

NCCM Issues 4 Pamphlets On Mobilizing Laity Action

Washington—(NC)—A stepped-up campaign to enlist Catholic men across the nation in the re-Christianization of American society has been announced by the National Council of Catholic Men with the issuance of an "Action Series" of pamphlets.

Spearheading this renewed effort to mobilize Catholic manhood, Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio declared that the disorder in today's society is not only entrenched, but actually is an "organized disorder" which only an organized lay apostolate can dislodge.

KEY TO success of the program, it is made clear in the pamphlets, is the development of a "solidly spiritual motivation" with which to lay the groundwork and inspire action of a constructive and lasting nature.

The four pamphlets in the series outline and dramatize the NCCM's technique of grouping men on the parish, deanery and diocesan level. Autonomy of existing men's societies is not abridged by the plan, it is explained.

Four areas for uniting the work of the societies are suggested: youth and family life, radio-screen, religious education and social action.

The pamphlets, to be distributed around the nation, were printed by the Christopher Press Inc., 35 So. St., Rochester, N. Y. They may be obtained through the NCCM, 1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Fr. McGinley New Head of Fordham

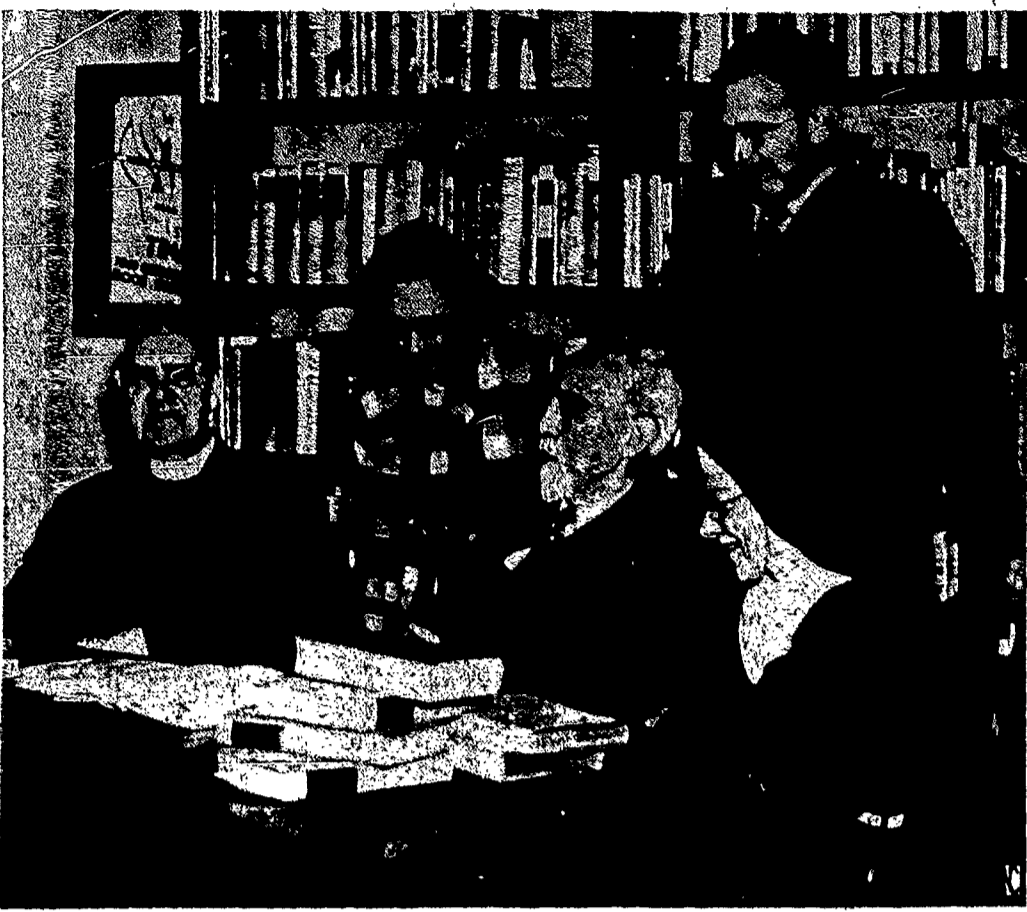
New York—(NC)—The Very Rev. Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., tall, slim, 43-year-old New Yorker, who worked in a bank before he joined the Society of Jesus in 1922, has taken over as the 27th president of Fordham University.

At an induction ceremony, the Rev. Robert I. Cannon, S.J., his predecessor, told Father McGinley: "I'm leaving you a lot." He referred to the 137 faculty members and other Jesuits in the Fordham community.

Father Cannon held the post of president for nearly 13 years and now will head the Jesuit Retreat House at Marresa, Staten Island.

Prior to relinquishing the office, Father Cannon journeyed to Hamilton, N. Y., where he addressed Colgate University's 128th commencement, and received an honorary doctorate of laws. He appealed to the graduates to face the world with "rational optimism" but reminded that there is a new "spiritual depth" abroad.

Seek Books For War-Torn Libraries



A book drive for the war-devastated libraries of Europe, sponsored by the Catholic Library Association of the United States, will be a feature of this year's observance of Catholic Book Week, Feb. 20-28. The drive got an early start in Milwaukee, where William George Bruce, (seated, center) 52-year-old president of Bruce Publishing Company, checked the firm's list of books to be forwarded through the local unit to War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, which will handle the shipment of the books overseas. Others pictured are: Rev. Joseph Husslein, S.J., (seated, left) of St. Louis University, editor of the Science and Culture Series, "University in Print"; Sister M. Immaculata, O.S.F., librarian of Cardinal Stritch College; Elizabeth H. Ewens, (standing) editor, "Parish Library News," and Aloysius Croft, trade editor of the firm. (NC Photo)

Discrimination Laws Pending In Several States

New York—(RNS)—Enactment of new or stronger state laws aimed at racial and religious discrimination has been recommended this year by the governors of at least 10 states, with such bills pending in the legislatures of a number of other states.

While most of the proposals seek abolition of racial and religious discrimination in employment, bills also are being pressed to curb discrimination in places of public accommodation, higher education, housing, insurance, the National Guard, and in other respects.

GUBERNATORIAL recommendations for new or stronger laws were made in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

Pending in the New York State legislature is a bill to revise and implement existing laws barring racial and religious discrimination in public accommodations. Prepared in cooperation with a committee of the American Jewish Congress, the bill provides for enforcement against such discrimination in the same manner as against discrimination in employment.

Several other anti-discrimination bills are pending in the New York legislature, including proposals to outlaw discrimination by fire and casualty insurance companies based on race, religion, color or national origin.

A BILL introduced in the New Jersey legislature with the backing of Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll is designed to combine substantially into one act provisions of the civil rights statutes and the state law outlawing discrimination in employment.

The measure is aimed at discrimination of all types and principally in public or semi-public places, such as restaurants, hotels, bathing beaches, motion picture houses, theaters, recreation parks, amusement places, schools and universities.

A Look at Labor About That Law

By A. C. Tushy

The enactment of a new labor law to supplant the Taft-Hartley Act seemed like a simple task a few months ago. Now that President Truman's modified Wagner Act is in the Congressional hopper the job is not so simple.

A fight is developing between the proponents of the Taft-Hartley Act and the labor spokesmen in Congress. It is not merely a fight between men or even political parties. Basically it is a fight between two philosophies.

THE CONGRESSIONAL debate now raging centers around the answer to this very fundamental question: What is the place of organized labor in our modern economic system?

The defenders of the Taft-Hartley Act believe that the strength of organized labor should be kept to a minimum. They feel that our economic system will be more efficient, profitable, and socially responsible if the investors of money and their management have complete and absolute control of the system.

To support their case they point out that our economic system has always been controlled by investors, stockholders, and management. This control, in their eyes, has been eminently successful and therefore should be perpetuated. They resent trade unions as interfering influences in our economic system.

If they could they would wipe back the clock of history to the time when trade unions did not exist. Since they cannot do this they wish to prevent organized labor from making further inroads on their power.

To them the easiest way of doing this is by law. The Taft-Hartley Act was a major step toward keeping the workers from branching out to the point where they could reasonably demand a share with management in the control of industry.

LABOR SPOKESMEN believe that this old-line capitalism is dead. Whatever may have been the merits of this system when business were small, it is ill-suited to the present days when our economic system is controlled by a small number of giant corporations. The assets of modern corporations run to the billions of dol-

lars, their employees are counted in the tens and hundreds of thousands. The failure of any one large corporation threatens the well-being of the whole society. Consequently, these giant corporations cannot be run only for profit and controlled only by the few.

Because the workers, more than anyone else, have suffered from the failure of old-line capitalism, they organized labor unions. As a result of the growth of organized labor, our economic system is no longer dominated by individuals. It is dominated by collective groups by employer associations on the one hand and by trade unions on the other.

It is useless to wish that conditions were otherwise. You cannot destroy labor unions in justice without destroying employer associations. And you will not prevent the continued growth of labor unions as long as large corporations rule economic life, which they are likely to do for a long time to come.

The Taft-Hartley Act tried to hem labor unions in between legal walls. This condition was unsatisfactory.

THE NEW LABOR law must look present economic realities straight in the face. It must recognize that both employer associations and combines along with labor unions are here to stay. In future years we are going to see more organization both of capital and labor, not less.

Consequently, the main provisions of the new law should aim at stimulating the organization, at helping these organized groups to live together in peace and harmony, and to protect the country against any warfare that might result as a result of conflict between these groups. We have a lot to learn about collectively bargaining. But a society would be foolish to kill all its big men because a few might become bullies. Better teach the big fellows to get along with the little men and vice versa.

Group Prepares To Distribute Leaflets

New York—(NC)—A new series of 20 leaflets explaining Catholic teaching is now printed by the Vista Maria Press here for distribution by the group known as the "Leafleters," according to an announcement by the Rev. Edward F. Garesche, director of the group. The first series of 20 reached a circulation of 10,000,000. Some of the titles in the new series: "Why Should I Belong to Any Church?" "Why Not 'Mercy Killing'?" "Parent-Childhood," "Confession," "Who is the Pope?" "What Happens After Death?"

Orphan on Long Journey to Pope

Frankfurt—(NC)—This is the story of a 14-year-old German boy's long, long pilgrimage to Rome as told in several German diocesan papers.

The boy is Lothar Nowak, who recently approached a Swiss guard at the Vatican gate, seeking refuge in the territory of the Holy See. He cried: "I want to see the Pope! I've come all the way from Poland, thousands of miles. I'm hungry and I want to stay here and work."

The boy had come from Breslau (now Wroclaw), former capital of German Silesia. He had lost his parents and was soon taken into custody by the Russian police, who sent him to a youth camp in Leipzig in the Soviet zone. Three years later he escaped and fled into Austria.

There the French occupation authorities arrested him in their zone, but again he got away. He went on to Italy. In Florence a kindly woman gave him a ticket to Rome. Except for that last stretch of the journey, Lothar had come all the way on foot.

Vatican authorities, it was said, have granted him temporary asylum, pending investigation of his case. They were quoted as saying they hoped he will be granted permission to remain in Italy.

Nazareth College Students To Participate In Next Week's Catholic Book Week Drive

Nazareth College students will undertake to collect 500 good books next week to send to the Catholic University of Nijmegen, Holland, as their participation in National Catholic Book Week.

'Life of Christ' Comic Sales Rise

St. Paul, Minn.—(RNS)—A half-million copies of a 36-page, comic-type presentation of the "Life of Christ" will be published in seven languages here on April 1 by the Roman Catholic Catechetical Guild.

According to Father Louis A. Gales, Guild president, no comic book has ever before been published in so many languages simultaneously. He said the "Life of Christ" would appear in English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, French, Spanish and Ukrainian.

The "Life of Christ" was originally published in serial form in Topix regular comic magazine of the Guild. Later, 700,000 copies of the "Life" were published in two-volume form. When this printing was exhausted, it was decided to print the present single-volume edition.

NCWC Publishes Marriage Booklet

Washington—(NC)—Perhaps the most encouraging thing on the family horizon is the great upsurge of interest in building strong and vital families, thoroughly in harmony with Christian ideals, that is evidenced on the part of large and rapidly mounting numbers of young people today.

So writes the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmalecker, O.S.B., director of the Family Life Bureau, National Catholic Welfare Conference, in the introduction to a 112-page study, "Looking Toward Marriage," which has just been published here by the bureau.

The booklet, according to the author, is designed to "help these young people carry out their high resolve."

The Family Life Bureau also announced the publication of two other pamphlets: "The Apostolate of the Family" which outlines the channels through which the Catholic concept of marriage and family may be disseminated, and "The National Family Holy Hour," a guide to an annual family devotional observance.

Local Priest With U.S. Navy In China Port

Tsingtao, China—(NC)—"The U. S. Navy is not withdrawing from China," Vice Admiral Oscar C. Badger, Commander United States Navy Forces in the Western Pacific, said here aboard his flagship, the USS Estes. The Navy is "streamlining its operations to fit changing needs," he said. "It certainly will not interfere in China's civil war, but it will remain in China continuing its policy of maintaining adequate forces to protect American nationals."

With the U. S. Army Advisory Group closed down in Washington, the Navy in Tsingtao and Shanghai remains the only United States force in China. Navy personnel here includes six Catholic chaplains: The Revs. Joseph P. Manning, Pittsburgh; Hugh T. McManus, Des Moines; Edmund J. Ford, San Francisco; Louis V. Pick, Los Angeles, and Joseph Cloonan, Rochester, all aboard the transport USS Chilton; and Leonard T. Goode, Hartford, on the cruiser Springfield.

Inter-racial Monastery Owensboro, Ky.—(NC)—Plans to establish an inter-racial monastery and boarding school for young men near Fancy Farm, Ky., have been announced by the Benedictine Fathers of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.

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Quebec Padlocks Red-Front Home

Quebec—(NC)—There can be no compromise with communists or propagandists of communism. Premier Maurice Duplessis of this province said in applying his Padlock Law on the home of a reported communist organizer in Montreal.

After seizing a large quantity of communist literature, the police padlocked the eight-room home for a year, according to law. The accused John Sutzman, has the right to appeal to the courts.

According to the police, Sutzman, his wife and baby, occupied four rooms of the house. The other four rooms were subject to organizations such as the Labor Progressive Party, the Quebec Council of the National Front and the Communist Party of Montreal. The Montreal correspondent of a Toronto pro-communist weekly newspaper.

Truckloads of communist literature were removed for examination by police. The Labor Progressive Party is the name assumed by the organization when the Communist Party was barred in Canada.

Medical Science Meeting Rome—(CIP)—An International Exposition on "Christianity and Medical Science" is scheduled to be held at Rome in September 1949 on the occasion of an International Catholic Physicians' Conference. The Conference, which will take place September 24 to 30 has as its general subject "The Human Person from the Medical Point of View."

Protestants Claimed Not at Odds on Church-State Issue

New York—(RNS)—A denial that Protestants and Roman Catholics are at loggerheads over the issue of separation of Church and State was made in an article appearing in America, national Catholic weekly.

In this connection, the priest said the objections of many prominent Protestants and legal authorities to the McCollum case were evidence that the Catholic position was home-grown. In the McCollum case, the high court nullified religious instruction in the public schools.

Written by Father Robert C. Hartnett, S.J., editor, the article declared that a great many Protestants as well as Catholics reject absolute separation of Church and State as being neither Christian nor American.

Father Hartnett denied an assertion attributed to Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York that separation of Church and State was the "bastion" of religious liberty. "THIS IS not true," the Jesuit said. "Canada and Great Britain give considerable financial help to all sectarian schools. It doesn't rob them of religious liberty." "Since 1945 our Federal government has allotted tens of millions of dollars to sectarian colleges for the education of World War II veterans. Have we lost religious liberty since 1945? Only Russia has absolute separation, and it has no religious liberty." Father Hartnett described as "amazing" a charge he said Bishop Oxnam made that the position of American Catholics in seeking Federal aid for their schools was following a strategy dictated in a "foreign capital."

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