

Industry Session by Union Paper

A unique type of workers' education, the industry held each summer at the Catholic School of Social Service here is characterized by its practicality. It is recalled that the first session was held in 1912. The program of the session is planned by the National Council of Catholic Workers, of which the school is a branch. Twenty-five dollars pays cost of tuition, board and lodging for the entire week. In addition, sightseeing excursions, picture and motion picture shows are extra charges to the students.

Many girls who cannot afford even the reasonable sum, the writer says, are provided with scholarships which are furnished by friends of the institute. The girls also pay tribute to the National Council of Catholic Workers, co-sponsor with the Social Action Department, N. Y. C., at the Institute on Industry. The Council, which has been steadily aggressive in its efforts to obtain better conditions and opportunities for working women, it declares. "This interest has been evidenced in many ways — through study of the conditions in support of the Social Action Department, the National Rights Amendment, the National Labor Relations Act and working conditions."

DISCUSS GIRL SCOUTS



Catholic lay women from each of the twelve Girl Scout regions met in the Archbishop's House, Boston, to read reports and discuss proposals of the National Girl Scout Advisory Committee. Some members of which are pictured here, left to right, front row: Mrs. John Caravan of Connecticut, Chairman; Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, Episcopal Chairman of the Youth Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference; Mrs. Paul J. Ramon, Jr., of New York. Back row: Mrs. Frank Martin, Ohio; Mrs. Vincent Greene, Boston; Miss Margaret Hughes, Illinois; Miss Katherine K. McLaughlin, Newark. (CNS Photo)

Information Desk Perfect Contrition

Q. If an act of perfect contrition would be a mortal sin, why is it necessary to confess that sin to a priest?

A. An act of perfect contrition is founded upon supernatural love of God. When we do such an act, we are sorry for having offended God, not merely because of the disastrous consequences to ourselves, but rather because our sins have injured the most beneficent and all-kind God. When a sinner makes such an act, his sins are forgiven immediately by God. Who returns love for love.

The sinner, however, is still obliged to confess his sin. This is for two reasons: (1) No one should judge his own case in spiritual matters. We may think that we have made an act of perfect contrition, whereas actually we have not. Spiritual acts are not as easy to measure as pieces of cloth. For security's sake, therefore, it is prudent not to be complacent about the value of our own acts. The safer way is to seek the absolution of the priest.

(2) We should remember that the sacrament of Penance involves the exercise of two powers: forgiving (or remitting) and binding (or retaining). While the priest is not able to loose (remit) a sin that has already been forgiven by an act of perfect contrition, he is able to exercise the other power which Christ gave the power of binding. He does this when he imposes a penance for sin, for, as the Council of Trent teaches, "the satisfaction which they (the priests) impose (is) for the avenging and punishing of sins; for the ancient fathers likewise both believe and teach that the keys of the priest were given, not to loose only, but also to bind." (Session 14, Ch. 8). We must therefore consider such a penance to have a penance imposed for it, and thus to make satisfaction and reparation.

Q. Why do bishops wear skull-caps?

A. In ancient times all clerics shaved their heads, leaving the crown of the head quite bare. This style of haircut, called "tonsure," is still used by priests abroad and by many monks throughout the world. It left the crown of the head unprotected for his head in the chilly and drafty European churches. To take care of this situation, many began to wear the skull-cap for the very sensible purpose of keeping the head warm. Some even had flaps on the sides to care

MONASTIC LIFE APPEAL GROWS, SAYS TRAPPIST

Dubuque — (CNS) — Monastic life is very much on the increase since the end of the war, Lord Abbot Celsus O'Connell, O. C. S. O., of Mount Mellary Abbey in Ireland, stated in an interview here, citing the experience of his community in Ireland, Scotland, France, the Vatican, East and the United States.

"At Mount Mellary Motherhouse at present we are receiving more postulants than are necessary for our own requirements," Abbot O'Connell stated. "Many of those seeking admission are ex-servicemen, exchanging the horrors of war for the calm of a life of prayer and abstinence, and before many years we will be obliged to seek a new site for another monastery."

Mount St. Joseph's Monastery at Rochester, Ireland, the first monastery to be founded from the Motherhouse, he continued, "has grown to such an extent that quite recently we sent a colony of monks to Scotland to found the first post-World War I Christian abbey in that land."

The Lord Abbot, who flew to Dubuque to preside at the dedication of a new abbey for the Mount Mellary Monastery here, also spoke of the return to normal monastic life in France and the increase in vocations there. He said that in China and Japan the Trappist monks have entered the most difficult times they are observing their life and endeavoring to follow the strict discipline.

Reds Drive Spaniards To Franco, Say Bishops

New York — (CNS) — Communist activity is the disturbing element in Spain but, to date, attempts to "confuse and divide" the Spanish people have succeeded only in massing Spaniards, "whatever their local political differences may be," into a united front against Communism. This is the judgment of two members of the Spanish hierarchy stated here today.

They were the Most Rev. Gregorio Medina, Bishop of Barcelona and Military Vicar of the Spanish Army, and the Most Rev. Mariano Yrarramendi, Bishop of Lugo, Galicia.

"Last Spring when Franco in the United Nations Security Council introduced a motion to break relations with Spain, the people were outraged by this gross interference in their domestic affairs," said Bishop Medina. "They reacted in bitterness and all over Spain the people became even more loyal to Franco."

Masses Are Content
"The masses of the people are content. The only malcontents are the Communists. They hate Franco because he fought the Reds," the Bishop declared. "The Communists' influence very few Spaniards."

Yrarramendi generally decried charges published here of religious intolerance in Spain. The fact that Catholics in the Chile region of Spain in re-

proving. They said that United States imports of Spanish oil and cotton had been a great help to the country.

"The cost of living is high, it is true," said Bishop Medina. "But I find it high in other countries. There has been a black market. Has there not been one here also? In Spain, State social security laws aid families in meeting the cost of living. Perhaps the best indication I can give you of the standard of living is to tell you that the cinemas, the bull fights and all recreations are well patronized by the workers. They are crowded. And the workers dress better than they do here, I think."

Asked about reports published here that Spanish factory workers are headed to Mass, the Bishops explained that mission devotions were conducted in Catholic-owned factories, but that attendance was never compulsory. They said Catholic factory owners consider it a responsibility and an obligation to bring Catholics' attention into the lives of their employees.

Spain Prison Becomes Dominican Monastery
Madrid — (CNS) — Alcazar prison, where Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera, founder of the Spanish Falange was detained prior to his execution during the Civil War, has been converted into a Dominican monastery and will be dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary and San Telmo.

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