

Catholic Editors Set Program For Convention In Rochester

New York (NC) — Two innovations are being prepared for the 1950 national convention of the Catholic Press Association in Rochester, N. Y.

This was revealed here at the eastern regional meeting of the C.P.A. by Magr. John S. Randall, managing editor of the Catholic Courier Journal, Rochester, C.P.A. Secretary, and host to the Rochester convention, which will be held next May 24-25-26.

For the first time in the association's history, said Monsignor Randall, a complete and varied exhibit will be held, including demonstrations of all that goes to the making of Catholic newspapers and magazines. Also, on the Wednesday of the convention week, a full day will be given over to consideration of mechanical problems.

A DOZEN PROJECTS for the advancement of the Catholic Press through the association were discussed at the regional meeting. All proposals and decisions are to be submitted to the executive board of the national body, meeting here this week.

A report on a proposed revision of C.P.A. dues, more adequately to support the headquarters and a full-time executive secretary, was unanimously approved. It was presented by the Rev. Joseph Carroll, S. J., of America Press.

FATHER ALFRED BARRETT, S. J., of Fordham University's Department of Journalism, Executive Secretary of the C.P.A., in charge also of the national headquarters, at Fordham, spoke of improved services that might be given publications if facilities were enlarged. He introduced Clement Wagner of the Wagner Publishing Firm of New York, who had just conferred on the association the Wagner rights to the Catholic Press Directory, which the C.P.A. henceforth will publish. The Catholic Journalist, official publication of the C.P.A., Father Barrett reported, now has a circulation of 1,500.

Father Paul Bussard, editor of The Catholic Digest, St. Paul, and President of the C.P.A., reported on the fight against enlarged postal rates for publications, saying these increases had been wiped out for the present, but warning that a new attempt would be made, so that alertness would be necessary.

NEWSPAPER MEMBERS held separate sessions at which, under the chairmanship of Monsignor Randall, circulation and advertising were discussed, and under the chairmanship of Patrick Scanlan, managing editor of The Tablet, news service and other editorial matters were taken up.

Anti-Catholic prejudice of a new type, masquerading as intellectualism, is facing the Church today, warned Mr. Scan-

lan in an address at a dinner meeting. It is an indirect drive, he declared, to motivate by hatred of Christ. It is the duty of the Catholic editor, said the speaker, to bring out the facts, seek reader response, and reassure "those who are fighting our battles."

A 'CARD' FOR THE BISHOP



Columbus, Ohio — (RNS) — Bishop Michael J. Ready of the Columbus Roman Catholic diocese became a member of Stomomason's Union No. 18, AFL, here.

He admitted joyfully before several hundred labor leaders, construction workers and interested spectators, that it was time he became a member.

It all occurred during the cornerstone laying of the St. Joseph Cathedral's chancery building, with T. E. Waller, president of the Columbus Building Trades Council, presenting the Bishop with a union card (honorary) and button.

In response, Bishop Ready pointed out that scarcely a week passes without his participation in a cornerstone laying ceremony somewhere in the diocese, and that it was about time he quit "scabbing."

Reds Harass Poles' Going To Church

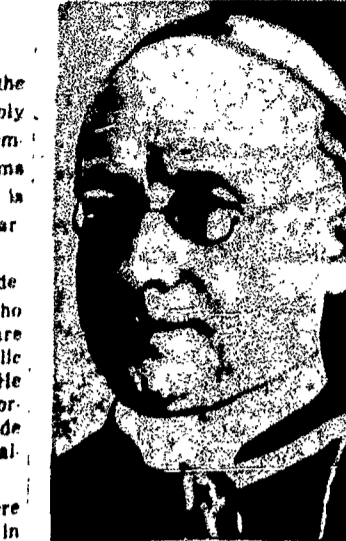
(NC) — Keeping people from the church on Sundays and holy days and preventing any demonstration of faith are two aims of the Polish communist regime in Poland.

These tactics have been detailed by a social worker who has escaped the country and are reported by the Inter-Catholic Press Agency in New York. He stated that a certain of censorship is veiling from the outside world the actual persecution already going on in Poland.

THESE REVELATIONS were made as a new critical phase in Church State relations in Poland was at hand. Last August the regime ordered all religious associations and communities in Poland to report their membership, purpose, properties, and duties of all individual members to the regime with a view to getting government "approval" November 4 was given as the deadline for compliance with this order. Meanwhile the hierarchy had protested the directive as unconstitutional and told religious groups not to comply with it unless later instructed to do so by the Bishops.

To keep the faithful from Sunday services, the informant reports, Red authorities schedule party meetings or "voluntary work" programs at about the time High Mass is generally celebrated. All workers in state-owned establishments are required to attend these activities under threat of losing their jobs and being prosecuted as "saboteurs of democracy," the social worker says.

Cardinal of Rome's Poor Dies At 73



CARDINAL MARMAGGI

Vatican City — (NC) — The death of His Eminence Francesco Cardinal Marmaggi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Council at the age of 73 has taken from Rome's poor one of their most revered figures (He died on November 3).

The Cardinal was a native of Rome's poor and an ardent Trastevere quarter. Though his brilliant career as Vatican diplomat and official brought him in frequent contact with the world's rich and mighty, he always kept a special place in his heart for the poor, especially the poor of Trastevere.

When he established residence in Rome at the end of his diplomatic career he chose Trastevere to be nearer to poor people among whom he was born. He also requested as his Titular Church the Basilica of Santa Cecilia in the heart of this section. Rome knew him as "Cardinal Trasteverino."

Cardinal Marmaggi died when it seemed he was recovering from a heart attack. His death reduces the number of Cardinals to 54 — 16 short of the Sacred College's full membership of 70. There are now 20 members of Italian nationality and 34 of non-Italian nationality in the college. The Cardinal's remains were buried at Rome's Verano Cemetery after funeral services Monday in Santa Cecilia Basilica.

As prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Council — a post he was given in 1939 — Cardinal Marmaggi was in charge of Universal Church discipline. The Congregation supervises observance of the precepts of fasting and abstinence, celebration of feasts, government of sodalities, pious works, catechetical instruction, benefices, ecclesiastical property and stipends for Mass.

Doctors Score Abortion In Cases Of TB

Honolulu (NC) — The findings of a Catholic and a non-Catholic doctor in Honolulu on the uselessness of therapeutic abortion in the treatment of tuberculosis in pregnant women have received strong support in an editorial published in the current issue of the Hawaii Medical Journal.

The two doctors, H. E. Bowles and C. A. Domzalaki, reported in a paper recently that the rather frequent practice of killing the unborn child had proven valueless as a treatment for tuberculosis. Dr. Domzalaki, a Catholic, is a member of the Catholic Family Life Conference of Honolulu.

THE TWO doctors had cited a wealth of medical evidence to prove their point, that from a medical standpoint in such cases, "abortion is of no therapeutic value." Their paper, delivered at the 59th annual meeting of the Hawaii Territorial Medical Association, is published in the current issue of the Journal.

In an editorial, initiated by Dr. Harry L. Arnold, Jr. the editor, the Hawaii Medical Journal declared that "the common practice of performing therapeutic abortions upon pregnant women on the ground that they have tuberculosis should therefore be reviewed critically in the light of this paper."

The editorial continued: "If the pregnancy should be interrupted, it should be interrupted on other grounds than the subsequent course of the patient's tuberculosis."

THE EDITORIAL reminded the profession, however, that laws in many states, and in Hawaii do not permit abortion to be performed on social and economic grounds.

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Berlin Cardinal Appeals To Save Factory



CARDINAL PREYSING

Berlin — (NC) — An appeal has been sent by His Eminence Conrad Cardinal von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin to Francois Ponce, French High Commissioner for Germany not to dismantle the famous Burgig factories located at Tegel, in the French sector of the former German capital.

This huge industrial establishment the only important one in the French sector had once before been completely dismantled by the Red Army. Then the workers rebuilt it by digging machine parts out of the rubble.

MORE RECENTLY the plant furnished important equipment for the West Berlin power plant, which was initiated by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, then U. S. Military Governor. Essential material for this plant was delivered by the airlift and the expenses were borne by Marshall Plan funds.

Experts here are at a loss to explain the dismantling measure which would destroy all hope that Western Sector inhabitants of Berlin will be furnished with sufficient current during the coming winter. The East sector is supplied from the Russian zone.

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Sainthood Case Opens In Spain

Barcelona, Spain (NC) — The process of beatification of the Rev. Braulio Maria Correr and the Order of St. John of God, who were murdered by communists at the naval sanatorium of Gela on July 30, 1936, was opened at the chapel of the Bishops residence here according to a Spanish Information Office report.

'Seek Justice First' Bishop Advises CIO

Cleveland — (NC) — Addressing the national convention of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, Bishop Edward F. Hoban of Cleveland reminded the delegates that in their convention proceedings they must observe those "principles which put justice and rights ahead of selfishness and personal gain."

BISHOP HOBAN pointed out that many of the CIO's leaders had been fighting long and well to protect those God given rights "the right of a living wage, the right to marry and raise one's family in decent circumstances in the right to hold an honorable position in human society and in the state, the right to an honest and equitable measure of economic security, the right to be heard in the halls of the legislature and in the courts of justice."

"But while you have achieved much, you have not achieved all," the Bishop said. "You must continue to observe those principles yourselves and carry them out in practice. You must remember in so doing that these principles of justice are to serve and protect not only your own rights, but also the rights of your fellow men, your country, and your God. Finally you must reunitate those enemies of God and man who seek to pervert your efforts and to enliven your great forces to fight on the side of evil."

BEFORE GIVING the invocation prayer Bishop Hoban asked the delegates to look upon that prayer as "more than a passing formality." He told them that through this prayer they should be dedicating all the deliberations and decisions of the convention to God, in order that they might achieve an order in the social and economic world which will merit divine approval.

They should make their prayer an expression of gratitude, an admission of mistakes in the past a humble request for God's help and an act of homage and praise. This prayer, the Bishop said, should be the inspiration and motivation of everything this convention does."

Philip Murray was re-elected president of CIO. All the vice-presidents were also re-elected except one Albert J. Fitzgerald (left wing United Electrical Workers leader who was ousted from the party. Elected to replace Fitzgerald was Joseph A. Reine, head of the Communication Workers of America.

British Canon Threatens Doctors Guilty of Abortion

London — (NC) — Canon Michael J. Wilson announced at his Church of the Immaculate Conception at Chelmsford, Essex, that he will name from the pulpit any doctors in the district who are said to have performed abortions or any other illegal operation.

"I do not care what the consequences of such an announcement would be," he told his congregation. "An unborn child has a right to its life and the salvation of its soul. Medical men who destroy that life are guilty of murder and they should be dealt with by law in exactly the same way as other murderers.

"There are many men walking about today who are accorded

German Head Going To Rome For Holy Year

Frankfurt, Germany — (NC) — Following the example of Ireland's cabinet, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of West Germany, and various members of his cabinet, will go to Rome late in December to attend the opening of the Holy Year.

They will be a group of 800 German pilgrims who are to be individually invited by the German national Holy Year committee as the first group to be present from this country for the solemn occasion. Arrangements have been completed for an estimated total of 20,000 additional German pilgrims to visit Rome during the first six months of the new year.

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