

# Catholic Women Ask Federal Aid For Our Schools; Hit Divorce Rise

Kansas City — (NC) — After proving a series of resolutions emphasizing preservation of basic human rights in a number of outstanding national and international problems, delegates to the 23rd convention of the National Council of Catholic Women concluded their five-day sessions here by electing Mrs. Henry Mannix of Brooklyn to serve for the next two years as their national president.

Among the national problems on which the N.C.C.W. took a stand are Federal aid to education; decent literature and movies; the so-called Equal Rights Amendment; the divorce evil; minimum and annual wages; price controls; full employment; social legislation in the States; health insurance; housing; and discrimination against minorities.

In the field of internationalism, the Women's Council let its voice be heard regarding international cooperation; international control of atomic energy; the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; (UNESCO); the role of the United States toward small nations; the peace treaties; displaced persons; and international welfare and relief.

**Protest Archbishop's Arrest**  
The N.C.C.W. voiced its indignation in a resolution over the arrest of the "saintly" Archbishop Aloisius Stepinac of Zagreb, Croatia, by the Tito government, because he declined to cooperate with atheistic communistic forces now in control of Yugoslavia.

Mrs. Mannix, who has been serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Council for the last two years, succeeded to president Mrs. Thomas G. Garrison of Golden, Colo.

Other new officers, all of whom will serve two-year terms, are: Mrs. J. Selby Spruce of North Hollywood, Calif., first vice president; Mrs. Joseph Bollin, Jr. of Clarksville, Tenn., second vice president; Mrs. P. J. Currier of Detroit, third vice president; Miss Margaret C. Hughes of Springfield, Ill., secretary; and Miss Florentine Schwarz of San Francisco, treasurer.

The N.C.C.W. delegates condemned discriminatory and unprincipled efforts of certain legislators to bar parochial and other non-public school children from services provided by the Federal and State governments, such as free text books, health services, free transportation and other aids.

Regarding Federal aid to education, the convention recommended that the 80th Congress enact legislation to appropriate Federal funds to areas of the nation where sufficient financial resources are lacking and that the aid be made available to public and non-public schools alike.

**Asks Divorce Curt**  
Expressing profound shock over the U. S. divorce rate, which exceeds that of any civilized nation in the world, the convention urged "not only for reasons of religion but also for reasons of patriotism that effective steps be taken to curb the cancer of divorce."

The Council reiterated its emphatic opposition to the so-called Equal Rights Amendment and endorsed the proposed increase in the Federal minimum wage law from 40 to 45 cents an hour, with provision for later increase to 75 cents. The delegates also commended efforts to work out ways of paying an annual wage, rather than hourly or piece-work wages.

Acknowledging that some commodities can be released without harm from price controls, the N.C.C.W. asserted that there "must be no runaway of prices until production catches up with demand."

In the field of international cooperation, the N.C.C.W. pledged its support to the United Nations and urged immediate steps be taken to repeal the veto power in the U.N. Security Council. It urged that the U.N.'s Human Rights Commission formulate an international bill of rights safeguarding the basic human rights of all people and recommend adequate methods of enforcing its program.

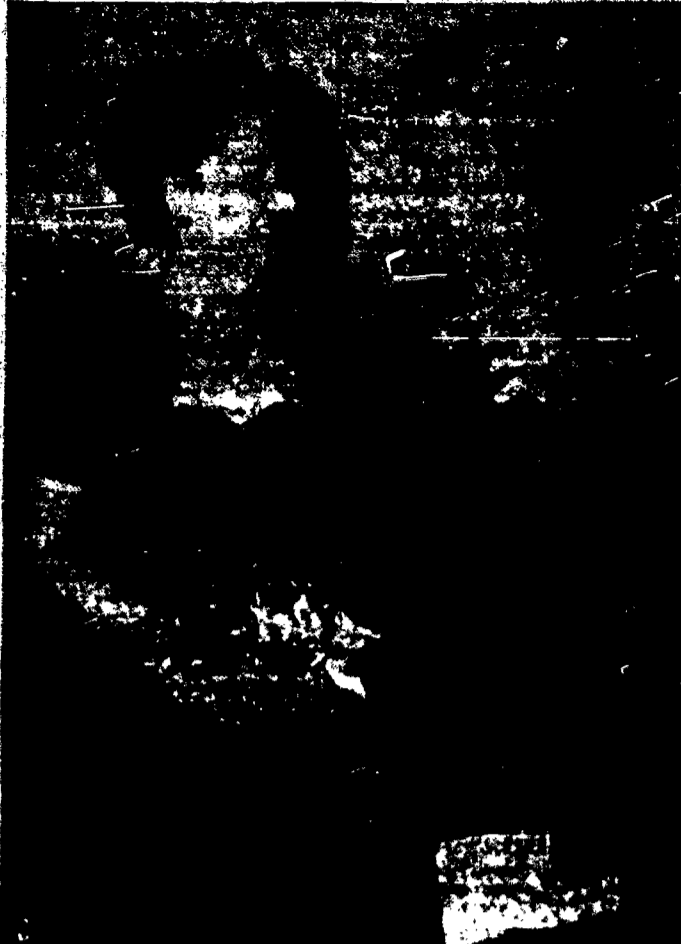
Taking cognizance of His Holiness Pope Pius XII's appeal for progressive disarmament, which takes on "a special urgency and meaning in view of the potentialities for human annihilation inherent in the atomic bomb and other means of mass destruction," the Council urged study and support of the United States proposals to the U.N. Atomic Energy Commission for atomic energy control.

In all the delegates considered and approved more than 50 resolutions.

## Dominican Leader Named Archbishop

Rome — (RNS) — The Rev. Martin Stanislaus Gillet, C.P., former Master General of the Dominican Order, has been made an archbishop by Pope Pius XII and appointed to the titular See of Nicosa. Archbishop-designate Gillet served as superior of the Dominican Order for seventeen years prior to the recent election of Father Emmanuel Suarez, of Spain, as his successor.

## FELICITATE NEW LEADER



Mrs. Henry Mannix, left, Brooklyn, N. Y., elected president of the National Council of Catholic Women at its 23rd national convention held in Kansas City, Mo., being congratulated by the retiring president, Mrs. Thomas G. Garrison, Golden, Colo. (NC Photos)

## United States of World Urged by Bishop Griffin

Chicago — (RNS) — Most Reverend James A. Griffin, Roman Catholic bishop of Springfield, Ill., has urged the restriction of national sovereignty and the creation of a United States of the World to bring permanent peace.

A spokesman for the Springfield field changes announced that the bishop is the first American

## Rural Life Meet Lists Farm Leaders

Green Bay, Wis. — (NC) — The objectives of three national farm organizations will be outlined in address by representatives at each during the 24th national convention of the National Catholic Rural Life conference here, Oct. 11-15.

Those scheduled to speak are James G. Patton, president of the Farmers' Union; Raymond Ogg of the Farm Bureau's national office staff; and Fred Bailey, general counsel of the National Grange. The morning session on Oct. 15 will give each an opportunity to explain the aims of his organization. In the afternoon the three will lead a discussion on their programs, farm problems and related subjects.

Wisconsin state presidents of the three organizations will participate in the afternoon discussion. They are Neal Peck, Peabody, of the Grange; Kenneth Hones, Chippewa Falls, of the Farmers' Union; and Curtis Hatch, Dodgeville, of the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Patton, of the Farmers' Union, has fought for the sharecroppers of the south and for betterment of the lot of Mexican beet workers. Mr. Ogg is assistant to President Edward O'Neal of the Farm Bureau. Mr. Bailey will speak for the Masters of Husbandry, the Grange, and present their program for agriculture.

## Bp. Sheil Tells Labor to Oust Reds, Racketeers

Emphasizing the mutual responsibilities of capital and labor, Bishop Bernard J. Sheil this week urged labor unions to correct abuses within the movement.

Speaking before the Foreman's Association of America at the Congress Hotel, here, the senior auxiliary bishop of Chicago declared that labor unions must eradicate racketeers and communists whose "very existence is a scandal to the entire labor movement."

While urging labor's participation in management as a means to achieve a more equitable distribution of wealth without doing any violence to the institution of private property, Bishop Sheil said "if industry is to recognize and allow participation in management on the part of labor, it is time for union labor to correct the abuses that have crept into the labor movement."

**Communists Dominate**  
"It is useless to deny that there are communists in the labor movement. It is equally an arrant lie to claim that all unions are communist dominated. Yet the small percentage of communists bring immense harm to unionism in general."

A second group dangerous to unionism is composed of the racketeers. Here again one should not exaggerate. Racketeers are a very small percentage of labor leaders.

But they seem to attract all the attention and they bring only contempt to unionism. In the unions they control they are as ruthless as any dictator. They, like the communists, are not interested in unionism; nor the welfare of the workingman. Their sole concern is their own power and their own greed. Their very existence is a scandal to the entire labor movement.

Labor should waste no time and sympathy in rooting out these leeches who sap the strength of unionism.

**Make Economy Work**  
Declaring that Communism cannot be conquered by quacking and quackery, Bishop Sheil deplored the practice of "accusing everyone who disagrees with you of being a communist."

"You are victorious over communism," he said, "by making this country so superior that our people will have only an academic interest in it. Because communism's appeal is basically economic, we can strike the most telling blow against it by making our own economy work to give all men here that economic security they so earnestly wish for."

To achieve economic security, he continued, both labor and industry must cease to regard each other as enemies inasmuch as both are allies in the productive greatness of America. "We could all do with less of the recriminations that both capital and labor indulge in. I do not refer to honest, objective discussions between the two, but to the type of quarrel in which capital is accused of fascism and labor accused of communism."

**George Laymen to Meet**  
Atlanta — (NC) — The 31st Annual convention of the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia will be held in Savannah on October 27.

## Pilot-Teacher



Sister Marie, Benedictine Nun and teacher at Cathedral High School, St. Cloud, Minn., smiles after completing her first solo flight. Sister learned to fly as she can teach aviation classes this fall. Photo by Acme. (NC Photos)

## HIROHITO GIVEN CHOICE OF FAITH

Tokyo — (NC) — The Emperor of Japan is free to choose his own religion, according to Premier Shigeru Yoshida and former Premier Hiroko Shidehara, now Minister of State.

If the Emperor wished to give up his present Shinto religion and become a Christian he would not need his Cabinet's consent, nor need he even consult the Cabinet, Minister of State Shidehara pointed out that the new constitution requires the Emperor to consult his Cabinet only on matters of state, which do not include his personal religion.

All members of the imperial family are "likewise" free to choose their own religion.

The question was entirely hypothetical, in connection with the new constitution. There is no reason for thinking that the Emperor intends to change his religion.

It is noteworthy that the religious freedom conceded to the Japanese Emperor is not enjoyed by the kings or emperors of Sweden, and Norway, all of whom are regarded by law from embracing Catholicism.

## VATICAN PLANS CANONIZATIONS

Rome — (RNS) — Mother Maria Teresa de Souhira, founder of the Sisters of Mary Auxiliatrix, who died in 1890, will be added to the roll of saints in the Catholic Church at solemn canonization rites to take place in the Basilica of St. Peter on Sunday, October 21.

During November, similar rites will be held to confer the dignity of sainthood on Mother Maria Teresa Eustachia Vezderl, founder of the Daughters of the Sacred Heart, who died in 1852. On this occasion the Church will also canonize twenty-nine members of the Franciscan Order who were martyred during the Boxer Rebellion in China in 1900.

Tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 13, 1947, is the canonization of Nicolas de Plus, Swiss hermit and national hero, who will become Switzerland's first saint.

## Evil Men Beget Evil Times, Pope Advises Jesuits

Vatican City — (NC) — "Times are evil because men are evil," His Holiness Pope Pius XII observed at an audience for the Very Rev. John Baptist Janssens, S.J., and the Jesuit electors who chose the Belgian as the Society's 77th General.

At another audience for the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suhard, C. P., a bishop and the Dominican elector who elected him as their 80th Master General, the Holy Father exhorted them to "go against the troubled world" and seek "a true, solid and sincere peace which is the child of charity and the parent of holy happiness."

The audiences were held a few days apart at the Pope's summer home, Castel Gandolfo. There were 165 priests from all parts of the world among the Jesuit electors. The Pope exhorted them to rededicate their efforts to being Christianly to the world during these troubled times of reconstruction.

"Nothing is more present or demanding, dearly beloved," he said, "than that the rule of religion and Christian discipline be renewed in all due honor and vigor. It is sad indeed that because of a widespread neglect of things of the spirit we have fallen into such times as these."

With Father Suhard and the Dominican electors was the Most Rev. Martin S. Gillet, C.P., former Master General of the Order. There were 11 Dominicans at the audience.

The Pontiff speaking in Latin, look as he thus spoke from the Dominican's Constitution: "The peace contained in this world is precarious and unstable. It is in peace, however, that we must live. It is in peace, however, that we must live. It is in peace, however, that we must live."

But despite this turmoil, His Holiness said, there are "great things to be done."

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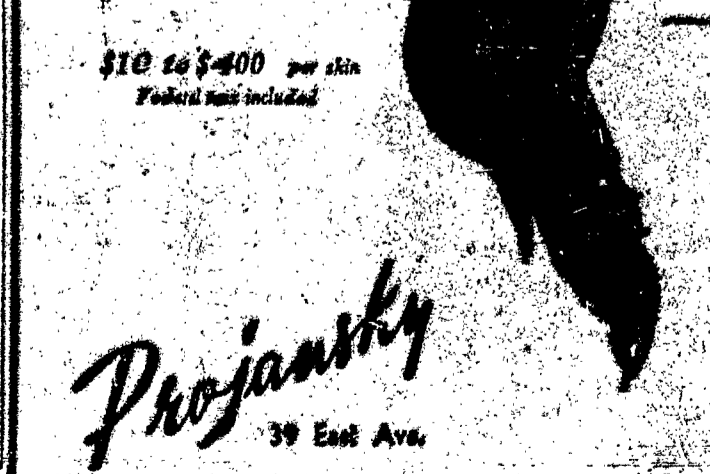
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