Varied Activities of Church in U. S. Revealed by Bishops' Reports

The far-flung work of the Catholic Church in the United States is revealed in these reports submitted by members of the American Hierarchy at their annual meeting in Washington during the past week:

Press

6-Point Expansion Program Reported

A broad program of expansion forecast a year ago is now well under way in the Press Department, N.C.W.C. Archbishop John Gregory Murray of St. Paul, its Episcopal Chairman, reported.

Abp. Murray

Archbishop Murray emphasized that Catholic news "has attained recognition as so compellingly important and interesting" that it is receiving increasing attention from the general American press and this has led to a regular campaign against the Catholic Press in anti-religious portions of the world. "Greatly increased activity of the Church is primarily responsible," he said, but the News Service and the Catholic Press itself have had "an important role."

The Archbishop said that "never before in our history had we provided special news coverage on such a scale" as in the last year.

Advances made by the Press Department, the chairman explained, follow a carefully prepared six-point program which includes: immediate post-war improvement of news coverage in the Pacific area; expansion of the headquarters news-handling staff; mechanical changes in copy handling to facilitate the work of editors; advances in headquarters business procedures; increased use of telegraph for domestic coverage, and intensification of news coverage by the N.C.W.C. News Service within the United States. Archbishop Murray said, the News Service has been able, through further utilization of wire services, to close time-gaps previously existing between issues of the service, and that a "roving" reporter, desired for years, is now actually at work in Europe.

The report made special mention of the extraordinary coverage provided the Catholic Press last February on the Consistory, when 32 new Cardinals, including four from the U. S., were elevated to the Sacred College.

The Episcopal Chairman said "Pope Pius XII continued preeminently the dominant figure in the news of the year," and as a great moral leader "stood out even more prominently in the world," and that the News Service made available to its subscribers in the last year the complete texts of more than a dozen Papal documents on a variety of subjects.

The Press Department Chairman reported that seven new Catholic U. S. publications were launched last year and the News Service is servicing Catholic publications in 34 lands.

Education

Activities Assume International Scope

During the past year the activities of the Education Department, N.C.W.C., have been extended from a national to an international scope, it is reported by Archbishop James H. Ryan of Omaha, Episcopal Chairman of the Department.

Abp. Ryan

The Education Department aided in the formation of the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs, a professional organization dealing with the problems of education and culture on a national as well as international level. The Department, through its Director, also participated in the United States Educational Mission to Japan arranged by the War and State Departments. The Director of the Department is a member of the Executive Board of the National Commission to UNESCO and has been appointed a Consultant to the United States Delegation at the First General Assembly of UNESCO in Paris.

This report also relates the interest of the Department in such timely matters as Federal Aid to Education, the National School Lunch Act, the G.I. Bill, and Housing for Veteran Students.

The Department reports increased activity in its specialized sections, such as Information Service, the Inter-American Collaboration Section, Teachers' Registration Section, and the Library Service. As a regular policy the Department has maintained close liaison with other national educational organizations by representation at many educational conferences and conventions.

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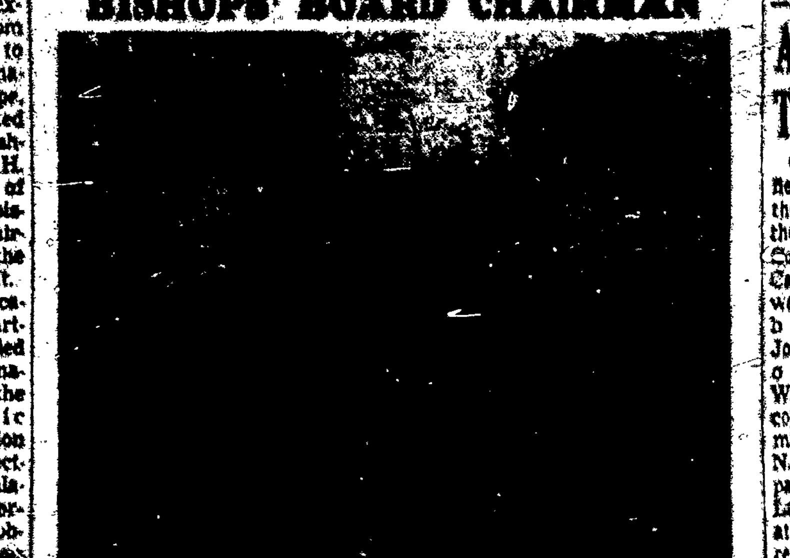

The newly-elected Chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., of Cincinnati is shown in this candid camera view, on the campus of Catholic University of America, as he talked with Bishop Charles P. Greco, of Alexandria, La. Photo taken at the close of the three-day annual meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States. (Real-NC Photos)

Publications

300,000 Sent NCWC Pamphlets

Close to 300,000 pamphlets were distributed during the year through the N.C.W.C. Business Office, according to its annual report.

New translations of the social Encyclicals, "The Condition of Workers" and "Reconstructing the Social Order" were circulation leaders; on the other hand, "interest declined greatly in pamphlets in the field of international relations which had previously in recent years led all the rest," notes the report, which was signed by Henry P. Lefebure, business manager.

A pamphlet subscription service has been inaugurated through which persons interested in the various fields of N.C.W.C. receive automatically all new N.C.W.C. publications as issued. New publication exhibits have been sent to a number of national Catholic meetings.

U.S. Bishops Score Delay in Peace

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been tolerated by the other nations which were parties to the agreements." "In an effort to preserve unity," the statement adds, "fatal compromises have been made, either explicitly or by tolerance of shocking aggressions."

Cleavage Among Allies

The statement says some sort of sacrifice of particular national advantages is necessary for the common good of the international community, but "the tragic fact" is that the cleavage existing among the victorious allies "touches issues on which there can be no compromise."

"While it is stated that the Western Democracies and Russia with her satellite governments in the countries of Eastern Europe are at a stalemate over questions of security against aggressions, the fact is that underlying these questions there is the question of man, as man," the statement declares. "Throughout the war our battle cry was the defense of native freedoms against Nazi and Fascist totalitarianism. The aftermath of war has revealed victorious Soviet totalitarianism no less aggressive against these freedoms in the countries it has occupied. Totalitarianism does not acknowledge and respect these freedoms. It persecutes the citizen who dares assert his native rights."

"How can there be a beginning of even a tolerable peace unless the peacemakers full realize that human life is sacred and that all men have rights?" the statement says.

'Groan Under Tyranny'

The Bishops say "human life is even more precious and sacred" for those who profess the Christian name, and that "it is not possible for us to be complacent and inactive while any of our brothers in the human family groan under tyranny and are denied the free exercise of their human rights."

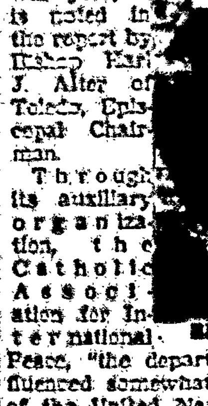
The Bishops conclude with a prayer "for light and strength for those who in our country bear the heavy responsibility of making decisions for us in the peace conferences; and, indeed, for all the peacemakers."

The prelates who signed the statement, members of the N. C. W. C. Administrative Board are: Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, Chairman; Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, Secretary; Archbishop John Gregory Murray of St. Paul, Vice-Chairman; Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco; Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans; Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston; Archbishop James Hugh Ryan of Omaha; Bishop John Mark Gannon of Erie, Treasurer, Bishop John F. Noll of Fort Wayne, and Bishop Karl J. Alter of Toledo.

Social Action

Peace Planning Drew Attention

The establishment of the United Nations and the unleashing of atomic energy influenced much of the work carried on by the Social Action Department during the first post-war year, it is noted in the report by Bishop Karl J. Alter of Toledo, Episcopal Chairman.



Bishop Alter

Through its auxiliary organization, the Catholic Association for International Peace, "the department has influenced somewhat the Charter of the United Nations" the report states, explaining that three representatives attended the San Francisco meeting "and did very good work, particularly on human rights and international law, but chiefly by their efforts for representation of non-governmental organizations with the United Nations."

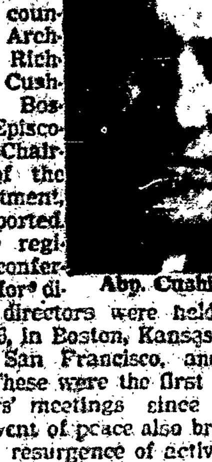
The department was represented by observers at a number of international meetings and assisted in the organization of the National Committee on Atomic Information. The Inter-American Catholic Seminar of Social Studies, held at Havana, for which the department had handled the program, "was probably the most representative Catholic inter-American meeting ever held," the report notes.

In the field of industrial relations the department issued four official statements dealing with pending legislative matters and arranged four industrial conferences in Cleveland, Portland, Spokane and Boston.

Youth

Directors Given National Service

The Youth Department, N.C.W.C., has placed major emphasis in its program on assistance and service to diocesan youth directors, who now operate in more than 90 per cent of the dioceses of the country, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, Episcopal Chairman of the department, has reported.



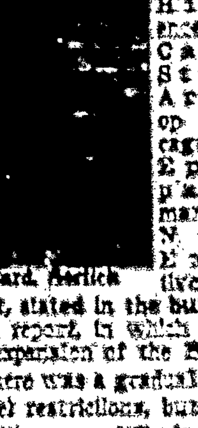
Abp. Cushing

Five regional conferences for diocesan directors were held during 1946, in Boston, Kansas City, Biloxi, San Francisco, and Detroit. These were the first youth directors' meetings since 1942. The advent of peace also brought about a resurgence of activity in the National Federation of Catholic College Students.

Immigration

Cardinal Urges Bureau Expansion

Tension under which the N.C.W.C. Bureau of Immigration functioned during the previous five years, did not slacken during the past year a period between war and hoped-for peace, His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago and Episcopal Chairman of the N.C.W.C. Executive Department, stated in the bureau's annual report, in which he urged an expansion of the Bureau.



Card. Stritch

There was a gradual easing of travel restrictions, but available facilities were difficult to obtain. Greater sympathy toward aliens of former enemy countries was noted. Every change in government policy and procedure brought to the Bureau's three offices new requests for information and assistance.

The lessening of travel restrictions, the report disclosed, brought an avalanche of letters asking assistance in the issuance of travel documents and transportation facilities.

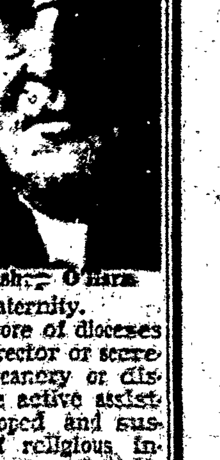
"We were swamped," the report stated, "by requests for aid in obtaining passports for American citizen priests and religious. They were going everywhere but in particular to missionary fields in China, Manchuria, Africa, the Philippines, India, New Guinea, Japan and the countries of Latin America. Not a few had important business in Rome."

The Displaced Persons project inaugurated by President Truman's directive of December 22, 1945, the report said, constituted the most drastic departure from visa regulations since June, 1921, when immigration quotas first were established. By the directive, immigration quotas for Germany, Poland, Austria, Denmark, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Finland, Lithuania, Rumania, Albania, Greece, Latvia, Esthonia, Liechtenstein and Luxembourg were reserved for displaced persons residing in the U. S. zone of occupation in Germany and later extended to Austria. The problems occasioned by the Displaced Persons project were constantly before the Bureau, the report said.

Confraternity

Work Advances In 112 U. S. Sees

Although the degree of development of organization and activity differs widely, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine became official in 21 Archdioceses and 91 Dioceses in the United States during the year, it was noted in the annual report of Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, Chairman of the Episcopal Committee of the Confraternity.



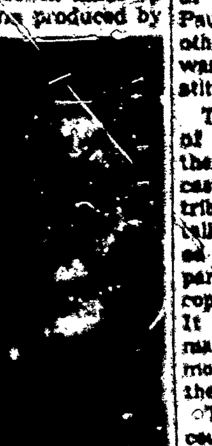
Bishop O'Hara

"More than a score of dioceses with a fulltime director or secretary, or where deanery or district directors are active assistants, have developed and sustain programs of religious instruction outside the Catholic school system for children, youths and adults," the report notes. "Priests, religious and laity are prepared for specific work by days of recollection, conventions, institutes,

Radio

Audience Reaction To Programs Up

Continued advances in the field of Catholic Action made by the radio programs produced by the National Council of Catholic Men were noted by Bishop John F. Noll of Fort Wayne, Episcopal Chairman of the N.C.W.C. Department of Lay Organizations, in his report of N.C.C.M. activities.



Bishop Noll

The Catholic Hour, in its 16th year on the air over the NBC network, was carried on 106 stations, an increase of eight over the previous year. Audience mail amounted to 122,000 pieces, compared to 101,[illegible] a year ago, and approximately 20 per cent of it was from non-Catholics inquiring about the Catholic faith and practice. A total of 437,000 copies of Catholic Hour addresses were distributed compared with a previous 378,100 distribution. The report also noted that the Catholic Hour received an award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews for the dramatization of the program, "Letter From Paul," written by the Rev. Timothy Mulvey, O.M.I.; an award was also received from the Institute for Education by Radio.

The report noted that the Hour of Faith, in its fourth year on the air over the American Broadcasting Company network, distributed 91,900 copies of separate talks and 21,700 copies of collected talks during the year compared with 22,000 and 14,900 copies, respectively, a year ago. It was noted that the weekly mail count of the Hour of Faith more than doubled itself during the past year.

The report stated that diocesan councils of the N.C.C.M., or their equivalents, are represented in 30 dioceses. It disclosed that the National Organization for Decent Literature in whose work N.C.C.M. cooperates, is continuing its effective work and has 150 magazines under review and 60 reviewers in the field.

The report recalled that during the year objection was voiced over one nationally-syndicated comic strip until the objectionable features were eliminated. It stated that comic strips in various newspapers were under review by the [illegible]

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Airline Prune Juice	[illegible]	1 qt.	12	[illegible]
Phillips Tomato Juice	13c	#2	24	[illegible]
Pembroke's Tomato Juice	[illegible]	#2	24	[illegible]
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Morgan's Pure Apple Juice	[illegible]	46 oz.	12	[illegible]
Heart of Florida Orange Juice—Sweetened	[illegible]	46 oz.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Heart of Florida Orange Juice—Sweetened	71c	1 qt.	6	[illegible]
VEGETABLES:				
Phillips Mixed Vegetables	15c	#2	24	[illegible]
Extra Fancy Spinach	[illegible]	#2½	24	[illegible]
Rochester Cut Beets	[illegible]	#2	24	[illegible]
Rochester Pickled Beets	10c	#2	24	[illegible]
Georgia Green Beans—Standard	15c	#2	24	[illegible]
Florida Fancy Green Beans	18c	#2	24	[illegible]
Webster French Style Green Beans	18c	#2	24	[illegible]
Carrots Extra Fancy, Diced	11c	#2	24	$2.64
Huxtons Cooked Potatoes	[illegible]	#10	6	$2.40
Eppco Fancy Giant Sweet Peas	17c	#2	24	$4.08
Phillips Baked Beans with Frankfurters	17c	12 oz.	48	$8.16
Pembroke Fancy Cream Corn	17c	#2	24	$4.08
Joan of Arc Fancy Red Kidney Beans	[illegible]	#2	24	[illegible]
FRUITS:				
Flotill Whole Apricots—heavy syrup	[illegible]	#2½	24	$7.20
Russell Yellow Peaches—water packed	[illegible]	#10	6	$5.10
Diana Yellow Peaches—Halves—syrup	[illegible]	#2½	24	[illegible]
Diana Yellow Peaches—Sliced—syrup	31c	#2½	24	[illegible]
Diana Yellow Peaches—Diced—syrup	[illegible]	#2½	24	[illegible]
Flotill Pear and Peach Salad	[illegible]	#2½	24	$10.08
Flotill Kadota Figs	37c	#2½	24	[illegible]
Russell Grapefruit Sections—Heavy Syrup	[illegible]	#2	24	[illegible]
Diana Apricots—Cashew Halves—Light Syrup	[illegible]	#2½	24	[illegible]
SOUPS:				
Phillips Chicken Noodle Soup	14c	#1	48	$6.72
Phillips Vegetable Beef Soup	14c	#1	48	$6.72
Phillips Tomato Soup	10c	10½ oz.	48	[illegible]
Jackson's Vegetable Soup	10c	#1	48	[illegible]
Lipton's Tomato Vegetable Soup—dehydrated	10c	#1	48	[illegible]
Lipton's Chicken Noodle—dehydrated	[illegible]	#1	48	[illegible]
MEAT and FISH:				
Portuguese Anchovies	11c	¾ oz.	100	$11.00
Portuguese Anchovies—Flat or Rolled	22c	2 oz.	100	$22.00
Meat, Fish or Barbecue Sauce	8c	8 oz.	24	$1.92
Crabmeat—Jumbo Fancy	90c	6½ oz.	24	$21.60
MISCELLANEOUS:				
U. S. Army Whole Wheat Biscuits	5c	7 oz.	20	[illegible]
Valla Tomato Puree—Concentrate	10c	10½ oz.	48	[illegible]
Mrs. Allen Sweet Mix Pickles	31c	1 pt.	12	[illegible]
Flotio Fancy Tomato Paste—30% Concentrate	[illegible]	7 oz.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Flour—Hecker's or Robinhood		25 lb. Bags		[illegible]
		10—5 lb. Bags		[illegible]
Lippincott's Fancy Stuffed Olives	38c	3 oz.	24	[illegible]
Kosher Dill Pickles—Whole, Chipped or Sliced	[illegible]	1 qt.	12	[illegible]
U. S. Navy Candy Kit	[illegible]	2 lb.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Watkins Table Salt	7c	2 lb.	24	[illegible]
Frank's Jumbo Peanut Butter	[illegible]	16 oz.	24	[illegible]
Lippincott's Queen Olives	[illegible]	4½ oz.	24	[illegible]
Larrow Buckwheat Flour	41½c	5 lbs.	10	[illegible]
Lipton's Tea	[illegible]	48 bags	24	[illegible]

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