

AFL CONVENTION

'Do As I Please,' 'Anything Goes' Philosophy Rapped

Boston — (NC) — Labor unionists were advised always to keep in mind "self control and the moral law" by Boston's Archbishop Richard J. Cushing.

"There can be no democracy, without them," he told the 66th State convention of the American Federation of Labor. "They are necessary guides for groups as well as for individuals. They are the power which groups and individuals use to refrain from acting unjustly against others, even though it means putting aside an advantage."

THE ARCHBISHOP said there are a "host of rival norms of conduct which plague our generation" arrayed against self-control and the moral law.

He said:

"Expressions such as 'my life is my own affair' or 'I may do as I please' or 'who cares' or in politics anything goes' or in difficulties between management and labor 'all's fair in love and war' — all these attitudes betray a gross misunderstanding of the moral law and of those interlinking relations among men and nations of which God's standard is the only correct measure. All human rights and duties have their source in God's law; otherwise they are meaningless."

In politics, he said, the principle of "anything goes" is grossly wrong and "we have to recover that sense of honor in politicians on the part of the elected official, which gives meaning and dignity to political life."

"Good industrial relations," the prelate said, "the mutual recognition of rights and obligations by employers and employees, also depend on the moral law. Bad industrial relations stem from an ignorance of or an indifference to these rights and obligations."

THE ARCHBISHOP added that the best of industrialists and labor leaders recognize this and are working to persuade their fellow employers and workers to its truth. He said that "just as truly as we cannot legislate honesty into existence, so we shall not establish good industrial relations merely through legisla-

tion, nor through government intervention in labor disputes."

"Good laws will help," Archbishop Cushing said. "But fundamental to all is a willingness on the part of labor and management to recognize mutual rights and responsibilities; and to recognize too that we are one human family created by God to live in peace and harmony with one another and not in conflict."

Czech Regime Sells Church Treasures In United States

London — (RNS) — The Vatican Radio charged that the Czechoslovak Communist regime has sold "many artistic treasures belonging to the Catholic Church" in the United States and other countries.

These treasures are being disposed of through a Czech trading company in Zurich, Switzerland, the station said. It added that the greatest part of the sales "have been of Church-owned pictures."

Under an order from the Office of Ecclesiastical Affairs in Prague, the Vatican Radio said, all Church property in excess of the minimum requirements for "the exercise of religious cults" is earmarked for redistribution to newly-built churches.

However, the station said, "it happens that there are no new churches under construction in Czechoslovakia. Thus the goods confiscated from the Church are little by little offered through the Zurich trading center for sale against dollar payments."

Visit Shrine

Toronto — (RNS) — Delegates to the annual convention of the Daughters of Isabella of the United States and Canada here visited the shrine of the Canadian Jesuit martyrs at Midland, Ontario.

First National Congress Of Religious Of U. S.



Some 2,000 delegates and superiors of more than 500 religious communities—priests, brothers and nuns—attended the four-day National Congress of Religious of the United States, held at Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Ind., which was called by The Vatican. Rev. Edward L. Hesbon, C.S.C., who is on staff of Sacred Congregation of Religious in Rome, was Congress secretary. Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame University, was celebrant of the closing Solemn Benediction. Pictured (left photo) are: Mother M. Gerald Barry, O.P., of Adrian, Mich.; Very Rev. Theodore Hesburgh,

C.S.C., President of Notre Dame, and Very Rev. Francis M. Connell, C.S.S.R., of Catholic University, Washington, who were directors of the Priests and Sisters sections of this first Religious Congress in the United States which opened August 8. Right photo, Rev. James Yancey, C.S.S.R., of St. Louis; Rev. Mother Agnita, O.S.U., Ursulines of the Roman Union, and Mother Anita, O.S.U., who were among the participants in the Congress, which ended with a candlelight procession followed by Solemn Benediction. (NC Photos).

Vows Of Religious Increase God's Love

New York — (NC) — How the vows taken by religious help increase the love of God in their hearts was described here by a Catholic Hour speaker.

The Rev. Francis J. Connell, C. S.S.R., dean of the School of Sacred Theology at the Catholic University of America gave this explanation of the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience:

"THE MEMBERS of a religious community voluntarily renounce the right to acquire and to use material possessions so that they may be protected from the danger of becoming avaricious and unjust, and may not become too fond of the things of this world, and may be enabled to give God a stronger and a more fervent love. Their wants are provided for; they obtain from the community what they need in the matter of food and clothing; if they are sick, they receive proper care.

"And so, free from worry and anxiety about material things, they can concentrate their thoughts and desires on spiritual things, they can make the supreme and all-absorbing object of their life the fulfillment of the first and greatest commandment: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and soul.

"The reason back of the vow of chastity is this: While marriage is something good and noble, the giving up of the married state is something even more noble if it is based on the desire to direct to God all one's capacity to love, including even the beautiful and unselfish love that would normally be given to the human being whom one would choose as a life-partner.

"In other words, chastity, as practiced by Catholic priests and Brothers and nuns is not something purely negative, nor merely the avoidance of sexual gratification and the giving up of marriage, but it is something definitely positive. It is the expression of a human being's ardent love of God—a love so ardent that it will be satisfied only when it has given Him every form of affection possible to the human heart.

"Furthermore, the chastity pledged by priests and religious is a very practical means of helping them to perform their work for others more effectively. When they are summoned to labor for the sick or the needy, when they are sent from one place to another as their services may be useful, they can go more quickly and more readily if they have no family ties to interfere with their labors and their sacrifices."

"Even though their work involves the danger of death, they can accept it cheerfully and fearlessly, with the realization that no one is dependent on them, and thus their zeal will be more generous and more wholehearted."

"THE THIRD vow taken by religious, the vow of obedience, means that the religious promises to obey his or her superiors in those things that are within the scope of the rule of the particular order or congregation. It stands to reason that there must be law and order in every society of human beings, from the smallest society, the family, up to the largest, the nation.

"It must not be thought that religious obedience demands that cringing submission that crushes the spirit. Religious superiors are supposed to act toward those over whom they have jurisdiction as parents toward their children, so that a real family life will prevail in monastery or convent."

Honors Belgian

Dublin — (NC) — An honorary doctorate in Gaelic literature was conferred here by the National University of Ireland on the Rev. Paul Grosjean, S. J., of Belgium, for his book, "The Lives of the Saints," published in the Irish language.

Sangerites Push Views At World Family Parley

By JOHN A. GREAVES

London — (NC) — Powerful birth control interests, backed by American funds, will strive for further recognition at important international family talks to be held next Sept. 8 to 13 at Oxford, England.

At least two societies helping to organize the conference are known members of the self-styled International Committee on Planned Parenthood, of New York. It spread to England four years ago and has recently set up other centers in many lands. It would certainly welcome any hint of approval by the forthcoming conference, which is being held under the auspices of UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).

ONE OF THE societies concerned is the British Family Planning Association.

Many Catholic envoys and groups will attend the six-day congress called by the International Union of Family Organizations to discuss "The Stability of the Family." Catholic leaders from the United States and various European nations are expected.

They will face subtle, skillful opposition from the International

Cardinal Calls Secularism 'Corridor To Communism'

Los Angeles — (NC) — Americans were urged here to take up the armor of Godliness and the weapon of religion to save the nation from the secularism which is serving as a corridor to communism.

The exhortation came from His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, speaking at a public reception held in his honor at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. The reception preceded the opening today of the 70th annual meeting of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus.

"DEMOCRACY ITSELF cannot save mankind," the Cardinal declared, "neither can great material progress and prosperity cure the ills of society despite fervent and prolonged oratory that tells us that they will."

Five thousand visitors, including 350 delegates from the U. S. of C. councils in the United States, Canada and the Philippines, are attending the first Supreme Council meeting, held in the Southland since 1905.

"Secularist tendencies in education," Cardinal Spellman told some 3,000 persons at the reception, "have taught a whole generation of young Americans that there is no meaning to life except what they can see and feel, and that the highest aim in life is to acquire a multitude of material things."

GOD AND religion have been successfully banned from our classrooms."

"Traditional religious foundations and sanctions in the American law and government are being misinterpreted and endangered by secularist influences," His Eminence asserted.

"The clear wording of the First Amendment that Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion or forbidding the free exercise thereof," has been twisted beyond belief by the secularists who hold these words to mean that religion should be entirely excluded from government and education."

CARDINAL SPELLMAN implored Americans of all faiths to become "great missionaries and help convert those enmeshed by satanic Pied Piper illusions."

New Building, Latrobe, Pa. — (NC) — St. Vincent College here will dedicate its new student residence, the Boniface Wimmer Memorial Hall, in honor of the founder and first president of the Latrobe Benedictine college, Archbishop Boniface Wimmer.

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PAUL YOUR APOSTLE?



Paul is a young seminarian, entering his second year in the Seminary of Karmadde, Tripoli, Lebanon. If God so wills, he will ascend the altar in five years. But he does need a kind of benefactor to adopt him, paying the \$500 needed, in any installments. Can you make Paul your apostle?

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YOUR DOLLAR MONTHLY to one or all of our Mission Clubs will do wonders, for the Lord multiplies the dollars. Won't you join?



SISTER XAVIER This wonderful Indian girl is now a novice with the Sisters of St. Joseph at Dahrmigri in Southern India, of which the Apostle was the great St. Francis Xavier. If you can make her your adopted daughter, paying the \$300 for her two years' novitiate, you will give another Xavier to India.

ALWAYS DO WE have appeals for more and more food packages for our hungry poor. Ten dollars will purchase one and bring you the blessings of bread cast on running waters.

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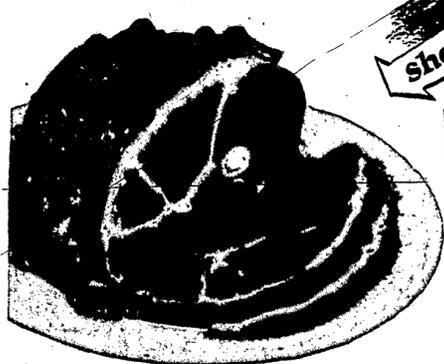
We are still hoping that a dear friend can give us that house of God, a little chapel for which Bishop Paul Cheikh of Akra, Iraq, has been begging for months. It will cost \$1,500 and we hesitate to appeal for so much. Still the Lord will know how to build His own home.

HOW PRECIOUS is one Mass offering for a poor Near East missionary, if it is his only support and also precious to loved ones living or dead.

WAIFS OF ATHENS

Please do not forget those homeless boys of Athens, whom the Jesuit Fathers have gathered into their orphanage. You give these waifs a home by the smallest gift. The gift from your hands is like the comforting hands of Jesus and Mary for these children of God.

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