

Employer Groups Formed in Britain

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London, June 24 — A national and official Catholic organization of employers and trade unionists to fight the challenge of communism in British industry by Christian social teaching took a first step towards realization this week when His Eminence Cardinal Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, met Catholic employers of the London area.



CARDINAL GRIFFIN

The meeting launched the first of 18 diocesan associations of managers and employers whose immediate purpose—sponsored by the hierarchy—is "to make Catholic employers better employers."

CARDINAL GRIFFIN said it is hoped that a joint body will soon be formed representing Catholic employers and trade unionists to work together for the common welfare, fearlessly discussing problems and difficulties. The best answer to communism, His Eminence said, is "showing that we are more anxious than communists that social evils shall be eradicated. . . . The Catholic must bear in mind the selfishness in human nature and the desire for money and power which tends to make men unscrupulous in business."

The new associations have three main objects: (1) To encourage Catholic employers to join their appropriate employer associations or confederations and to take an active and personal interest in their work; (2) To safeguard Catholic interests in such groups and to help organize all Catholic employers in the diocesan in the diocesan associations; (3) To propagate among employers the social principles of the Church and to help in putting these principles into practice. The word "employers" includes all those who have a directing role in any industrial enterprise.

Cardinal Griffin pointed out that both Leo XIII and Pius XI had insisted on employers' associations as well as workers' organizations. "I HAVE CALLED this meeting at the request of the hierarchy of England and Wales," the Cardinal said. "We discussed the setting up of diocesan associations of Catholic employers at our Low Week meeting and I understood that such diocesan associations are to be set up in the different dioceses of England and Wales. As you know, we have already set up a diocesan association of Catholic trade unionists to make members better trade unionists and better workers. The same way the object of this association will be not to make Catholic employers better Catholics but to make them better employers."

"This is particularly necessary today when materialism has dug its roots so deeply into every class of society," the Cardinal said, asking those present to help in "this tremendous undertaking" of restoring Christian life and practice to Britain. "Those who have studied social problems in other countries realize how much social injustice and unhappiness exists in the world today," His Eminence continued, "we know that all is not right in industry and business here at

Catholic Aid in Reich Hindered By Mark Reform

By MAX JORDAN

Frestburg, Germany, June 25—(NC)—There is greater need than ever for the support of Catholic charities now that the currency reform in Germany has virtually made a poorhouse of a whole nation, in view of officials of the local Caritasverband, national German association of Catholic charities.

The poorest of the poor, whose savings have been wiped out by the new law decreed by the occupational authorities, will depend on the few still in a position to help, these officials declare. Particularly homes for the aged and sanitariums now face a precarious future, but every effort will be made to support them.

(Under the currency reform, as decreed for the three western zones of Germany, each person was permitted to obtain only 40 new Marks, with 20 more due within two months. These were issued in exchange for 60 Marks of the old currency. An official summary of the new law stated that old German money has become invalid, and that money held in will be converted into new money at a later date. The conversion rate will be announced later. According to press reports, Western Allied officials considered that considerable unemployment, lasting about six months, could be expected as an immediate result of the currency reform.)

Over the weekend when the law became effective, thousands of people all over western Germany who were unable to obtain the maximum quota of 40 new Marks because of lack of funds, depended entirely on the help of charitable organizations, or of their pastors who were willing to make outright gifts of "old" Marks in order that the poor be at least provided for in their immediate needs.

All "old" currencies became invalid after the target date. Wherever possible church funds were made available to the needy as personal loans, with the explicit understanding that repayment was due in new currency at the rate of 1:10, meaning an actual loss to the church of 90 per cent. In the hope that soon conditions will become adjusted to the currency reform, the annual collection of German Catholic Charities scheduled for July 4 has been postponed indefinitely. It is hoped that assistance from abroad, which now is more badly needed than ever, will not slacken.

Indonesia Needs Native Clergy

Rome—NC—The chief problem of the Church in the new Federation of the United States of Indonesia will be the training of a native clergy, but the outlook is bright, observed Archbishop de Jonghe d'Ardey, Apostolic Delegate in the Indonesian Archipelago, during his recent visit here on his way to Belgium.

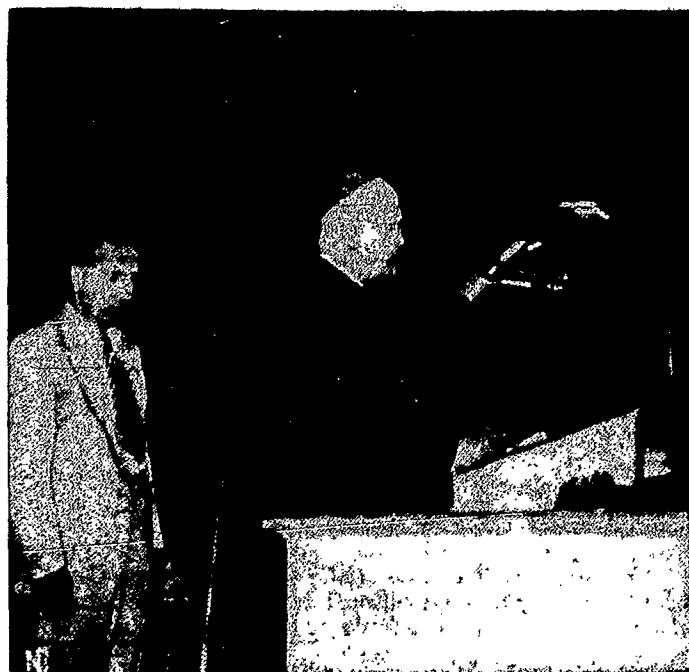
Count Michael de la Bedoyere, editor of the Catholic Herald, and Dr. James Walsh, editor of the Catholic Times, spoke at the meeting.

Cardinal Griffin also addressed a meeting of the Catholic trade unionists of the London north-east diocese of Brentwood, at which His Eminence suggested that workers should be represented on the boards of directors of industrial enterprises to play an active part in the running of the plant or office.

Cancer Grants Given Two Catholic Colleges

Washington—NC—The medical schools of Georgetown University, of this city, and Creighton University, Omaha, Neb., and the Georgetown dental school are among 18 medical and five dental schools to which \$416,335 in Federal grants for courses in cancer have been assigned by Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing. It has been announced. The Georgetown and Creighton medical schools were granted \$25,000 each and the Georgetown dental school, \$5,000.

CARDINAL IN INVOCATION



Praying that God would give the delegates guidance in their deliberations, His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, is pictured as he gave the invocation at the first business session of the Republican National Convention, which met in Philadelphia, former Congressman B. Carroll Reece, of Tennessee, chairman of the Republican National Committee, stands directly behind the Cardinal. His Eminence will also give the invocation when the Democratic National Convention meets here in July. Wide World Photo. (NC Photos).

Red Zone Refugees Kneel To Pray Mass 'In Spirit'

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Frankfurt — The scene is in the Soviet Zone of occupation in Germany. It is a village of a diaspora parish consisting of 18 towns and hamlets. There is no church and no priest. The village is crowded with refugees expelled from Poland, most of them Catholics. Catholics longing for spiritual solace in their misery, Catholics deprived of their homes and most of their belongings. It is Sunday morning, and there is no Mass. No church bells ring.

However, word has come from the town 12 miles away that there a Mass will be said at five in the morning. One Mass only, because the priest must offer the Holy Sacrifice in other villages, too, all in one day, in as many places as he can reach on his bicycle. One single priest coping with a superhuman task. Now at five o'clock in the morning, as he approaches the steps of the altar and while he prays the Introit, the faithful twelve miles away gather in a shack which once served as a stable.

ONE OF THE LAY people steps up in front. The congregation has no Missals, no hymnals, no prayer books. But this layman has a Bible, and he reads the Epistle and the Gospel of the day. He reads slowly and solemnly, and all those present take in every word. It is the Word of God that resounds amidst their loneliness and hopelessness: the Word of God the priest speaks to the faithful twelve miles away from the steps of the altar. Here it is spoken by a layman in a stable. In a new Bethlehem.

Then they pray the Rosary devoutly, men and women and children, all united in the love of Our Lord. Their leaders watch carefully. There is no clock, so he must guess the time. When he thinks the priest twelve miles away is about to read the Canon of the Mass he warns his group the moment of the Elevation. All

CWV to Fight Communism; Forbes Elected

Chicago—NC—An all-out campaign of education and prayer against the communist conspiracy in the United States was launched at the 13th national convention of the organization here.

More than 4,000 delegates from all sections of the nation voted to: 1. Open an Americanism school in Washington, D. C., this fall. 2. Produce and distribute sound motion pictures exposing the techniques of the communist conspiracy. 3. Distribute 100,000 rosaries in a rosary campaign.

ANTHONY H. FORBES, 38, of New York City, was elected national commander of the CWV, succeeding Max H. Sorenson of Philadelphia. The CWV Catholic Action Committee announced plans for a national drive to induce friends and clerics to use the religious motif in Christmas cards. One of the highlights of the session, delegates agreed, was an impassioned plea by the Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., who conducts radio's nationally-known Family Theater program, to distribute thousands of rosaries as one means of combating atheistic communism.

THE REV. JOHN S. WHELEN, assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church and chaplain of the Monroe County Chapter, CWV, headed a delegation of seven Rochesterians at the Chicago conclave. They were Dewain Feller, a trustee of the New York State Department, CWV; Norman Duemmel, welfare officer of Monroe County Chapter; Mrs. Norman Duemmel, a member of Holy Rosary Post; Ray Zink, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Post; William Higgins, St. Augustine's Post; and Sam Scoglio and Joe Gugliano, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Post.

250 U. S. Sailors Received by Pope

Vatican City—NC—His Holiness Pope Pius XII has received in audience 250 officers and men from the crews of the American cruisers Huntington, Fargo and Juneau which are at present on a visit in Naples, and a number of other Americans, including soldiers from the American zone of occupation in Germany, who came to Rome on a furlough trip. The sailors were accompanied by the Rev. John P. Kelly of Baltimore, U. S. Navy chaplain. The audience took place in the Consistorial Hall.

Italy's Priests To Aid Workingmen

By REV. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN
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Vatican City, June 25 — A program stressing the urgency of more intense social action on the part of the clergy, particularly in the field of Christian labor unions, was adopted at a meeting of priests from the Archdiocese of Milan.

Guided in their deliberations during a social study week held at Rhom, near Milan, by a programmatic letter from His Eminence Alfredo Ildefonso Cardinal Schuster, Archbishop of Milan, the priests formulated a plan which was summarized as follows by *Osservatore Romano*:

- (1) In an effort to inform the right conscience of Catholics, priests should actively participate and assume responsibility in trade union activities.
- (2) The development of local Italian Workingmen (ACLI) should be stimulated, even in the form of parish units and in the smallest factories.
- (3) Groups of priests should be formed who are freed from parish duties and who dedicate themselves to the spiritual direction of ACLI members.
- (4) In preaching and their pastoral care priests should emphasize Christian social teachings regarding the needs of the workers: his rights to work, a home, family wage, and social provisions for the future.
- (5) This intense social activity should be implemented in civic committees on which ACLI should be represented.

In his letter to the meeting, Cardinal Schuster declared that "after many years of abstention from the political life of the country, many Catholics still fail to realize that, as the result of the Concordat between Italy and the Holy See, the situation has changed and that theirs is a grave duty to participate in national, political and administrative life by means of all established constitutional forms."

TERMINING THE formation of conscience "the reason for the intervention of the Church in a field that is proper to her," the Cardinal then urged increased Catholic activity in the field of labor unions, particularly through the Catholic Association of Italian Workingmen (ACLI). "Besides the enormous number of communists," the Cardinal wrote, "which in Italy is higher even than the number of enrolled communists in Russia, some unions are in the hands of Reds who seek to change them from an organ of the national economy into a political instrument against the government." The fault for this development, he said, is that the clergy have not as fully appreciated by pastors as it ought to be, although Pope Pius XI considered such catechetical teaching one of the greatest benefits arising from the Lateran Treaty. He reminded that only willing students come to parish classes whereas priests in going to the schools reach all students and give them the advantage of a solid catechetical foundation. The latter statement is interpreted here as a reference to the fact that various practical difficulties have persisted despite the Concordat.



CARDINAL SCHUSTER

Cardinal Schuster continued, "is partly that of Catholics who either remain entirely apart or work far too little on the factory level and do not give due importance to the ACLI."

THE CARDINAL then reminded priests that life today has its own needs and preferences and that the profoundly Catholic people of Italy do not desire other agencies and parties to care for these needs and wants. He directed a particular appeal to pastors to take an active interest in the promotion and direction of recreational and social activities, such as camping, athletic, dramatic and touring associations, so that all these activities may serve the greater good of souls.

Finally, the Cardinal emphasized the teaching of catechism in the schools which, he said, is not as fully appreciated by pastors as it ought to be, although Pope Pius XI considered such catechetical teaching one of the greatest benefits arising from the Lateran Treaty. He reminded that only willing students come to parish classes whereas priests in going to the schools reach all students and give them the advantage of a solid catechetical foundation. The latter statement is interpreted here as a reference to the fact that various practical difficulties have persisted despite the Concordat.

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