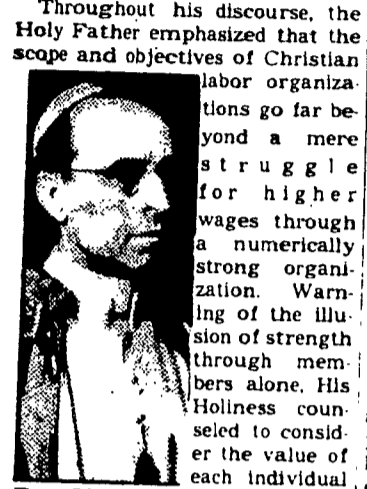


Pope Stresses Need Of 'Christian Thrift' Church Mission Work in Africa Praised at UN

Vatican City — (Radio NC) — A call to Christian labor organizations to promote among their members a spirit of "Christian thriftiness" to counter-act the "modern, anti-Christian, exaggerated desire for pleasure," and an emphatic rejection of the notion that Christian associations of workers merely exist as a defense mechanism against other labor groups, were outstanding among the ideas developed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in his address to 30,000 members of the Christian Association of Catholic Workers (ACLI).



Throughout his discourse, the Holy Father emphasized that the scope and objectives of Christian labor organizations go far beyond a mere struggle for higher wages through a numerically strong organization. Warning of the illusion of strength through membership alone, His Holiness counseled to consider the value of each individual name whether it truly represents "a new soldier of Christ in the world of labor."

The Pope admitted the urgency of the wage problem which has produced "everywhere a spirit of dissatisfaction among workers," but he warned that an exaggerated desire for pleasure and thoughtlessness are increasingly spreading among the world of labor.

"Arduous economic conditions during war time removed the possibility of savings," the Pontiff said, "but nowadays there is not even a sense or an idea of saving. With such a state of mind, how could labor have a clear and right sense of responsibility in the administration of public funds for housing, social security services and health?"

"HOW COULD LABOR be able to assume that co-responsibility in the direction of the country's entire economy to which the laboring class aspires... above all now when it has become clear that the grave problem of unemployment cannot be solved by demagoguery but only by reasonableness and discipline, not by the spending of huge sums to provide for the needs of the moment but wise provisions looking to the future?"

"From all this," the Pope continued, "arises the difficult but important mission of the Christian Association of Italian Workers to promote among individual units a spirit of Christian thriftiness and a conscientious care in all things concerning the common good... that all are aware of their proper use."

Those who entertain the notion that Christian labor associations exist merely because of their adversarial, "falsify historical truth and completely misunderstand the proper impulses for social action on the part of the Church and of Christians worthy of the name," the Pope said.

"THIS IMPULSE does not come from outside," he continued. "Neither fear of revolution nor of insurrection of the masses moves them to work for the people. No. Love beats in their hearts—the same love that beats in the heart of Christ—it inspires their solicitude in defense of the respect and dignity of the modern worker; it inspires their active zeal to establish for the worker the material and social conditions of life that are in harmony with such dignity."

The Pontiff urged his listeners to ask themselves how far they have progressed in the sanctification of their lives by means of a truly Christian conception of labor, which includes such things as giving proper example to young workmen, the use of leisure time, observance of Sundays and holy days and a Christian family life.

Warning them against an attitude that all such things are of no account today, and against the dependence on the aid of agencies maintained by church and State, the Holy Father said: "Before depending on the help of others workers like other groups, should count on their own forces, on their own defenses, and on a mutual assistance whose fundamental point is the feeling of intimate solidarity between those who give and those who receive."

THE POPE DECLARED it to be of highest importance that mothers fully understand the management of the whole domestic life. "This opens a wide field of activity to ACLI," he added, "by instructing its members in conveniently located institutes, by teaching mothers and children, by planning for leisure time and particularly by furnishing healthy spiritual and physical assistance to the young."

Many Catholic teachers, doctors and lawyers and others are ready to aid in the education of the people toward such a rounded life, the Pope said, but he added, the people must be properly disposed and willing to cooperate; they must have a Christian conception of life.

In condemning those who seek to exploit labor unions as an instrument of class warfare, the Pope said: "What should one think of the exclusion of a laborer from work because he is 'persona non grata' with his union of forced strikes for the pursuit of political ends of selfish labor leaders, of the many mistaken paths that lead away from the true, good and desired unity of the laboring class?"

THE MAJORITY of mission schools in Ruanda Urundi are Roman Catholic. In the primary grades of the Catholic missions, enrollment has increased from 54,000 to 105,000 in one year. The governor paid tribute to the missionaries' knowledge and sympathetic understanding of the native population. They know the country thoroughly, he said, and establish their missions where they have the greatest possibility to reach and teach the greatest number of people. The missionaries' initiative proceeded on their own initiative and when they need help the government never quibbles about subsidies, he said.

In reply to a question from Mexico regarding what budget provisions had been made for the promotion of education, Simon said the budget contemplates an increase in subsidies in the mission schools. The development of a program of strictly government mental schools, he observed, would mean merely that the full burden of education would then fall upon the natives themselves.

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Missionaries have given a "volume of devotion and constancy which we should not have obtained from lay teachers in government service," Governor Simon of the Belgian-administered trust territory told the council.

ON THE SAME day the United Kingdom reported to the council that the spread of Christianity and education are the most effective means of modifying African tribal customs with regard to marriage and the position of women. The statement appeared in the British reply to the petition from St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, referring to polygamous marriage practices in the Cameroons under British administration.

The British report pointed out that the Roman Catholic missionaries have chosen a wise policy of emphasizing the patient progress of Christian education and of continuous disapproval of any form of coercion into marriage.

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A \$100,000 RELIEF CHECK



A check for \$100,000 to be used for the suffering people of Italy is presented to Bishop Thomas E. Molloy of Brooklyn, by the pastors of some 25 Italian Catholic parishes in the Brooklyn Diocese. Among those present at the check presentation ceremonies were: Rev. Anthony DeLiberty (left); Rev. Arsenio Caprio (center), and Bishop Molloy. (NC Photos.)

School Bus Case Is Before Washington Supreme Court

Olympia, Wash. — Constitutionality of a 1945 State law providing that all children affected by the state's compulsory school laws may ride in public school buses along established routes was argued here before the Washington State Supreme Court, which took the case "under advisement."

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Irish Sign ERP Treaty, Pledge Help for Peace

Dublin, July 1.—(NC)—On the occasion of the signing of the bilateral agreement between the United States and Ireland in regard to the European Recovery Program, Sean McBride, Minister of External Affairs, remarked that this was the first major treaty between the two countries, and that apart from any material assistance Ireland might render, Irish people throughout the world, "based upon the Christian tradition of our nation," will "make a contribution of faith and idealism" to the cause of world recovery and peace.

"May the Almighty watch over the destinies of our two nations," McBride said, "and guide the steps of humanity toward a greater degree of mutual understanding and cooperation resulting in peace."

THE UNITED STATES-Ireland agreement was given unanimous ratification by the Dail Eireann (Irish parliament), which also gave unanimous approval to the convention for European Economic Cooperation signed last April at Paris.

After the ratification McBride again paid tribute to the American people for their initiative in promoting European cooperation and declared that insufficient credit was given the U. S. for its leadership.

Broadly speaking, the U. S. Irish agreement will maintain primarily the supply of essential consumer goods from America to Eire. Secondly, it is hoped that an arrangement will be worked out by which this country can utilize the sterling credits that will necessarily accrue under the agreement's financial provisions.

In common with other participating countries, the Government of Ireland undertakes to exert sustained efforts to achieve speedily, through a joint recovery program, economic conditions in Europe essential to a lasting peace and prosperity, and to the attainment of self-sufficiency.

Pilgrims to Lourdes, the bishop emphasized, do not go to Lourdes for amusement or vacations, while non-Catholic visitors, who comprise a small minority, go there chiefly for information.

Bishop Theas said that hotel and travel rates are already so high that many Catholics cannot afford to visit Lourdes, or have to make heavy sacrifices to do so.

St. Bernard Alumnus Marks 25th Jubilee
Hartford, Conn. — (NC) — The Most Rev. Henry J. O'Brien, ninth Bishop of Hartford, on July 8 commemorated the 25th anniversary of his ordination by offering a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in the chapel of St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield. Bishop O'Brien began his studies for the priesthood at the seminary, continued them at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester and finished at the American College in Louvain.

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