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## NCWC News Service Marks Forty Years of Growth

Washington — (NC) — Forty years ago — April 11, 1920 — the N.C.W.C. News Service issued its first news report.

Today, it is the greatest news gathering agency of its kind, and its dateline symbol 'NC' is familiar the world over.

The News Service is issued by the Press Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and was established by the Bishops of the United States to serve the Catholic Press. The N.C.W.C. Press Department was an original department of the National Catholic Welfare Council, which was the successor to the National Catholic War Council of World War I days, and which has since become the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

AT FIRST, the N.C.W.C. News Service file of news was sent out once a week, and consisted of a printed news sheet simulating the front page of a newspaper, and a supplementary mimeographed service. The first report carried 22 stories totaling 9,700 words.

Today, the N.C.W.C. News Service issues dispatches daily, utilizing radio, telegraph, telephone, teleprinter and mail facilities. One week's reports embrace hundreds of stories from every section of the world, totaling some 60,000 words. In addition, the N.C.W.C. Press Department now issues a picture service, a feature service, a special overseas service of condensed domestic news, a special biographical service, an editorial information service, a radio and TV script service, and materials for seasonal supplements.

WORTHY of special note is Noticias Catolicas, the Spanish and Portuguese-language editions of the N.C.W.C. News Service, which numbers among its clients well over 100 publication subscribers and some 30 radio stations in every country in Latin America.

The first news service reports went to a total of 68 Catholic publications. The names of 15 of these

no longer appear in the Directory of the Catholic Press Association of the United States. In six cases a Catholic paper with a new name has supplanted the original news service subscriber. In five other instances, two papers serving one area have combined and adopted a new name.

TODAY, news service clients include 167 Catholic publications in the United States and Canada, and some 400 other publications in 61 countries, on every continent. To the many millions of readers of N.C.W.C. News Service dispatches there must be added other millions who hear them regularly over the radio.

Today, the news service gathers its news through 146 foreign correspondents, 115 U.S. correspondents, and with the cooperation of its subscriber publications.

A BONA FIDE news service, the N.C.W.C. agency is accredited in the press galleries of Congress, at the White House, at other U.S. government establishments, and at all other important centers of news in the U.S. and abroad. Its reporters have been fully accredited as war correspondents.

### CCD CONGRESS

Rutland, Vt. — (NC) — The Diocese of Burlington will sponsor its first Diocesan Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine here September 23 to 25, Bishop Robert F. Joyce has announced.

## Noted Catholic Author Moderates UNC Study

CHAPEL HILL—Mr. John Cogley, nationally respected journalist and author, moderated the week-long Carolina Symposium at the University of North Carolina which closed April 1. Mr. Cogley, graduate of Loyola and Fri-



THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM (Edward von Gerhardt) — "And when he had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, 'Who is this?' And the multitude said, 'This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.'"—Matthew XXI.

## Catholics Are Bound to Vote for Best Candidate

Washington — (NC) — Catholics are bound in conscience to vote for the presidential candidate they consider best qualified for the presidency, regardless of his religion, according to a priest-theologian.

"IF A CATHOLIC cast his ballot for a candidate because he was a Catholic and passed over a non-Catholic candidate who, in his estimation, would make a better president, he would be guilty of sin," says Father Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R.

The Redemptorist priest, a former dean of the School of Sacred Theology at the Catholic University of America here, expressed this opinion in the April issue of the American Ecclesiastical Review, a monthly published at the university.

FATHER CONNELL replies to the following question: "What should a priest say to his parishioners when they question him on the current problem whether or not a Catholic may or should be president of the United States?" In answering how a priest should inform his questioner, Father Connell makes these points:

1) "There is nothing in the Catholic religion that should prevent a Catholic from being a good president." The Church's teachings "regarding the duties of those in public office, if conscientiously followed, would help a person in public office to fulfill his obligations more effectively."

2) A CATHOLIC "would be guilty of sin" if he voted for a candidate because he was a Catholic and passed over a non-Catholic candidate who, he thinks, would make a better president. "In other words, there should be no 'Catholic party' in our land."

3) "Any Catholic in office must regulate his conduct by the law of God as this is proclaimed by the

Catholic Church."

4) "CATHOLICS should be told that it would not benefit the Catholic Church or Catholics as such to have a Catholic president . . . if anything, it might be detrimental to the Church or to Catholics to have a Catholic president, because almost any national misfortune or calamity that would occur would be ascribed to his religion by many non-Catholics, however free from responsibility he might be."

5) U.S. Catholics "should realize that if the spirit of anti-Catholic bigotry pervades the land in the near future, they must retain the spirit of charity toward those who are hostile to the Church. . ."

## Dalla Torre Retires From Vatican City Daily

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Count Giuseppe Dalla Torre has retired as editor of L'Osservatore Romano, a post he has held for 40 years, and has been named editor emeritus of the Vatican City daily.

His successor is Raimondo Manzini, editor of L'Avvenire d'Italia, Catholic-oriented newspaper in Bologna, Italy.

At the same time, His Holiness Pope John XXIII appointed two assistant editors of L'Osservatore Romano: Cesidio Lolli, who will be in charge of official Vatican and religious news, and Federico Alessandrini, who will be in charge of general news reporting.

Mr. Manzini, 59, is a native of Lodi, near Milan, Italy. He was editor of several magazines before becoming editor of L'Avvenire d'Italia in 1935. The Bologna daily is now an organ of the Christian Democratic party.

Widely recognized as a competent newspaperman, slow to reach decisions but determined and energetic in carrying them out, Mr. Manzini has also had a career in politics. He was elected several times to Italy's Parliament, served as a cabinet official in the government of Premier Mario Scelba in 1954 and has been a member of the National Directive Council of the Christian Democratic party.

Count Dalla Torre joined the staff of L'Osservatore Romano at the invitation of Pope Benedict XV in 1918. He had earlier been a leader in the return of Catholics to Italy's political life. Catholics had stayed aloof from Italian politics following 1870, when the first government of a unified Italy took over the Papal States.

After serving on the paper's administrative council for only two years, he became its editor in 1920, succeeding Giuseppe Angelini.

Count Dalla Torre's vigorous editorial style, for which he later became famous, was first shown during the Mexican government's persecution of the Church in the 1920s. From that time on, his career was marked by a series of public debates. He won special fame when he opposed the fascist

regime of Benito Mussolini, which came to power in Italy in 1922.

His retirement came little more than a week after his 75th birthday. He had remained active for many years despite serious illness.

## Pope Confirms Election Of Belmont Abbot

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — His Holiness Pope John XXIII has confirmed the election of Abbot Walter Arthur Coggin, O.S.B., as Abbot Nullius of Belmont Abbey in North Carolina.

Pope John thereby gives Abbot Coggin authority to govern the Benedictine Abbey of Mary Help of Christians in Belmont and to govern the abbacy nullius dependent upon the abbey. This comprises the whole of Gaston County, N.C., and Abbot Coggin will have most of the rights of a bishop in administering it.

Abbot Coggin was elected abbot in November after the death of Abbot Vincent G. Taylor, O.S.B., who had governed the abbey and its dependent territory since 1924. He had been serving as vicar to Abbot Taylor and president of Belmont Abbey College since 1956.

Abbot Coggin was born February 10, 1916, in Richmond, Va. He received his secondary education at Benedictine High School there and at Loyola High School in Los Angeles, Calif. He attended Belmont Abbey Junior College (it is now a four-year institution) and St. Benedict's College in Atchison, Kan. He was ordained in 1943, and received a doctorate from the Catholic University of America.

The only jurisdiction of its kind in the United States, the abbacy nullius of Belmont Abbey covers an area of 363 square miles. The area has 1,300 Catholics in a total population of 130,000, 3 parishes, 3 missions and 3 chapels, 25 priests and 2 colleges with a total enrollment of 776.

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## N.C. Priest Goes To Burma

ROCKY MOUNT — Fr. William D. Lynn, S.J., a native Tar Heel born here, will leave next week for the Burma Diocesan Seminary. There he will serve on the faculty along with eight other Jesuits who staff the regional school.

William D. Lynn was born here in Rocky Mount where he took some of his grammar schooling. His parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lynn. His sister is a member of the Belmont Mercy Sisters, Sister Annella. Two cousins are Sister M. Incarnata, RSM, Belmont, and Mrs. Jasper Brake, Rocky Mount. Mr. E. T. Quigley, an uncle lives at Dunn.

On June 20, 1954 Father Lynn was ordained at the Jesuit Seminary at Woodstock, Maryland. In 1959 he received his doctorate in Rome.

Father Lynn spent the past ten days visiting with Sister Annella, Sister Incarnata, and with relatives and friends in North Carolina.



Fr. William D. Lynn, S.J. Leaves for Burma

bourg, Switzerland, summed up his impressions and conclusions on the five-day academic give and take on Friday night's closing session. Theme of the symposium was: 'The Image of Man: The Individual in an Accelerating Culture'.

Philosophers, economists, anthropologists and sociologists, statesmen and natural scientists, all pooled their ideas and thrashed out the problems facing the students in the second half of the Twentieth Century. It was Mr. Cogley's job, and a measure of his ability, to integrate and direct the contributions of the host of illustrious thinkers and lecturers.

At present John Cogley is a staff member of the Fund for the Republic's Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions at Santa Barbara. He has distinguished himself as Director of the Fund's Study of Civil Liberties and as Administrator of the Fund's Study of Religious Institutions in a Democratic Society. He is also consultant to the Jacques Maritain Center of Notre Dame University. From 1949-1955 Mr. Cogley was executive editor of Commonweal, and continues a weekly column in that journal. He has written frequently for America, Look, New York Times Book Review, and is the author of Report on Blacklisting; Catholicism; and Religions in America.

Mr. John Cogley is married, the father of six children, and almost always assists at daily Mass.