

# Canadian Bishops Ask Purity Crusade Against Immorality

Quebec—(NC)—With a severe indictment of increasing immorality in Canada's everyday life, a joint pastoral signed by 27 members of the Canadian Hierarchy, advocates a "Crusade for Purity" and calls for more drastic measures to curb current evils.

The pastoral was signed by His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, O.M.I., Archbishop of Quebec; Archbishop Alexander Vachon of Ottawa; Archbishop Joseph Charbonneau of Montreal; Archbishop Georges Courchesne of Rimouski, and 23 Bishops.

All Catholics are exhorted to share in the leadership of Catholic Action in bringing pressure upon those persons and circumstances responsible for immorality. The pastoral calls for corrections in the present mode of dress and elimination of immorality in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio programs and other means of public amusement.

Formation of a League of Decency and kindred organizations as a means of combatting present evils and providing suitable remedies is envisaged by the Bishops.

The Bishops emphasize that immorality has a sinister influence on individual and family life and the life of the nation. They deplore the practice of birth control, conjugal infidelity, divorce, separations, a cooling of love between parents and children, and delinquency. In undermining the family, the Bishops assert, immorality destroys the base of civil society.

Divided into three parts, the pastoral first points out the principal manifestations of immorality and impurity in the present day; second, expounds the Christian judgment on these problems and, third, cites means to combat the wave of immorality.

The Bishops deplore the practice on the part of both men and women of wearing scanty attire in public; the absence of suitable surveillance at gatherings.

## VISITOR FROM IRELAND



Very Rev. Daniel Murphy, C. S. Sp. (left), provincial of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Ireland, and the Rev. Nicholas O'Loughlin, C. S. Sp. of Dublin, former superior of the Holy Ghost Mission House in the United States, pictured in Miami, as they returned from Trinidad where they made an official visitation of St. Mary's College and Our Lady of Fatima College conducted by the order. They are now visiting in the United States. Pan American Air Ways photo. (NC Photo.)

## Scot Bishops See Peace In Russia's Conversion

LONDON—(NC)—The Bishops of Scotland have issued a statement in which they described the persecution in East Europe as "perhaps surpassing in ferocity anything known in the days of Nero," and declared that no lasting peace was possible without Russia's conversion.

"As members of Christ's Mystical Body, the faithful in those regions have a right to look to us for aid and above all for the assistance of our prayers," the Bishops declared. "This prayer directed by Leo XIII to be said after Low Masses are being offered for the conversion of Russia."

"Without the conversion of Russia no lasting peace is possible. The establishment of peace is further gravely affected by the immense danger of world famine. If this year's crop fails, the conditions of the displaced people in Europe, who are already suffering acutely, become positively tragic. Much depends on the next few months."

The Bishops have offered special prayers after every Low Mass to implore peace for the world.

## Argentine Bishop Scores Dictatorship

Buenos Aires—A sharp reprobation of dictatorship and a strong reminder of the source, the limits and the responsibilities of governmental authority was voiced here by Bishop Miguel de Andrea, Titular of Tennes, in accepting an honorary degree from the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the National University of Buenos Aires.

In conferring the degree, Dr. Horacio C. Alvarez, rector of the university, announced it was the first time in its history that the institutions Superior Council had bestowed an honorary degree by a unanimous vote and paid tribute to the Bishops' sound convictions on political and social questions and to his social apostolate founded on the Gospel.

Declaring the foundation of true democracy "springs from Christianity" and that all authority has its source in God, Bishop de Andrea said there are "times in history when men appear who think themselves invested with the power of God and endeavor to falsify His plan." This is a blasphemous negation of Christianity, he said.

"No doctrine enhances as does Christianity the dignity of the governed, nor so guarantees the authority of those who govern," the Bishop declared, adding that if the State were a thing when it was necessary to falsify the realization of the true doctrine of the origin of power, it is ours.

"The means established by God for transmitting authority," he continued, "lead to a high conclusion—the obligation of all who guide human capacity to better the people materially and morally to bring them to the point of responsibility which grants the right to choose their own governments."

## Crowley Warns On Ideologies

Delaware—(NC)—A warning that pressure groups, exerting influence and power, are striving to foist un-American ideologies upon the United States, was voiced here by Leo T. Crowley, former Foreign Economic Administrator, in an address to the graduating class of Leroy College.

Mr. Crowley said it is evident from the utterances of the leaders of totalitarian Communism that they intend to carry on their economic and political activities under the guise of the rights of the individual. He said that the political controversy in this country, Bishop Gerald T. Corrigan of Des Moines preached the basic doctrine of the monarchist.

## Defeated Monarchists Attack Priests

New York—(NC)—During the discourse in Naples following the announcement of a republican majority in the recent referendum on the institutional question, unknown persons attacked and assaulted a number of priests in the belief that the monarchist defeat was due to the Christian Democratic party, according to the broadcast of an Italian press agency report which was monitored in this country.

A number of youth, describing themselves as monarchists but not recognized by any party organization, the report says, first attacked a Carabinieri station in an attempt to obtain arms. They were however dispersed by shots fired into the air. The crowd then tried to stage a demonstration against the Church. St. Anthony to carry out reprisals on the parish priest, who was away," the ANSA (Agenzia Nazionale Stampa Associata) report is quoted as saying.

## Program Set for WSAY Sacred Heart Series Beginning Saturday

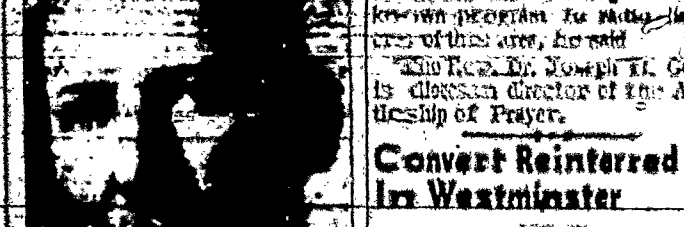
With the permission and approval of His Excellency, Bishop Keane, the new Sacred Heart program will be heard for the first time this Saturday morning at 11:15 A. M. over station WSAY. Sponsored by the parish of St. Francis, the program originates at Station WBSW in Saint Louis, Missouri, at the University of St. Louis. Special musical backgrounds are furnished by the Scholastic Choir of the University, by St. Mary's Quartet, and by well-known boys' choirs.

## SISTER CLEOPHAS RITES CONDUCTED

Funeral services for Sister M. Cleophas Gimes who died Saturday, June 23, 1946, were held Monday, June 24, at the Nazareth Convent Chapel, Pittsburgh. Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered by the Very Rev. James T. O'Heron, of St. Louis Church, Englewood, Colo., nephew of the deceased, assisted by the Rev. Francis Egan, as Deacon, and the Rev. John J. Murphy, as Coadjutor. Also in the sanctuary were the Rev. Michael J. Krejci, the Rev. Joseph H. Groll and the Rev. Louis Edelman.

Final blessing at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery was imparted by Father O'Heron, assisted by Father Krejci. Sister Cleophas, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1877 and was numbered in many convents of the order, including St. Agnes, Assisi, St. Mother's and St. Patrick's, Holy Rosary, Rochester.

## Laymen's Head



## Convert Reentered In Westminster

London—(NC)—The Rev. Canon Richard Charles, distinguished Catholic priest who was died in 1938, has been reentered from the Anglican ranks into the Catholic Church. He had been a member of the Anglican Church since 1938. He was reentered into the Catholic Church by the Rev. Canon Charles, Bishop of Westminster.

## Breaks Shot Put Record

Los Angeles—(NC)—John Hovick, center student of Mount Carmel Catholic High School, here, whose name appeared in the nation's sport pages when he unofficially exceeded the United States' prep school record for the 12 lb. shot put on April 20, has again surpassed that record and set a new one of 42 ft. 10 in. at the California State prep championships. The previous United States record was 40 ft. 10 in. made by Hoyt Gault, now at the U. S. Military Academy, when he was a student at Masonic High School, Fort Worth, Texas, in 1935. He was the first to exceed his own record, breaking it at the California State prep championships.

## Russia Out to Rule World Voters Believe

Princeton, N. J.—(NC)—The intentions of Soviet Russia to build a world empire are being revealed in a new poll of the nation's voters, a clear majority of the American people believe, according to a poll conducted by George Gallup, Director of the American Institute of Public Opinion.

A cross section of the nation's voters were asked whether they believed Russia is trying to build itself up to be the ruling power of the world, or is Russia just building up protection against being attacked in another war? The results of the poll showed 53 per cent for the "building power" belief, 29 per cent for the "protection" belief, and 13 per cent of no opinion.

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## Careless Following Fatima Shrine

Portugal—(NC)—A number of cases are reported to have taken place when the Fatima Shrine was visited. A number of children who gathered at the shrine during the month of May, when the anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin of Fatima was celebrated, were reported to have been careless in their conduct.

The reports say that Maria Jose Da Silva, 21, required the use of a paralytic arm, Julio Oliveira Cunha, 26, was cured of chronic colitis. Decilene Machado, 62, who had been suffering from paralysis for five years, is said to have regained the use of her limbs.

Another report from Oporto states that Margarita Rosa, 29, recovered the use of her speech after having been deprived of it for 20 years. She had not in the age of nine during treatment for stomach ailment. Miss Reis learned to read and write after having been blind since she was a child.

Doctors are now examining the cases and will issue an official statement soon.

## Texas Newman Club Expands

Austin, Texas—(NC)—The goal of a million-dollar expansion program for the Newman Club (Catholic Student Organization) will receive \$200,000 and the Newman Club will receive \$200,000.

At present A&M has no clubhouse and an old chapel with a capacity of less than 100. The Newman Club at Texas, built in 1935, is now totally inadequate. Greatly increased enrollment, especially of veterans, has made the expansion necessary.

The Catholic chapel, clubhouses, and dormitories planned will include facilities for religious, social, meeting, and recreation. The Newman Club at Texas will receive \$200,000.

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**HEALTH BILL IS OPPOSED**  
Opposition to what he termed "one of the most revolutionary proposals on health" before the present session of Congress was expressed by U.S. Senator Maurice F. Griffin, first vice-president of the Catholic Hospital Association, at one of the meetings of its convention here.

**CHINESE HIERARCHY PRECEDENTS CITED**  
Rome—(NC)—The recent raising of the Church in China from mission status to that of a fully-constituted national Church with its own resident hierarchy presents an analogy with prior actions in India, Japan, and colonial territories in Africa, "Fides" Catholic mission news service, recalls in a report here.

**FUNERAL OF CANADIAN ENVOY HELD IN EIRE**  
Dublin—(NC)—Archbishop John McQuaid of Dublin presided at a Solemn Mass of Requiem in his pro-cathedral here for Merchant M. Mahoney, Canadian High Commissioner to Ireland.

**Mother Cabrini Holy Hour Set**  
Chicago—(NC)—The Holy Name Society Holy Hour in Soldier Field here September 8 will be the first city-wide celebration in honor of Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini following her canonization, according to plans announced by His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago.

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