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Belgian Catholic Action Faces Odds

BRUSSELS (NC) — At a recent meeting here of the French-speaking section of Catholic Action for men, it was stated that the pre-war enthusiasm for Catholic Action work has lessened and that the downward movement in religious matters, manifested all over the world, is also noticeable in Belgium.
 Analyzing this trend, speakers at the meeting made the following points: The clear ideas and the steady principles which used to guide the young men are not the characteristic note of the present day.
 Imbued now by only hazy convictions, they landed on new roads and they cannot see by themselves where these roads are leading. The former ways and means have become obsolete; the advice of the elder is not listened to; family and religious traditions are shaken.
THE CAUSE of this moral decay should be traced mainly to economic distress. For the last 30 years Europe has been living under abnormal conditions. Wars, strikes, money inflation, and the like have spread a feeling of complete insecurity which is accompanied by the spread of materialism.
 It may be deplored that just as after World War I, the practice of religion is on the wane, but nothing prevents the Catholic Church from coming into her own again. Some say it will be done as easily as before; by their press.

Women Urged To Help War Refugees

ROME (NC) — The decent solution of the problem created by more than one million displaced persons and refugees in Europe requires understanding, interest and action on the part of Catholics throughout the world, Magr. Walter S. Carroll of the Papal Secretariate of State told delegates attending the recent congress of the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues.
 The problem, he said, "is of such urgency and so closely tied up with the peace of Europe and of the world that it, after leaving Rome, you had an aim other than that of awakening the interest of all Catholic women in favor of these unfortunate victims of the war, your congress could already be considered a success."
MONSIGNOR CARROLL explained that the Church, moved by the suffering of these persons — the vast majority of whom are Catholics — has from the very beginning taken an active interest in the solution of the problem. The Holy See, lacking the means or the possibility to undertake the actual transfer of these refugees to other countries, is collaborating with the International Refugee Organization established for that purpose, he said.
 The Vatican Migration Office, which has representatives in all countries where the refugees may find a new home, was set up, and national Catholic committees were formed in various countries to assist in the cooperation of Catholics, he continued.
 "It is obvious, however," Monsignor Carroll explained, "that neither the work of the Vatican Migration Office nor that of its representatives abroad can be sufficient unless Catholics throughout the world, each of them individually, understand this problem, unless we consider those unfortunate people as our brothers in Christ, and unless we extend to them a helping hand."
IT MUST BE REALIZED, he said, that these refugees are "not outlaws or renegades" but rather persons "many of whom have suffered greatly because of their superior qualities." Most of them are filled with "natural desire" to return to their homelands, he added, but they are prevented from doing so by the evident danger of persecution and even of death "at the hands of the new regimes in power there."
 Warning against many false and unjust notions regarding these refugees, Monsignor Carroll said they are able and anxious to work and "are only asking of humanity a chance to resume their own work, trade or profession for the purpose of reconstructing a normal family life."
 He said it was necessary for governments to understand "that these refugees constitute a group of possible immigrants who are worthy of consideration and who may be relied upon for loyal service and faithful citizenship toward any country that may offer them hospitality."

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Miraculous Medal Novena in Moscow
 Germantown, Pa. (NC) The perpetual novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal has been established in the only Catholic Church in the Soviet capital, according to an announcement by the Rev. Joseph A. Skelly, C.M., director of the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal here.
 The perpetual novena devotions were started in the French Church of St. Louis in Moscow by the Rev. G. Antonio Laberge, A.A., an American Assumptionist priest from Springfield, Mass., on July 27, the day of the canonization of St. Catherine Labouré in Rome, who was the founder of devotion of the medal.

Pakistan Christians Get Freedom Pledge
 Karachi, Pakistan (NC) — New assurances were received by the Christians of Pakistan that they will be guaranteed full freedom to profess, practice and propagate their faith.
 These promises were given at an interview granted by Ali Jinnah, governor general of Pakistan, to Dewan Bahadur S. P. Sinha, speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly. Mr. Sinha told of these assurances at a reception given him by the Indian Christian Association here.

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