

Aims of Conference At Brazil Are Hailed

Washington, D. C. (NC) — The aims of the International Conference for Peace and Security held here today by Christian principles on international law as

...the main objective of the conference is the realization of a world of peace and security and the promotion of a purely political system based on the principles of justice and equity. The conference is expected to be a landmark in the history of international law as it will be the first time that representatives of all major religions have met to discuss the principles of international law.

British Pupils Locked Out By School Jam

London — (NC) — Hundreds were locked out when Britain's 400,000 Catholic children returned from vacation to their already overcrowded schools because no extra accommodation was available to meet the demands of the new educational reforms which have now come into operation.

...The bottleneck in today's senior schools spreads down through all departments. Junior children cannot be passed up to the senior schools and consequently beginners cannot move on to the junior schools. Local education officials, adopting a "get them out of the streets at all costs" attitude, are turning a blind eye to the idealistic scheme drawn up in the excellent dawn-of-utopia days of 1944-45.

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BENEFIT FROM WAR RELIEF



Inspecting one of the vacation camps for refugee children in Italy, by the Pontifical Aid Commission, are Monsignor Andrew P. Landi (left) of Brooklyn, Delegate of War Relief Services, N.C.W.C., in Italy and Monsignor John J. O'Grady, Washington, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, returning from the sessions of the International Refugee Organization, in Geneva. Some of the relief supplies used in the children's vacation camps are contributed by War Relief Services, N.C.W.C. (NC Photos)

India, Pakistan Give Pledges To Catholics

New Delhi — (NC) — Marking the birth of freedom in India, the Catholic Hierarchy issued a joint pastoral calling the faithful to religious devotion of thanksgiving and prayers for the success of the newly-created dominions.

At the same time, the leaders of Hindu India and Pakistan, issued a joint statement which pledged fair treatment of Christian and other minorities within their borders.

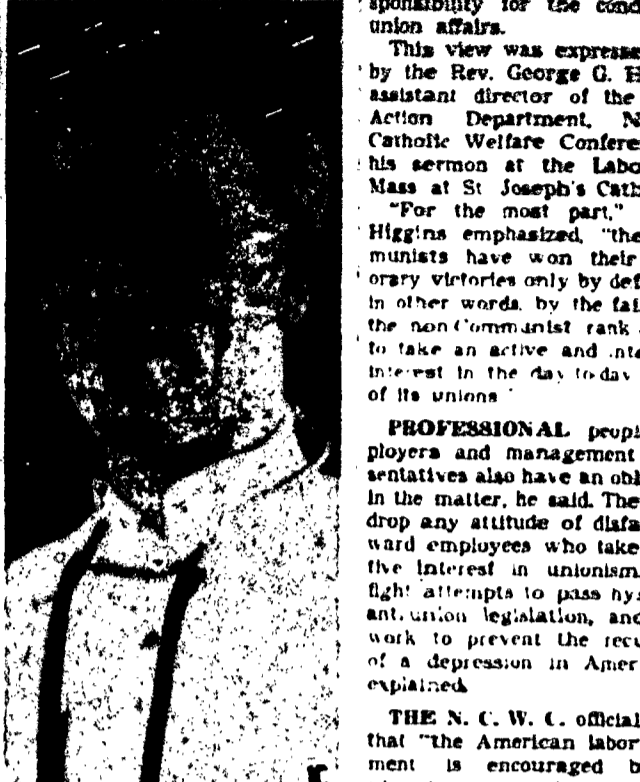
The Catholic Hierarchy called upon the faithful to offer thanks to God for crowning the efforts of nationalist leaders and to pray that Hindu India and Pakistan will be able to carry forward the administrative duties in the best interests of their communities and the world at large.

In all Catholic churches on freedom day there were solemn Masses, the singing of the Te Deum and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. While Catholics found solace that India's freedom came on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hindus took consolation that freedom came on Pooymal, which they consider a day of favorable astrological positions and Muslims pointed out that liberty came on the Feast of Ramadan to them an ideal day for invoking the blessings of God.

Let Unions Oust Reds—Fr. Higgins

Columbus, O. — (NC) — The solution for reducing communist influence in America is not by way of "the lay and

Key Man



Pictured at his post in the hospital conducted by the St. Columban's Mission in Nanchang, Kiangsi, China, is the Rev. Francis McDonald, priest-physician, who has just returned from a visit to his native Scotland. A classmate of Dr. A. J. Cronin as a medical student, he is the "F.M." to whom the "Keys of the Kingdom" is dedicated. This picture was taken by another St. Columban's priest, Rev. Patrick O'Connor, N.C.W.C. News Service correspondent in the Orient. (NC Photos)

...This view was expressed here by the Rev. George C. Higgins, assistant director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, in his sermon at St. Joseph's Cathedral. "For the most part," Father Higgins emphasized, "the Communists have won their temporary victories only by default. In other words, by the failure of the non-Communist rank and file to take an active and intelligent interest in the day-to-day affairs of its unions."

...PROFESSIONAL people, employers and management representatives also have an obligation in the matter, he said. They must drop any attitude of disfavor toward employees who take an active interest in unionism, must fight attempts to pass hysterical anti-union legislation, and must work to prevent the recurrence of a depression in America, he explained.

THE N. C. W. C. official stated that "the American labor movement is encouraged by the church to extend its activities beyond the traditional limits of collective bargaining over wages, hours and working conditions into the field of labor-management cooperation and eventually into an organized system of industry councils."

...Actually, until the labor movement is permitted to cooperate more completely with management and with the government in determining the major economic decisions which affect its welfare so intimately, it will be fulfilling only a part of its proper function in economic society," he added.

Father Higgins urged unions to treat the Negro worker as a "brother in Christ" and to eliminate from their ranks any semblance of racial discrimination, saying, "The price of its failure to do so will be a loss of public confidence in a movement which is taken at its word when it talks about justice and from which, accordingly, a very great deal is expected in the way of practical performance."

The priest also appealed to union members to try to use the Taft-Hartley Act intelligently, and said that if unions "accept the responsibility to bargain peacefully and equitably, perhaps the Act will prove to have been a blessing in awkward disguise."

CLERGY SCORE SCHOOL STRIKE

Chicago, Ill. — (RNS) — Protestant and Roman Catholic clergymen here appealed to parents of striking students of Emerson School to send their children back to the classrooms they left because they did not want Negroes in classrooms.

...The clergymen asked their congregations to give up to Christ the responsibility for the strike, which is being held in protest against the school board's plan to integrate the school. The clergymen said that the school board's plan is a violation of the Constitution and that the school board is acting unconstitutionally.

A.A. Catholic Women Hold Home Meet

New York — (RNS) — Mrs. P. J. Currier, Detroit, Mich., vice president of the National Council of Catholic Women, held a home meeting here today for the 11th Congress of the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues in Rome which opens today.

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Wedemeyer Mission Holds Fate of China, Priest Writes

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR, S.M.C.

Shanghai (NC) The out-come of Gen. Albert Wedemeyer's fact-finding mission in China, now homeward bound by way of Tokyo and Seoul, may vitally affect the religious situation in North China and Manchuria.

Chinese observers expect General Wedemeyer's recommendations, which still are a closely guarded secret, to lead to some turning point in the present ex-hausting struggle between the government and the Communist armies in the north and north-eastern provinces.

The general sentiment here is against the suggestion sometimes heard that China be partitioned, by either tacit or expressed agreement, into a Red North and a Nationalist South. Historically and economically North China belongs with the rest of the country. Partition would abandon millions of non-Communist Chinese to a Red dictatorship. Areas now called Communist actually are not Red by popular choice but only because of Communist army occupation.

Canadian Catholic Named Envoy to UN

Ottawa (NC) Louis St. Laurent, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, has been named to head the Canadian delegation to the next meetings of the United Nations General Assembly. Mr. St. Laurent is a member of Parliament for Quebec City and one of Canada's most noted lawyers.

Massachusetts Sets Birth Control Vote

Boston (RNS) Massachusetts citizens in 1948 will vote on whether or not to legalize the dissemination of birth control information and whether to repeal the law which permits free transportation of parochial and private school children on tax money.

Priest Used Airplane In 310,000 Mile Parish

Melbourne (NC) In a parish of 310,000 square miles in Western Australia, the Rev. Edward Bryan, a flying priest, has just completed his first year of travel in his Piper Cub plane.

Marine Band to March At H. N. Convention

New York — (NC) — The United States Marine Band from Quantico, Va., will play and march in the mammoth parade of 100,000 Catholic men on the final day of the Fourth National Holy Name Convention in Boston. It has been announced here that it will be one of the few occasions that the nationally famous "Leatherneck" musicians have deviated from their practice of appearing only for military and civic events. The convention will be held October 15.

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Near East Missions

Francis Cardinal Spellman, President
Very Rev. Thomas J. McMahon, S.T.D., National Secretary
Rev. Andrew M. Rogosh, S.T.L., Assistant Secretary

Blue and Gold

Blue of Our Lady, gold of Our Lord! The little chapel at Bebarus in Ethiopia needs Mary's picture and a golden chalice for Holy Mass. Can you give seventy dollars for these?

IT BURNS FOREVER

Years ago we lived for a while in an old European monastery, where there was an opening over the altar, so that the sick could look down on the sanctuary lamp, counting twenty dollars "the light for the sick."

Now comes an appeal from Bishop Kh. dase of Ethiopia, who has been ill for a long time. For his little chapel at Daga he asks for a sanctuary lamp, counting twenty dollars. It will burn forever for yours! your sick, your beloved dead. Won't you give it?

HIS BALL

"The Little Boy has lost His Ball. Pray Mary had it back to him. She is the hope of our earth and I, too, bring it back to peace again."

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THORNY CROWN

"Our Lord permits us now and then to pick a beautiful rose among sharp thorns," said Father Damien, leper priest. You, gift to the DAMIEN LEPER FUND helps us do our duty.

CLOTHED IN MAJESTY

Father Jerome Bayard asks for a set of vestments for his little chapel of Mogazeh in East Africa. It is a cost thirty dollars. If this is too much, why not join the MONICA GUILD, our Near East Altar Society and give a dollar monthly?

HOLY SCARS

St. Francis of Assisi, feasted on September 17, bore in his body the five wounds of Our Saviour. On his feast, can you give twenty-five dollars for a crucifix and candlesticks to be placed in a chapel of the Holy Land, the diocese of Bishop Hakim?

FORBID THEM NOT!

That little Dominican orphanage at Mosul, Iraq, cannot turn a hungry, homeless child away. Give your mite for "ORPHAN'S BREAD." Sister Corman tells us that it costs \$172 to keep an orphan for a year. Please do what you can.

BIG MONEY

One hundred and fifty dollars is big money for the poor people at Bardenba in the diocese of Minthe in Egypt, but it gives their humble chapel altar furnishings. Won't you make these your perpetual memorials?

TEN WHO PRAY

"Give me ten cloistered nuns who pray; they will do more than twenty missionaries who preach," wrote a missionary Bishop. During this month of Our Lady of Sorrows, don't forget those dear cloistered Carmelite Sisters at Nazareth. We must help them by your deposits in "MARY'S BANK."

NO STRINGS

Write for "IN THE HOPE OF THE CHURCH," which tells about the ORPHAN'S BREAD, our Student Support Club, whose members give a dollar monthly to train Near East priests.

TEN DOLLARS

This will purchase the linen corporal, on which the chalice rests during Mass. We need many for chapels of the Holy Land.

TAKE A PICTURE

We still have some pictures of little orphan children clothed in the little white uniforms we buy for them when they go to school. Can you give three dollars for one?

PIOUS BRIBE

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