

SPELLMAN PRAISES U.S. MERCY WORK

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Addressed in Cardinal's
Alumni Group Meeting

Francis Cardinal Spellman yesterday hailed America as an arsenal of theocracy while maintaining its place as the bulwark of world democracy.

The New York Cardinal, one of three in the United States, spoke at the annual meeting of the alumni of Rome's North American College, held at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Cardinal's Talk

"Our country is often called the arsenal of democracy," Cardinal Spellman said. "She is pledged to the cause of freedom and self government for all peoples, her manpower, her wealth, her armament on land and sea and in the air are shared with threatened nations whose power of defense and resistance is increased by the spirit of hope and confidence which the sight of American help engenders."

"Our country is indeed the arsenal of democracy. Let us now on this occasion hail her also as the arsenal of theocracy."

Critics Answered

His Eminence noted that critics abroad have pointed with scorn to American "money madness."

"The amount of money America spends in works of mercy for the material wants of a hungry, naked, sick and homeless mass of humanity shows a form of money madness the critics of our country should not overlook," the Cardinal said.

The Rev. William O'Donnell of Cleveland was elected new president of the alumni association, and next year's meeting will be held at that city.

Enjoying His Stay

At a press conference preceding a luncheon meeting of the association, Cardinal Spellman said he is enjoying his brief stay at Los Angeles, a "wonderful, relaxing" change from the weather he left in New York.

Commenting on his recent trip to Korea, where he visited United Nations positions just behind the front, the Cardinal declared he thinks the allies have reached the limit of compromise in the truce talks.

"I don't see how you could open up more in those talks," he said. "We can't accept Russia as a neutral to inspect the wish to prosecute."

Vessel Leaves Cargo at Dock in Union Row

The Horace Lockenbach sailed yesterday for Brooklyn, leaving 1200 tons of cargo lying on its dock because members of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union refused to work it. The longshoremen said they were honoring a picket put there by office workers who are in a dispute with Crescent Wharf & Warehouse Co., which was doing the stevedoring.

Another freighter, the Harry Lockenbach, which the longshoremen had refused to unload at a Crescent dock, yesterday moved to another company's dock and the longshoremen began working it.

Crescent and the office workers are in a pay dispute. The company's vice-president, Raymond H. Johnson, was recovering from a four-stitch cut over his eye and other cuts and bruises received after a dispute that he said was with Pete Grasi of the union. Police made no arrests, saying Johnson did not wish to prosecute.

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a telephone booth at Pasadena Blvd. and Rivera Blvd. Rivera Thomas said he would drive around in his car, looking for women who appealed to him. Then he spotted one, he would catch her a while, then park in place giving him a clear shot at her.

"I got excitement out of it," he said impassively.

Det. Sigs. Richard Dalley and Ed Price, of the Sheriff's office, with Dep. Dist. Atty. John Hopkins, took Thomas to the scene of his only fatality.

Here Mrs. Nina Marie Rice, 35, divorced mother of three, fell dead from a bullet in the brain as she sipped a cup of coffee at a hamburger stand at 1021 N. Atlantic Blvd., East Los Angeles.

Shows Where He Parked

Thomas showed the officers where he parked his car in an alley behind the stand after drying around the block once to look at Mrs. Rice. He said he stopped adjacent to a row of garage-apartments facing the alley.

From the window of his car, he aimed at the cup Mrs. Rice held in her hand, sitting on a stool 125 feet away. It was 10:40 p.m. He fired, but instead of hitting the cup the bullet struck Mrs. Rice in the head.

A .22-caliber slug taken from a wall eight feet from the bed where Mrs. Hiles' son, David, 4, was sleeping at the time matched riding in the weapon later taken from Thomas' locker by officers.

Bowers said that all ballistics tests have not yet been completed by George Lacy, of the Sheriff's crime laboratory. There is nothing to indicate at present that all of Thomas' shootings were not with the same rifle, according to Bowers.

Seems to Be Nice

Officers said Thomas apparently is slow-thinking and dull-witted, but seems to be sane in the legal sense. Obviously, they said, he may be classed as a sexually psychopathic.

One psychiatrist said Thomas' actions are those of a sadist, who experiences pleasure from someone else's sufferings. Thomas said he never engaged in such actions prior to last August.

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