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Boston—(RNS)—A nation-wide survey of social policy in regard to the cooperative movement was urged by directors of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference at its 29th annual convention here.

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Educator Defines Charity At Elmira Dinner For 400

"Our work for others, our contributions for others must be something and must be a cross. It must hurt. That is the distinction, the barometer of our charity," the Very Rev. Juvenal Lator, O.F.M., told an audience of 400 persons at the 22nd Anniversary Dinner of the Catholic Family Service held at Mark Twain Hotel, Monday evening.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney was on the program with Father Juvenal, president of St. Bonaventure University.

BISHOP KEARNEY spoke briefly on the work of the Catholic Family Service and the Community Chest in Elmira. "This work cannot be measured in terms of pay," he said "and the real social worker gives that which money cannot buy in hours of service and seeing good in our neighbor."

"As we gather here tonight, the Bishop said, we can feel security and confidence in the Chest of the future. We will be feeling a sense of keeping faith with God, and with those people who entrust us with their money and the souls of the people in the care of these agencies."

"THERE IS a perpetual war between the philanthropist and the heart to other people and the type of charity that is large, efficient and organized," Father Juvenal said. "We can step up our efficiency, get good organization but we must not become machine-like and forget that charity must always be from the heart."

"Two we must distinguish between the philanthropist and the human being who has God in his heart. Charity must be built around the two Commandments: 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God' and 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as dear to God, we do not despise him because when we do, we despise God. The true love of neighbor coupled with the love of God is real charity from the heart. With those three things, no cause we embrace can ever fail," the noted educator said.

Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, Executive Director of The Catholic Family Service in Elmira explained the reasons for the change in the name of agency.

"ONE OF THE most encouraging developments in our pro-

A LOOK AT LABOR

By A. C. Tuohy

The "wildcat" strike that has been going on along the East Coast among the longshoremen for the past two weeks does not admit of easy explanation, let alone defense. No one can deny its harmful effects and its interference with defense and mobilization efforts.

On the other hand, this strike is but one (even if most effective) of a long series of outbursts against the leadership of the International Longshoremen's Association led by Joe Ryan.

IT WOULD be almost impossible to credit the strikers with intelligence or good will if the economic demands currently being advanced were the sole and exclusive reason for impeding the war effort. However, the strike has dramatized the long-suffering hardships of the dockers and publicized the longstanding evils of the waterfront. Longshoremen have long been pawns in a game that revolves around corruption, extortion, shake-downs, kickbacks, racketeering, pilferage, and gangsterism.

For forty years at least private social workers, reform politicians, and civic leaders up and down the East Coast have described the terrible social and working conditions on the docks. Everyone knows, or seems to know, that the docks are run by the gangsters.

Occasionally, names such as Anastasia or Dunn get into print. It is the general rule, however, that the men who rule the docks are known only by the more generic title "the syndicate" "the mob" etc.

NO ONE HAS ever put his finger on the real rulers of the waterfront underworld. It is often implied that these rulers are really respectable people who have the power to keep investigations on the surface level of truth and interested only in small fry.

Another fact of greater importance is the cooperation between the union and union officials with this insidious state of affairs. As a matter of record I would certainly be interested in knowing the percentage of union officials and boss stevedores who over the years have been jailed or connected notoriously with waterfront racketeers and crimes.

THE SPECTACLE of the notorious Anastasia brothers being assigned to break the wildcat strike and then recalled by the port authority being recalled by the port authority is not mere coincidence.

If this strike can be called anything it is a move for independence by many thousands of rank and file workers and a rebellion against the leadership of Joe Ryan.

The present contract against the men are ostensibly being passed as a result of the strike and for that reason it is known that some of the largest losses would be suffered by the men.

The suspicion has been planted however that the harbor has been staffed under the antiquated voting system in force in the I.L.A. The strikers want a revote.

THE PROTESTATIONS by the union leadership that everything

is wonderful on the docks and that these wildcat leaders are ungrateful upstarts, as well as ungrateful citizens, have been received with snickers in many quarters.

The leader of the rebellion is Gene Sampson, president of Local 524, which is Joe Ryan's home local and which does not look upon the international president with love and affection. No one to my knowledge has ever connected Sampson with the rackets and I do know that he has a great following among the rank and file.

It could very well be that Sampson is taking his life in his hands by making this gesture of independence.

It is up to the Federal government to put an end to this strike, of course; the same government, since it is beyond the power of local politicians and local racketeers, must, however, once and for all break the hold of gangsters on the docks.

State Court Upholds Ban On 'The Miracle' Movie

ALBANY, N. Y.—(NC)—The ban placed by the New York Board of Regents against the showing of the controversial movie, "The Miracle," in New York State was upheld as constitutional by a 5-to-2 decision of the Court of Appeals, the State's highest tribunal. The Board of Regents banned the movie last February.

AT THE TIME of the showing of the picture in New York, it was condemned by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, as blasphemous and an insult to Catholics. Leaders of other religious faiths joined the Cardinal in protesting against showing of the movie.

After the ban was effected, Joseph Burstyn, Inc. distributors of the film, began a court fight and announced it would carry the case to the United States Supreme Court if necessary to have the ban removed.

JUDGE CHARLES W. FROESCH, who wrote the Court of Appeals majority opinion, asserted: "Christ is the heart and core of the Christian faith. Two personal allies most closely related to Him in life were His mother, Mary, and Joseph. They are deeply revered by all Christians. Countless millions over the centuries have regarded their relationship as sacred as do millions living today."

"The Miracle" not only en-

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