

Prelate Hits Proselytism In Spain

Seville, Spain. — His Eminence Pedro Cardinal Segura, Archbishop of Seville, has warned Spain against harboring away Catholics for economic advantages from abroad.

In a Lenten Pastoral the Cardinal urged that the present status of tolerance for Protestants be kept. But he stated that if "direct circumstances" the tolerance were broken and the rights given to Protestant proselytism, "serious harm" would be inflicted on the religion of more than 99 per cent of the country's people.

THE CARDINAL noted recent statements of President Truman and Senator McCarthy, former U.S. Ambassador to Spain. Mr. Truman had expressed dislike for the Catholic government. Mr. Griffiths, later explained that the President's dislike was due to the "liberal" policy of the Spanish Government in carrying out promises of relief to freedom.

Cardinal Segura said Truman's remark which "publicly expressed lack of sympathy for our people" has been "universally judged as untimely."

THE PRELATE added that Griffiths' statement "perfectly explains this era of greater liberty in our land for Protestant proselytism which, finding broken the dikes of tolerance, does not hesitate to advance us in an open bid toward religious freedom in our country."

(The Cardinal did not define his usage of the term "anti-Catholicism" but he is clear from the context that he referred to complete removal of Catholics now imposed on non-Catholic groups for Spain's constitution.)

Cardinal Segura repeated the sentiments of an earlier Foreign Ministry statement which said it would be a mistake to think that any nation could take advantage of friendly relations with Spain in order to "foster religious dissension." The Cardinal added that "unlike the Catholic countries, science is worth more than a North American river of gold."

Delegation Aide Domestic Prelate

Washington. — (NC) — McGr. Donald M. Carroll of Chicago, secretary of the Apostolic Delegation here, has been elevated by His Holiness Pope Pius XII to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. It has been announced.

Jersey College To Honor Archbp. Alter



Jersey City, N. J. — (NC) — Archbishop Earl J. Alter of Cincinnati, who will receive the 1951 Merum Novarum Award of St. Peter's College here March 20 for furthering management-labor relations in accord with the Papal Encyclical, was one of the original advocates of fact-finding boards for the settlement of labor disputes.

As Episcopal Chairman of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference during the early 1940's, when the Nation was engaged in heated labor-management disputes, he advocated this way of settling social strife. Principles of his proposal were explained in detail to Congress and legislative action was taken in 1946.

Pentitt Extolls 'Religious Nations'

Rome. — (NC) — No nation that is religious need fear the future, "even in such difficult times as these," Pope Pius XII declared at a solemn audience during which Juan E. O'Leary presented his credentials as Paraguay's new ambassador to the Holy See.

"A profound penetration of religion in private and public life," Pope Pius said, "is capable of purifying the whole country, destroying nothing but sin, and taking nothing which is just from the authority of the governing officials nor from the reasonable liberty of the governed."

Homeless Children

New York. — (NC) — A total of 35,285 homeless, handicapped, neglected and delinquent children were helped in 1951 by 41 child-caring institutions and agencies under New York Catholic Charities.

Divorce Hits Family Life In Austria

Vienna. — (NC) — One of the problems which has caused increasing concern among Austrian Catholic leaders is the disruption of marriage and family life resulting, in part, from the last war.

THE ISSUE is listed among the chief subjects on the agenda of the national Catholic convention (Katholikentag) to be held at Vienna from September 11 to 14. The convention, the first national Catholic get-together since 1935, will be devoted to the general theme, "Man's Freedom and Dignity."

Statistics provided by the latest Austrian census reveal that among the 618,000 family households counted in Vienna, there were only about 107,000 where the housewife does not go out to work. In other words, one only-in six of Vienna's married women can give her full time to domestic duties.

UNDER SUCH conditions, Catholic leaders feel, family life and the rearing and upbringing of children are inevitably bound to suffer. It is believed also that these conditions tend to weaken conjugal fidelity.

'Fatima Photos' Defended By Vatican As Authentic

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is no photographic record of the sun on the original date and indeed, if the effect were supernatural it would be unlikely to be recorded by the camera.

(In Lisbon, Dr. Joao de Mendonca, head of the Foreign Ministry's department of international congresses and conferences, was quoted as saying that the pictures had been taken by his brother, Alfredo, on May 13, 1922.

(He reportedly explained that an erroneous identification, "Fatima 1917," had been noted on the pictures and that they were given last year to His Eminence Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, who served as Cardinal Legate to the formal closing of the Holy Year ceremonies at Fatima.

(Dr. de Mendonca was quoted as stating that the pictures were taken at about 5:30 in the afternoon after a group of pilgrims, including his brother, had made a visit to Fatima. The pilgrims then said they saw a total phenomenon similar to the one which reportedly occurred at Fatima on October 13, 1917. His brother, Alfredo, took three pictures of the phenomenon, Dr. de Mendonca was reported as saying.)

Faith Not Involved

Washington. — (NC) — No Catholic dogma ever was involved.

Prince Succeeds As Marshal of Church

Vatican City. — (NC) — Prince Sigmundo Chigi Albani della Rovere has been named to succeed his late father as Marshal of the Holy Roman Church and Guardian of the Conclave. The life-time appointment was made by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

This was stressed by a prominent theologian here who was consulted about the Voice of Fatima statement that no photographic record ever was made of the events at Fatima on October 13, 1917.

MGR. JOSEPH C. Fenton, editor of the American Ecclesiastical Review and associate professor of theology at the Catholic University of America here, made the statement.

"There is not and there never has been either Catholic doctrine or papal pronouncement of any kind to the effect that the pictures printed in the November 18, 1951, issue of Osservatore Romano were actually authentic representations or photographs of occurrences at Fatima on October 13, 1917.

"The claim that these pictures were 'authentic' was made in a private newspaper, apparently on the authority of the editor of that newspaper. Neither Catholic dogma nor the divinely commissioned teaching authority of the Catholic Church are in any way involved."

30,000 To March in Honor Of Blessed Mother May 1

Windsor, Ont. — (NC) — The fourth yearly parade in honor of Mary the Mother of God, sponsored by the Catholic Lay Guild of Assumption College, will be held May 1.

This year's parade of more than 30,000 marchers is for the following intentions: (1) Success of the Barcelona Eucharistic Congress; (2) to give honor to Mary, Mother of God; (3) as a public demonstration of faith for the salvation of souls and peace in the world; (4) as an act of reparation for the acts of godliness and crimes against Christianity throughout the world. The nocturnal procession with lighted candles and illuminated floats will be directed by Benediction.

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