

Women Ask Wage and Housing Effort; Hit 'Kinsey Report'

New Orleans—(NC)—The U. S. Supreme Court's decision in the McCollum case and the "wide spread" circulation of the so-called Kinsey Report were cited in resolutions as pernicious influences in current American life as the National Council of Catholic Women wound up its 24th biennial convention here.

The overall Catholic women's organization of the country again evidenced interest in social justice legislation and measures buttressing sanctity and unity of the family. In the resolutions there was also a heavy emphasis on international affairs.

THE DELEGATES declared that Christian family life in the United States is being imperiled by the present inadequacies and injustices in the wage system and urged new minimum wage legislation as well as "joint action on the part of labor, management and the government to provide a guaranteed annual family living wage."

They set themselves to the task of insuring that fundamental human rights be granted to every group, stating that these rights are not only being violated abroad but in the United States with regard to the Spanish-speaking, the Indian and the Negro.

"AGAIN CALLING attention to the distinct relationship between good housing and stable family life, we re-emphasize that without federal cooperation there is no possibility of decent housing for low income groups," the convention held. "Private enterprise has never adequately reached them."

"All programs designed to provide decent housing for the American people must be primarily in terms of housing for families with children. This must be true in housing for which the government is granting rental subsidies. It should also be true of all housing constructed under the program of F. H. A. for which the Federal Government provides mortgage guarantees."

IN REGARD to the court ban on released time religious education, the convention declared: "We trust that the ever-increasing widespread condemnation of the McCollum decision will cause the Supreme Court to recognize the tragic implications of its decision and to reconsider its position in the light of the historic foundation and tradition of our country as a religious nation."

The popularizing of the Kinsey study on male sexual behavior is a "dreadful disservice to the nation," which can only add to the "unspeakably immoral condition that already exists," the women's council resolved.

The NCCW pledged continued support to the overseas relief work of War Relief Services National Catholic Welfare Conference, to the "Children in Need" campaign to send clothing overseas, and to efforts toward resettling European DPs in this country.



Mrs. A. S. Lucas of Birmingham, Ala., was elected President of the National Council of Catholic Women at the 24th annual convention just held at New Orleans. Shown above are the officers for the coming year. Seated: Mrs. Lucas, left, and Mrs. Neal Sullivan of Newkirk, Okla., First Vice President. Standing, left to right: Mrs. John McCrystal of Sandusky, O., Second Vice President; Mrs. William J. McAlpin of Atlanta, Ga., Treasurer; Mrs. Patrick Gibbons of Kansas City, Mo., Secretary, and Mrs. John L. Kennedy of Bridgeport, Conn., Second Vice President.

Ex-Congresswoman Tells Catholic Women They Have 'Major Job' in Saving World

Clare Luce Raps Segregation at NCCW Meet

New Orleans—(RNS)—Mrs. Clare Booth Luce refused to speak at a dinner sponsored here by the National Council of Catholic Women because four Negro delegates to the Council's 24th national convention were not seated. She changed her mind, however, when informed that Louisiana law forbids Negro and white persons from eating together in public. "That changes everything," she told Elsie Bullett, president of the New Orleans archdiocesan group of the NCCW. "If as you say, your council and your archbishop have made a genuine attempt to seat these people you should not be penalized. I've run into these difficulties before—at a Kansas City hotel and at the Waldorf in New York. I do know the Catholic women have taken a most brilliant stand on the colored question. All I can say is—it's a terrible law."



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New Orleans—(NC)—The Catholic woman must do "the major part of the job" if western civilization is to be saved from destroying itself, Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, former Congresswoman, told some 600 delegates at the 24th convention of the National Council of Catholic Women here.

"But the salvation of our society," the convert author emphasized, "the preservation of our democratic way of life, the security of civilization are not the only goals of the Catholic woman. Her goal, indeed the proper goal of all mankind, is the vision of God."

CATHOLIC WOMEN will reach that goal, she asserted, by being "more Catholic and more womanly." This task, she added, "remains precisely the same in the atomic age as it was in the pre-atomic age."

She recalled that she had had a gift of a statue of Christ carrying his Cross. She showed it to a friend, she said, who was "horrified" over the realism expressed in the statue.

"I feel, as a convert," she said, "it is all-important for cradle Catholics to understand how sincerely pained, even revolted, people of high ethical standards sometimes are when confronted with the brutal fact of the bleeding, suffering Christ."

Urging her hearers to "carry your own crosses and help others to carry theirs," Mrs. Luce declared:

Rochesterian Named to NCCW National Board

Mrs. Frank T. Curtin, diocesan consultant and past president of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, has been chosen one of 22 women to represent the more than 6,000,000 members of the NCCW.



Mrs. Curtin, active in diocesan lay circles for several years, was Mrs. Curtin elected to the 12-member board of directors of the national organization at its five-day convention in New Orleans last week.

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Reds Torture And Kill Seven Chinese Priests

Peiping—(NC)—A detailed report of casualties suffered under Communist occupation by the Catholic mission of Chih-lung, in Jehol, western Manchuria, during 1946 and 1947 has just been released by headquarters of the mission, now located in Peiping. The report lists seven priests dead, as follows:

REV. PAUL SHIH, 51, pastor of Kulltu. A mob "reckoning of accounts" was instigated by Communists. At least 10 orphan girls were forcibly taken to be married. The mission property was confiscated. Father Shih and the Sisters were put on trial publicly, thrown in jail, and subjected to severe punishments. On August 31, 1947 the priest was dragged by ropes over rough ground. He survived this ordeal the first day but died when it was repeated the next day.

REV. JOSEPH CHANG, 46, assistant pastor at Nalupillu. At the prison in Wutan he was ordered to stand motionless for days and nights, and then to sit over a coil of burning cord. Finally, he was dragged with a rope tied around his ankles, until he died, August 31, 1947.

REV. JOSEPH LIANG, 50, pastor at Wangsien. In the winter of 1946-47, his church was subjected to a "reckoning of accounts" and utterly looted. After ten months of jail and torture, Father Liang was viciously beaten and died.

REV. PAUL SHEN, 35, director of the Haulung School in Chih-lung. Accused of being "a government agent," he was jailed for several months. Finally the Communists shot him and left his body on the roadside.

REV. FRANCIS CHU, 46, pastor at Kuantu. In the Fall of 1947 his church was subjected to a mob trial, completely looted, and occupied. The priest was jailed; he endured many tortures, and reportedly was dragged to death.

REV. JOHN JEN, 56, pastor of Hoopetu. While seriously ill he was questioned by Communists, who for more than a month forbade friends or relatives to visit him. He died in November, 1946, while thus sequestered.

Non-Catholic Clergy At Priest's Funeral

Melbourne, Australia—(NC)—Many non-Catholic clergymen and representatives of the Salvation Army as well as two Catholic Archbishops and five Bishops and members of Parliament were present at the funeral services for Msgr. Edward O'Sullivan, Goidanich, hero chaplain of World War I giving evidence of the high esteem in which the priest was held by all sections of the community.

He died at the age of 81 while serving as parish priest of Ararat, Victoria, Australia. A native of Queenstown, Ireland, he came to Australia in the 1890's and was awarded the Military Cross for his services as chaplain with the Australian Expeditionary Force in World War I.

Winners Named In 1948 Hoey Awards

New York—(NC)—The 1948 Hoey Awards were announced by the Catholic Interracial Council of New York at the September Communion breakfast jointly sponsored by the council and the Catholic Laymen's Union.

Mrs. Anna McGarry, of Philadelphia, is the white recipient of the awards. Ferdinand L. Rousseve, Negro architect of New Orleans, is the other.

THE HOEY AWARDS for Interracial Justice were established in 1942 by the family of the late James J. Hoey, one-time collector of internal revenue for New York and one of the organizers of the Catholic Interracial Council.

Presentations of silver medals are made each year, on the Feast of Christ the King, to the white person and the Negro adjudged to have made outstanding contributions to the cause of interracial justice in the previous year.

Mrs. McGarry became active in the Catholic Interracial movement in 1937, when she made studies of the application of Catholic teachings to Negro problems.

She was one of the leading spirits in the establishment of the Catholic Interracial Council of Philadelphia and has taken an active part in an effort to pass a city ordinance for fair employment practices. She is the author of several articles for the Philadelphia "Tribune," a Negro newspaper, and has served as a member of the Philadelphia Board of Education and of the steering committee for Pennsylvania fair employment practices.

MR. ROUSSEVE is a member of a distinguished New Orleans family. He was educated in the parochial schools and received his B. S. in architecture from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1930.

He won his master's degree at the University of Chicago and his doctorate in philosophy from Harvard in June, 1948.

He has served on the faculties of Howard and Xavier Universities and is a member of the executive board, New Orleans Council on Social Activities; the archdiocesan committee of the South Catholic Housing Committee, and has been chairman of the New Orleans Urban League.

Mr. Rousseve has four brothers and three sisters. Of the brothers, Charles B. is principal of John Lockett Junior High School, New Orleans and the Rev. Maurice L. is pastor of Our Lady of Help Church, St. Martinville, La.

One of Mr. Rousseve's sisters is a Sister of the Holy Family, Sister Mary Theresia Vincent, principal of Holy Ghost High School, Opelousas, La.



ANNA MCGARRY



FERDINAND ROUSSEVE

New Scranton Editor
Scranton, Pa.—(NC)—Appointment of Floyd Anderson, former member of the business staff of America, weekly Catholic magazine, as managing editor of The Catholic Light, official newspaper of the Diocese of Scranton, has been announced.

Canada Bishops Aid Campaign For University

Quebec, Que.—(NC)—A pastoral letter, signed by the Archbishop of Quebec and Bishops of the Dioceses of Amos, Chicoutimi, Gaspé, Thérèse River and the Apostolic Vicariate of Labrador, has been issued in support of the \$10,000,000 appeal for the new Laval University city, which is planned on the outskirts of Quebec City.

THE LETTER recalls that it was at the request of the Bishops of Quebec that Laval University was founded in 1862, when this task was entrusted to the historic Seminary of Quebec.

In 1920 the university comprised only four faculties with a student enrollment of 517. Today the enrollment is more than 3,000 students and there are 11 faculties as well as numerous associated colleges and institutions of learning.

Tribute was paid to the generous assistance which has been given by the Quebec Government in grants during the development of the university, and especially for a grant of \$4,000,000 in the present campaign. The amount which remains to be raised through general subscription is \$6,000,000.

The present appeal is to provide the beginning of the proposed University City, including a forestry school, a new medical building, a university hospital and nursing school, an institute for physical and mathematical sciences, a students' home, and a recreational center. Also the sum of \$500,000 is to be set aside to provide a pension fund for the teaching staff.

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