

Film Head Tells Pope's Plea For Better Living Standards

Washington (NC) — Returned here after an eight-week trip through western Europe and into Russia and the Iron Curtain countries, Eric Johnston said that His Holiness Pope Pius XII, who received him in audience for 40 minutes, laid great emphasis on the need for intensifying social action to raise living standards of people everywhere as the best way to combat the spread of world communism.

Mr. Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, visited England, France, Russia, Italy, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Germany and Spain. In all those countries he talked to heads of state and leaders in many fields and had a chance to make a first-hand appraisal of social, economic and political conditions.

HIS TRIP led Mr. Johnston to the conclusion that war is not likely in the near future, but neither will we have peace. A long period of continuing tension seems inevitable, he said, because of fundamental differences between the two worlds in which we live today.

He is convinced that communism cannot be crushed by war, that it cannot be destroyed by epithets or routed out by blind fury. It can only be stopped by getting at the underlying causes — poverty, misery and injustice. While he had expected to find the Pope abreast of conditions throughout the world, Mr. Johnston said he was amazed at His Holiness' infinite grasp of up-to-the-minute developments in countries which he himself had just visited.

IN DISCUSSING the urgent necessity of raising living standards everywhere, His Holiness stressed the need for stimulating social action programs by Catholic clergy and laity in Italy and elsewhere at the earliest moment. "His Holiness," said Mr. Johnston, "is one of the most saintly-looking men I have ever encountered. I am sure I will always remember the graciousness of his reception and his wise and fatherly counsel on dealing with world problems."

Mr. Johnston was to have a 15-minute audience with His Holiness, but each time he arose to leave, the Pope asked him to be seated once more and questioned him further on conditions and personalities in the countries he had just visited.

Priest Pioneer Honored
Rogersville, N. C. (NC) — Father Marcel F. Richard, Acadian priest-pioneer responsible for the establishment of 14 parish churches and 50 schools and colleges, has been honored by a statue erected at his grave which is the Acadian national Assumption shrine.



Participating in the grand parade of the San Francisco Portola Festival and Pageant, a re-enactment of the trek of the early Franciscan missionaries founding the Mission in California, were these members of St. Mary's Chinese Girls' Drum Corps wearing their brilliant uniforms in the march. The Corps has never played second in any competition. St. Mary's Catholic Chinese Social Center in San Francisco is conducted by the Paulist Fathers. Photo courtesy of the Call-Bulletin, San Francisco. (NC Photos)

Former Klu Klux Official Confirmed by Newark Bishop

Jersey City, N. J. — A former national chaplain of the Klu Klux Klan, Alton M. Young, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop James A. McNulty, Auxiliary of Newark, in St. Aedan's Church here. The 61-year-old ex-Klan Kleagle and former Protestant minister was baptized four months ago.



ALTON M. YOUNG was born in Texas, and was an active member of the Klan for "15 or more" years. "I got wise to myself," he said in disclosing why he parted company with the Klan. "I realized," he said, "that they were a lot of hoodlums and moon

ey grabbers and were an American."

He said he was ordained a Baptist minister 45 years ago at the Emanuel Baptist Church, Syracuse, N. Y.

He first became interested in the Klan when he was associate pastor of the North Baptist Church, in Jersey City, he said.

After joining the Klan, he said, his rise was rapid. He traveled about the country, he recalled, lecturing on the aims of that secret organization.

He said that eight years ago he sent in his resignation to the Imperial Wizard, but received no answer and "was undoubtedly" still carried on the membership rolls.

"In Jersey City Medical Center seven months ago the doctors had given me up after a series of heart attacks," he explained. "I asked for last rites" he continued, "and a priest visited me. Almost immediately after receiving the last rites I began to get well."

He chose Joseph for his Confirmation name.

Dreams Along A Mission Route

London (NC) — "Short of a miracle of God's grace there is little or no prospect of our country coming back into the Catholic Church and one is led almost to despair," the Rev. Agnelus Andrea, O.F.M., leading British Franciscan, said this week. The number of those lapsed by leakage is not even imagined by the number of converts," he added. Father Agnelus, who is a well-known radio speaker, pointed out in a London meeting of the Catholic Evidence Guild that Britain has more religious broadcasts than any other country, including Vatican Radio and Radio Eireann. Some thirty million people listened to them deliberately and willingly he said, which indicated that many Britons had not lost their interest in religion.

Miracle Needed In England, Says Franciscan

Trade School In China
Anking, China (NC) — A trade school for boys to supplement the mission's academic educational program, has been instituted by Spanish Jesuit missionaries in this city on the lower Yangtze river.

Kansas Bishop Asks Defeat Of Prohibition Law

WICHITA, Kan. — (RNS) — The Most Rev. Mark K. Carroll, Bishop of the Diocese of Wichita, has declared himself "unalterably opposed to the retention of prohibition laws in the state of Kansas."

Bishop Carroll expressed his views in a sermon at St. Mary's Cathedral here as voters of the state were preparing to decide the future of constitutional prohibition at the November 2 election.

He cited four principal reasons for his support of repeal, condemning prohibition as "unscriptural," "fatal to liberty," "destructive of morality," and "falling to prohibit."

ENACTMENT OF prohibition in 1919, he declared, "was the death-knell of the temperance cause in the United States" because "it condemns what is innocent in itself."

Alcoholic drinks "in themselves" are a "natural good which man has received from the Creator," Bishop Carroll said.

However, he added, the Church condemns drunkenness as a sin and also demands "of certain persons total abstinence from alcohol."

There are approximately 67,000 members of the Roman Catholic Church in the Wichita diocese, embracing 53 counties of southern Kansas and containing 115 parishes and numerous small missions.

Prelate Donates Land to Families

Rome — (CIP) — Archbishop Carmelo Patane of Catania, Sicily, has distributed almost 90 acres of land belonging to the Archdiocese among 70 farmers' families on the basis of a 29-year lease which assures the farmers of the permanent financial and moral aid of the ecclesiastical authorities.

The land is unimproved. Money for the necessary investments to improve it will be advanced by the Archdiocese. At the end of the 29-year half the plus value obtained through the improvements will belong to the farmers. The conditions of the lease have been hailed by many observers as a model to be followed in the reform of the lease system in Sicily and Southern Italy.

OLDEST, YOUNGEST ALUMNI



A half-century span between ordinations is represented by the oldest and youngest priests attending the St. Bernard's Seminary alumni reunion last week in Rochester. From left are the Rev. Michael C. J. Vail, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Canastota, in his 51st year as a priest; the Rev. Frank Sgrue of Hartford Diocese, who was reelected president of the alumni, and the Rev. Joseph Schanzsch of Buffalo Diocese, recently ordained.

Former Seminary Head Feted At Biennial Alumni Reunion

More than 800 priest-graduates of St. Bernard's Seminary from 20 states honored the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Francis Goggin, P.A., recently retired Seminary rector, on Oct. 21.

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER at a testimonial luncheon for Monsignor Goggin in Hotel Seneca was the Rev. Raymond McGowan, director of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington, who was graduated from St. Bernard's in 1915.

Many of the priests here for the biennial two-day alumni meeting received their theological training under Monsignor Goggin, who was rector from 1932 to September of this year. He is in his 70th year.

HIS EXCELLENCY Bishop Kearney and the Most Rev. Wal-

ND Head Asks End of Double School Taxes

South Bend, Ind. (Special) — Catholics were urged to help find a practical solution to the problem of double taxation by the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.M.C., President of the University of Notre Dame, speaking here before the Serra Club at South Bend.

FATHER CAVANAUGH also suggested that Catholics awaken other religious denominations conducting or wishing to conduct their own schools to work for the abolition of the present system of double taxation. Certainly he added, some equitable and workable method can be devised to relieve Catholics, Protestants and Jews conducting such schools to use "tax money contributed by them for the support of their own schools."

"All education in this country is tending to be public," he stated. "Public education tends to become non-religious. As a result the United States tends to become secularized or non-religious."

ANQUIET FROM these premises, he warned that secularism or the denial of religious principles in everyday life, paves the way for totalitarianism as proved by the rise of communism in Soviet Russia; fascism in the Italy of Mussolini and Hitler's Germany.

Father Cavanaugh also emphasized two other premises: that society by its nature is religious and that religion by its nature is intellectual. Religious schools, he held, are a major part of the answer to secularism in this country. But religion is such a complex subject that only in such schools can it be taught adequately, he added. Sunday schools and organizations such as Newman Clubs help considerably, he said; but they do not meet the real need for religious instruction.

Report Arab Shell Covered Jerusalem — (RNS) — Arab forces were reported to have shelled and set afire the Zion Church of the Dormition on the Hill of Zion here. The church, operated by the Benedictine Fathers, stands on the traditional site of the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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