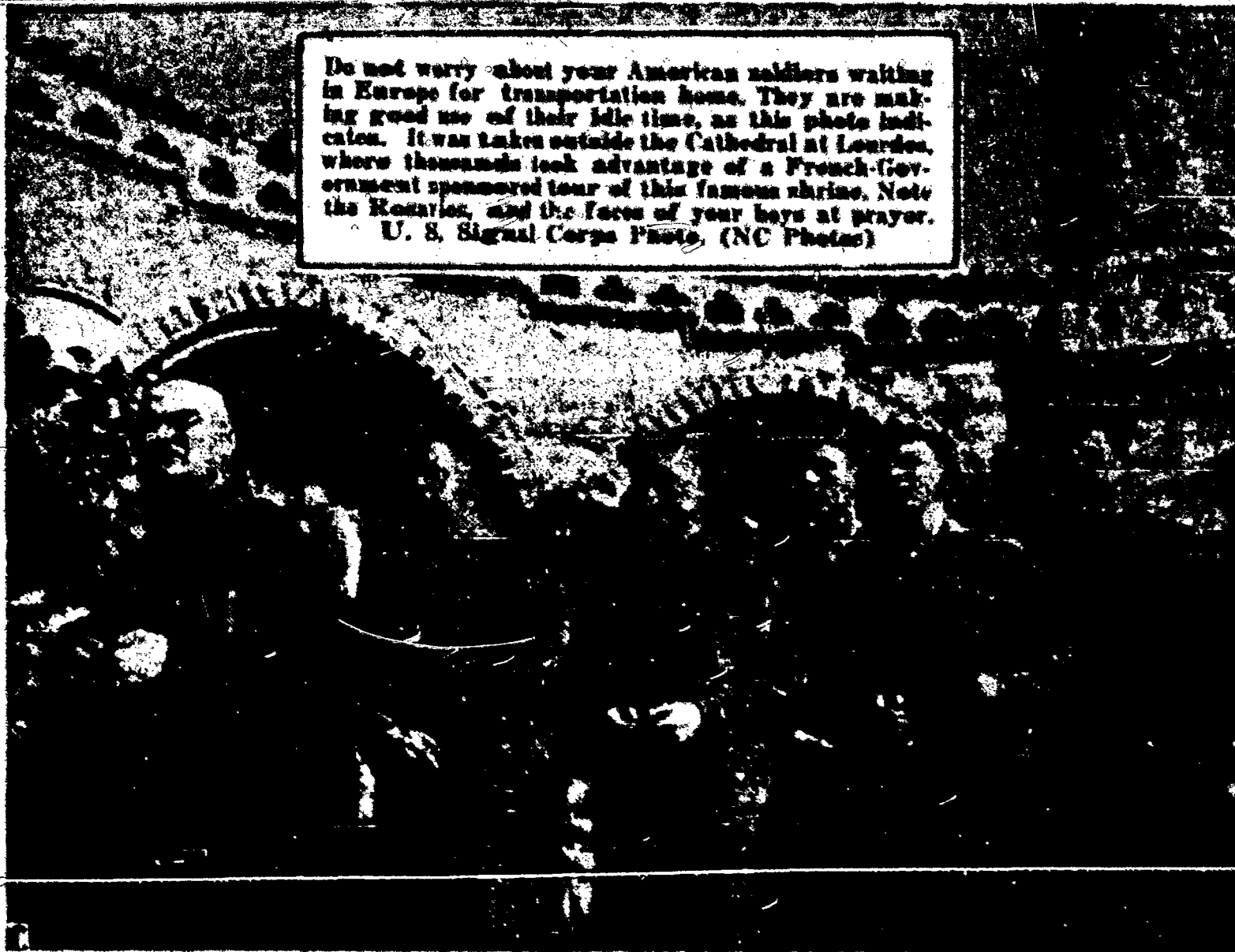
Finally, the Archbishop criticized "social workers disregarding or utterly indifferent to, or ignorant of the moral code," who advise parents that they cannot rear a family because of economic reasons.

"If our economy prevents the rearing of a normal family according to moral standards, then that economy should be modified or rejected, because it is unjust and abhorrent to anyone who has cultivated a true moral sense. Whenever birth prevention is encouraged because of economic reasons, priests must condemn that economy."

Sensational Radio Programs Criticized

(Rochester — (RNC) — Sensational criticism of radio programs that feature "crude humor" and "music with jungle notes" was made here by Archbishop Matthew Beach of Atlanta in testimony before a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor.

The Archbishop, who previously had testified before the subcommittee in Washington, said he was shocked and dismayed by the "crude humor" and "jungle music" which he said was being broadcast from the radio.



Do not worry about your American soldiers waiting in Europe for transportation home. They are making good use of their idle time, as this photo indicates. It was taken outside the Cathedral at Lourdes, where thousands took advantage of a French Government sponsored tour of this famous shrine. Note the Rosaries, and the faces of your boys at prayer. U. S. Signal Corps Photo. (NC Photos)

A Catholic Delegate to London? Or is Dr. Crowley Merely an 'Expert'?

Washington, D. C. — Has the Department of State responded to Catholic criticism and appointed a Catholic delegate to the United Nations educational and cultural organization now meeting in London, or has it not?

Nobody either in the Department of State or at the National Catholic Welfare Conference here will say "yes" or "no," but the evidence indicates that, at least, the Department has taken cognizance of the Catholic protest.

Here's the story, as reported by Larson Farrar of the Religious News Service:

On October 25, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Howard J. Carroll, general secretary of the NCWC, released to the press the text of a strong telegram he had sent to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes protesting against the absence of a representative of Catholic education among American delegates to the London conference.

Two days later, in a one-paragraph release, the State Department announced that Dr. Francis M. Crowley, dean of the

Graduate School of Education at Fordham University (a nationally-known Catholic educator), had accepted a place as "technical expert" on the U. S. delegation to the London conference.

Alert reporters were quick to question both the State Department and the Catholic leaders as to whether or not this appointment constituted giving in to the Catholic demands.

They received polite smiles at both places, still don't know.

"It all depends on whether the Catholic hierarchy looks upon a technical expert as a delegate or not," one informed source pointed out succinctly.

From another source, the COURIER-JOURNAL learned this week that the appointment of a Catholic as a "technical expert" does not satisfy the hierarchy's demand that a Catholic be appointed as a full-fledged delegate to the London meeting. Catholic authorities, it was intimated, have refused to accept the appointment of Dr. Crowley as only a "technical expert."

Brazil Candidates Back Christianity

Rio De Janeiro — (NC) — Both principal candidates in Brazil's presidential elections, which are scheduled for December 2, have emphasized the need of preserving the Christian traditions of Brazil, of shaping a social order based on equality and justice, and of actively resisting the forces of Atheistic communism.

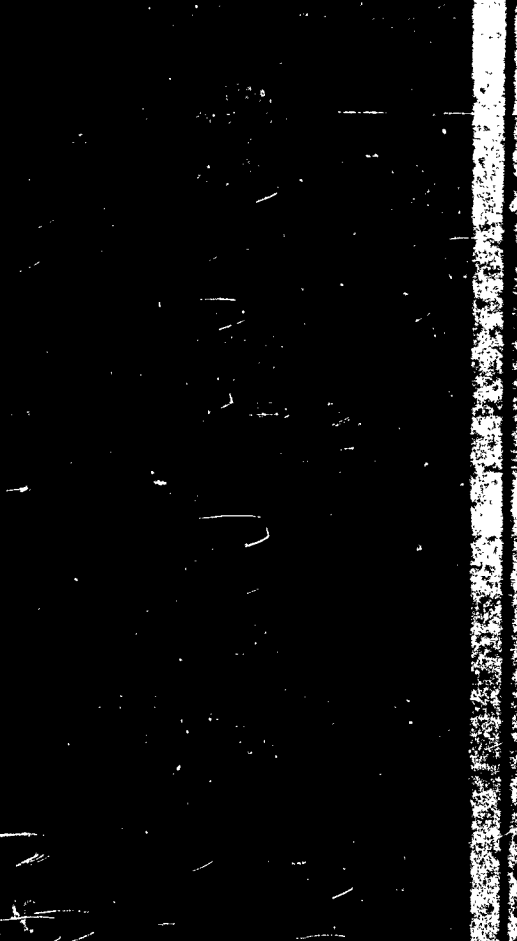
Answering identical questions put to the candidates, Gen. Eurico Gaspar Dutra and Brigadier Ademar de Barros, by the Catholic weekly A Cruz, General Dutra said:

"Not only do I consider the efforts of the Church highly important to enable the consciences and to keep before the legislators the principles inspired by the Gospel, which alone can bring a new social order, but I regard the Church as the only force capable of resisting the forces of Atheistic communism."

Brigadier Ademar de Barros, who was elected governor of the State of Rio de Janeiro in 1937, said:

"I am a Christian and I believe in the Christian religion. I believe in the Christian principles of equality and justice, and I believe in the Christian mission of the Church to resist the forces of Atheistic communism."

Star in Cloister



Sister Cecilia, of San Francisco, 21-year-old sister star of the Fox Film for the past three years, who has acted in a number of films, is the daughter of a prominent family in the city of San Francisco. She is a member of the Society of the Holy Family, and is a devotee of the Sacred Heart.

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