

Prelate Lauds AFL On Anti-Red Stand

Hull, Mass.—(NC)—Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston paid high tribute to the anti-communist stand of the American Federation of Labor in an address here before the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor's annual convention.

Hibernians Name McGrath; Score Erin Partition

Montreal—(NC)—Michael A. McGrath of Cleveland was elected president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at the 64th biennial convention here, which was attended by 600 delegates from all parts of Canada and the United States.

Other officers elected were: J. J. Smith, of Sydney, N. S., Canadian vice-president; John W. Yawson, of Dover, N. H., United States vice-president; John C. Grogan, of Brooklyn, N. Y., national secretary, and Joseph M. Brennan, of Orange, N. J., national treasurer.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS: P. Frank Kasse, Brighton, Mass.; Patrick J. Fallon, Pittsburg, Pa.; Patrick J. Murphy, Chicago, Ill.; J. M. Mulvihill, San Francisco, Calif.; Michael J. Dowd, Washington, D. C.

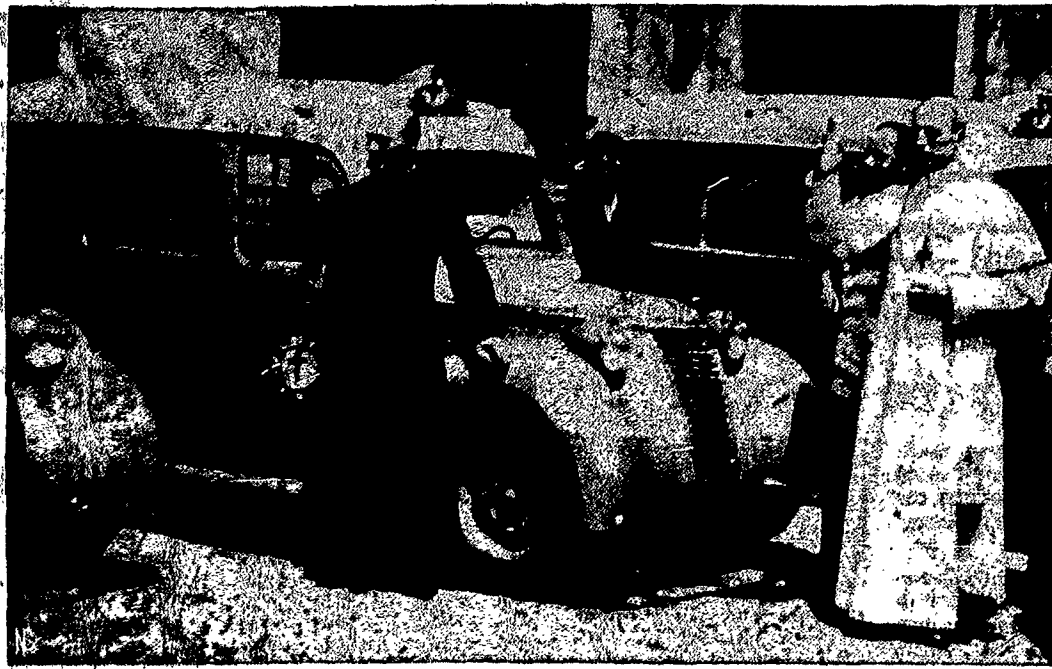
Officers elected by the Ladies Auxiliary were: Mrs. Leonora Shea, Pittsburg, Pa., president; Miss Lillian Fay, Washington, D. C., vice-president; Miss Geraldine Egan, Quebec, Canadian vice-president; Miss Theresa Shanley, Fall, Minn., secretary; Miss Mary Giverson, Wellfleet, Mass., treasurer; Mrs. Nora McDermott, Providence, R. I., historian; and Miss Mary Bennett, Trenton, N. J., and Miss Ann Doyle, Baltimore, Md., directors.

The convention delegates pledged themselves to the task of promoting the welfare of the Catholic Church and of protecting the Church against "the foreign enemy of atheistic communism and the domestic enemies of bigotry and intolerance."

THEY CONDEMNED use of the United Nations "as a sound ing board for Soviet and communist propaganda and as a tool whereby foreign spies may free to ram throughout the length and breadth of the United States of America."

Partition of Ireland was the subject of several resolutions. Members rededicated their efforts to the cause of ending the artificial and inequitable partition imposed upon the Irish nation by the English Government over a quarter of a century ago, and that the dream of Wolfe Tone and Robert Emmet and the martyrs of Easter Week and all Irish patriots for a completely free and undivided Irish Republic may be realized in our lifetime.

A Gift from the Catholics of the U. S. A.



His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, blesses five new ambulance cars bearing the emblem of War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, presented to the Pontifical Relief Commission by Catholics of the United States. The ceremony took place in the Cortile di San Damasco, in Vatican City, (NC Photos).

Berlin Women Plead to Women of the World Against Soviet Hunger Blockade on Capital

Washington—(NC)—Characterizing the Russian tactics in the troublesome Berlin situation as a "hunger blockade," a plea from a combination of women's organizations in the German capital has been received here at the headquarters of the National Council of Catholic Women protesting against "measures which contradict the principles of Christianity and which violate elemental human rights."

Order Restores USO; NCCS Is Affiliated

Washington—(NC)—The recommendation that the United Service Organization, Inc., be reorganized and reactivated to meet a need created by the expansion of the armed forces has received his approval, Secretary of Defense James Forrestal has announced here. The USO furnished club facilities and other recreation and entertainment to members of the armed forces during World War II, and its activities have been undergoing demobilization.

Secretary Forrestal said the USO will be reactivated "on a somewhat broader basis," but did not enlarge upon this statement. The member organizations of USO include the National Catholic Community Service, Jewish Welfare Board, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, Salvation Army and Travelers Aid Society.

The recommendation to reactivate the USO was made to him by a civilian advisory committee, Secretary Forrestal said.

Fr. Donnelly Jubilee New York—(NC)—The Rev. Francis P. Donnelly, S. J., professor of Classics and English at Fordham University, will note the 60th anniversary of his entry into the Society of Jesus here August 15.

"THE INHABITANTS of Berlin have proved their unwillingness to submit again to a yoke and to subject themselves to the dictatorship of a single party. Now one of the occupying powers has undertaken to blockade Berlin and to enforce measures that threaten the very existence of the population. The barring of means of communication is equivalent to a hunger blockade. The shutting off of electric power renders impossible the care of the sick, sanitation and the most elementary housekeeping. The sick are without medicine, infants without fresh milk. The consequences of such strangling aggression are epidemics, starvation, unemployment, misery and death."

"The women of Berlin protest against measures which contradict the principles of Christianity and which violate elemental human rights, and beg the women of the world for their help. The large-scale measures of support supplied by the Western Powers, which are gratefully acknowledged by the population, are not sufficient to maintain the life of Berlin securely. What is required is that the blockade be broken and that Berlin be given free access to all zones of occupation."

Dixon to Have Parish School

Santa Fe, N. M.—(RNS)—A parochial school, staffed by Dominican nuns, will be opened in Dixon, N. M., in time for the start of the fall semester. It was announced by Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne of Santa Fe.

Dixon, which has two public schools, has been in the news since the filing of a suit to ban Catholic clergymen and nuns from teaching in the schools. Last month the high school, owned by a Catholic order, was loaned to the Rio Arriba county board of education, after five nuns who taught there refused to sign 1948-49 contracts.

Archbishop Byrne said the new parochial school would include the first six grades and that students would be taught by three Dominican sisters who will come from Columbus, O.

Mexico City Eucharistic Congress Mexico City—(NC)—His Eminence Manuel Cardinal Arteaga y Estanque, Archbishop of Havana, will attend the archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress scheduled here September 25 to 30. The congress will mark the 25th anniversary of the consecration of Archbishop Luis M. Martinez of Mexico City.

Landlord Tax Favored By Married Vets

Notre Dame, Ind.—(Special)—A federal tax on landlords who refuse to rent their property to families with children is advocated by a group of married veterans attending the University of Notre Dame as a means of financing appropriations for government aid to future married college students.

The proposal to tax landlords was made by the Notre Dame veterans during a public opinion survey conducted by John C. Taylor, of Somerville, Mass., who conducted the survey as his thesis for a bachelor's degree in sociology at Notre Dame. Taylor, who will be graduated from Notre Dame on August 13, was totally blinded when an aircraft shell exploded near him while he was serving in the Army on Guadalcanal during World War II. He has completed the work for his degree with the aid of his wife, who resides with John and their child in Vetville, married veterans housing project at Notre Dame.

EIGHTY-SIX percent of the married veterans polled by Taylor were in favor of government aid to married college students of the future, and of this group 93 percent of the veterans favored a government loan instead of an outright grant. Of those Notre Dame veterans favoring government aid, 74 percent proposed a tax on landlords who do not rent to families with children as a means of financing this appropriation. Other suggestions included a tax on childless families and a bachelor's tax.

The Notre Dame veterans polled reasoned that landlords who do not rent their property to families with children save money by the lack of depreciation of their property, and thus should be able to shoulder the burden of the tax in order that married college students might have the benefit of government aid toward their college education. As the students begin to repay their loans, according to the proposal, the tax on the landlords could be lowered.

The group polled, which included only those veterans who were single when they first enrolled in college and who married while still students, indicated that marriage has had a definite beneficial influence on their collegiate scholastic work. Eighty-six percent of the students declared they had received high scholastic marks since assuming the family responsibility. The Notre Dame veterans also urged the colleges and universities throughout the United States not to return to the prevalent pre-war policy of most schools which forbade the marriage of undergraduate students.

Holy Land Churches Reported Damaged

The following story was written in Jerusalem on July 21 but was delayed in transmission for more than two weeks. Because of the Holy Land warfare the N.C.W.C. News Service has for some weeks been unable to receive radio dispatches direct from Jerusalem. At the time the message was filed the N.C.W.C. correspondent, Brother Anthony, was still the only U. S. correspondent actually living in the Old City.

By BROTHER ANTHONY BRUYA, O.F.M. Jerusalem—(via Amman)—(Delayed)—The beautiful church of the St. Cottolengo Sisters and their adjoining Italian hospital were severely damaged by fire in the heavy shelling that preceded the truce on Sunday, July 18.

Dean Dies



Enrico Cardinal Sibilla, oldest member of the Sacred College of Cardinals, died at Anagni, his birthplace, at the age of 87, after having been ill with a heart ailment for many months. His death reduces the number of cardinals to 59, or 11 below the full quota of 70.

Madame Chiang Views Orphanage

Nanking—(NC)—Madame Chiang Kai-shek paid an hour's visit to the newly-built Sacred Heart orphanage in China's capital. The orphanage, conducted by the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, at present shelters 125 girls, of which 67 are infant foundlings.

The new buildings were erected in the last months of 1947, but the completion of interior decoration and furnishing provided the occasion for a formal opening this month.

Hundreds of civic and social leaders of Nanking attended the ceremony at the invitation of Archbishop Paul Yu Pin. Madame Chiang, foreseeing that she could not attend the public ceremony, arranged to visit the orphanage two days sooner.

A second attempt made on Saturday to breach the walls of the Old City resulted in damage, estimated at several thousand dollars, to the adjacent Christian Brothers' college and in smashing valuable windows in the Latin rite Con-cathedral of the Holy Name. The garden and parish school of St. Saviour's monastery, Franciscan motherhouse here, was invaded on the Sunday of the truce.

DURING THE severe fighting on the previous Friday the chapel of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary was considerably damaged and the girls' school of the Salesian Sisters was wrecked. Jewish fighters, who have captured Nazareth, have admitted intentionally shelling an unidentified shrine there. The towns of Thabor and Alankarim are reported to have changed hands in the fighting and the fate of the shrines there is unknown.

Thabor is where Christ was transfigured and is the site of a basilica, dedicated to the Transfiguration, built by Americans after World War I.

Alankarim is the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and the town where the Blessed Mother visited her cousin Elizabeth. Churches commemorate both events.

The Franciscan monastery of St. Joseph of Arimathea at Ramleh not far from Jaffa is reported to have been occupied. Another report states that the Church of St. Anthony in Damascus, at which His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, stayed during his visit to Syria several years ago, has been damaged by bombing.

N.C.W.C. Official Dies Washington—(NC)—Clarence J. McCabe, editorial assistant to the director of the Press Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, and a member of its staff for the last 20 years, died here Aug. 1 in his fifty-first year and on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his wedding.

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