

POPE DISSOLVES BOY SCOUTS, HIT BY DUCE'S DECREE

Tries to Avoid Trouble for Mussolini.

ROME, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Pope Pius XII sent a letter to Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, dissolving all Catholic Boy Scout organizations in cities under 20,000 population. This step is regarded as a climax to the new issue between the church and the state over the question of Fascism's claim to the right to monopolize the education of Italian youth, which was revealed after the pope's recent allocation.

The pope's unusual step is taken, he explains, in a letter printed by the Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ, as a protest against similar action recently carried out by the Fascist government. Rather than have the state destroy these religious organizations, the pontiff says, the Holy See itself will destroy them.

As justification for this decision, he recalls King David's declaration to the Almighty, as set forth in the Bible: "If we must die, let it be by your hand rather than by the hand of man."

"Not Trying to Weaken Mussolini." In the course of his letter the pope says: "We are willing to admit, and highly appreciate, the intention of the government's recent action not to injure the divine prerogatives of the holy church and the spiritual rights of such Catholic people as the Italians, but we must point out that this action does not achieve its aim."

"We will also make clear that in saying this we do not desire to create difficulties for the government of the country or to weaken its prestige or honor, but we intend to free ourselves of the gravest responsibilities before God and mankind. We believe that in so doing we cooperate to the mutual advantage of all, if our purpose is well understood; otherwise our silence might easily be interpreted as our agreement in the government's action."

Autonomy for Other Scouts.

The pope explains that the project is planned by the government is not in accord with the Catholic doctrine, but he does not desire that his decision to dissolve the Catholic Boy Scouts shall be interpreted as having been inspired by animosity or made as a reprisal. He was truly inspired, he goes on, by the desire to spare others from being placed in a position of having the responsibility of destroying so many units of Catholic youth.

With regard to Boy Scout organizations in cities of more than 20,000 population, who are not affected by the government's decree, the pope grants complete autonomy and freedom of action, whereby the local leaders are empowered either to continue the existence of the organizations or disband them, as they see fit.

Pope Pius emphasizes the fact that "Catholic Action," the national organization, embracing all Catholic social and religious activities, of which the Boy Scouts are a part, maintains itself entirely above and beyond all political parties, while the "National Battalia," the Fascist youth organization, "although declared to be national, is undoubtedly with the current of a political party, which is shown by its rules, regulations, and activities."

CLEAR SITE FOR NEW 34 STORY MEDINAH CLUB

Workmen yesterday began clearing the site for the new Medina Athletic club building at the corner of Michigan boulevard and Illinois street.

Situated just across the way from the Tribune Tower, a thirty-four story building will arise shortly to join the tall structures north of the link bridge. When completed it will be devoted exclusively above the second floor to club purposes. Six hundred rooms, in addition to lounges and all manner of recreational and athletic equipment, will be provided for members.

Of the 4,000 memberships offered for sale, it is announced that 2,950 have been taken.



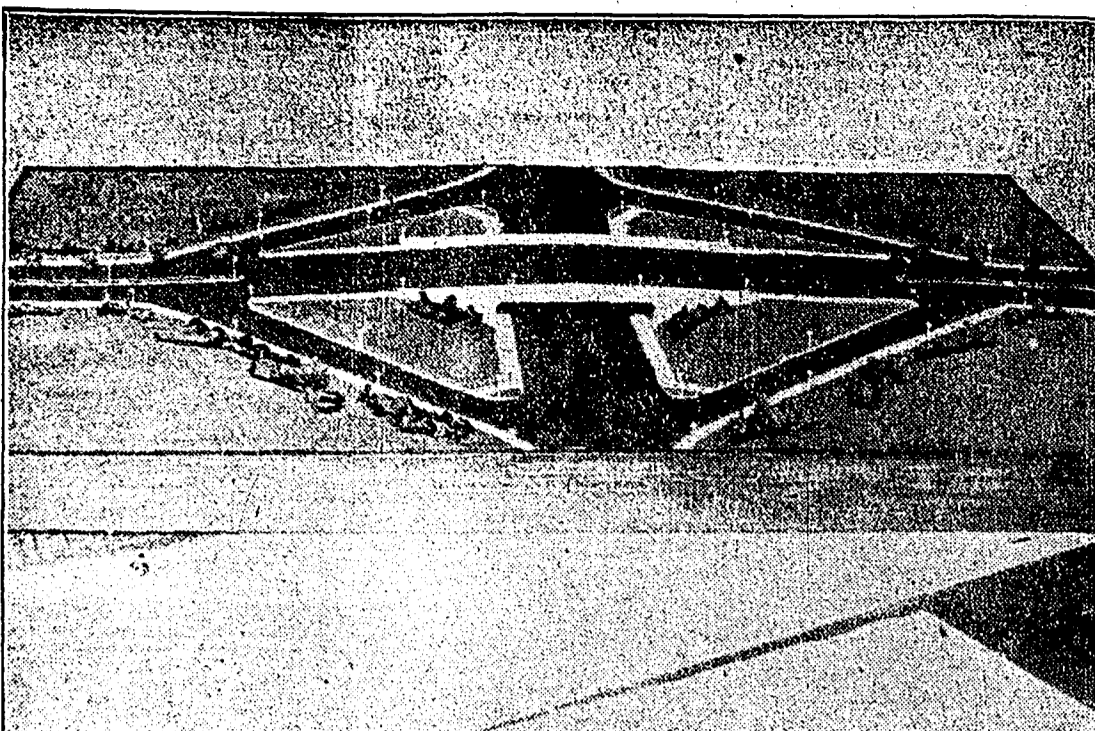
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OUTER DRIVE TO PASS OVER STREETS



Model of plan of D. H. Jackson, president of the Lincoln park board, for junctions of the outer drive, now under construction, with important north side streets. The first of these junctions is to be established at Montrose avenue. Others will be placed at Irving Park boulevard, Wilson, Argyle, and Foster avenues. No other streets intersect the drive, thus assuring an uninterrupted stretch of driveway.

OPEN DRIVE FOR \$1,250,000 TO AID CHILDBIRTH

Rockefeller May Duplicate Fund.

BY KATHLEEN M'LAUGHLIN. (Picture on back page.)

Ten years ago it cost America thousands of lives to "help make the world safe for democracy." Yesterday afternoon at the Studebaker theater several hundred Chicago women, going into a drive to raise \$1,250,000 under the leadership of Mrs. Kollogg Fairbank, passed to take note of the hundreds of thousands of lives it has cost to awaken recognition of the necessity of making childbirth safer for mothers and babies.

Deplores Little Progress.

"For the last thirty-three years," Dr. Joseph B. DeLee, founder of the Chicago Lying-in hospital, impressed upon their consciousness, "all the progress we have made in a medical way has been only a small dent in the towering cliff of ignorance and inefficiency in obstetrics."

"Thirty years ago, and for decades beyond that, 20,000 women and 100,000 babies lost their lives each year during childbirth, due mainly to inadequate care."

Affiliation of the Chicago Lying-in hospital, which was founded thirty-one years ago, with the University of Chicago, has just been announced. It was to explain the plans and details of the affiliation that yesterday's meeting was called by Mrs. Fairbank, who for eighteen years has been president of the board of directors of the hospital.

To erect a new hospital on a site provided by the university, the drive for funds has been inaugurated. For each dollar raised in Chicago, Mrs. Fairbank said, a pledge of another dollar has been made by an "out of town organization," by which it was understood she referred to the Rockefeller Foundation.

President Vincent Here.

George E. Vincent, president of the foundation, a former Chicagoan, came from New York expressly to aid in the launching of the drive, for which headquarters have been opened at 333 North Michigan avenue.

Already, and with little or no solicitation, a total of \$61,600 in contributions has been received at these offices, Mrs. Fairbank announced. Active solicitation of about 4,000 persons for further gifts will be begun next week.

As outlined by Mrs. Fairbank, President Max Mason of the University of Chicago, who was enthusiastic over the field of work the new connection opens up for the university, by Mr. Vincent, and by Mayor Dever, prospects for the new hospital center's work do not end at the city limits of Chicago, but may extend to a world-wide influence.

Each of the speakers forecast the

No Grade Crossings

The finished model for the graded intersection of Montrose avenue with the extension of the Lincoln park outer drive to be completed that far next summer was placed on exhibition yesterday in the Lincoln park administration building.

President David H. Jackson of the board, the originator of the scheme, points out that under the plan the outer drive will pass over Montrose avenue, leaving a fourteen foot clearance. Cuts may pass from one level to the other on the lanes which loop off the corners by making right turns only.

Similar intersections are proposed for other junctions along the new drive at Irving Park boulevard, Wilson, Argyle, and Foster avenues. There will be no other intersections and the new stretch will be uninterrupted.

Photographic copies of the scheme are being made to be distributed among road building organizations. It is Mr. Jackson's hope that this type of crossing will be introduced on country highways. Later business development at the spacious corners, will justify the expense involved in the purchase of the extra land, he believes.

Salvo of the present hospital plant, which will be accomplished after the success of the drive for funds for the new building is assured, will provide an endowment fund for the institution which is expected to reach \$1,500,000, Mrs. Fairbank said.

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HERE'S LATEST SCOTCH JOKE; DID M'WHIRTER PAY?

SALFORD, England, Jan. 24.—(U. N.)—Trying to light a cigaret in a high wind, George McWhirter set fire to his luxuriant red beard. His wife, too frightened to notice that McWhirter had quickly extinguished the blaze with his hands, turned in a fire alarm. Six fire engines, forty firemen, and twenty-five policemen responded. They angrily offered McWhirter the option of paying a \$25 fine for turning in a false alarm or permitting them officially to "subdue" the whiskers with a fire extinguisher. McWhirter in Scotch.

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BANKER, HIT BY AUTO, DIES AS TOLL REACHES 50

George Findlay Victim of Loop Mishap.

(Picture on back page.)

George Findlay, 75 years old, president of the Lake Forest Trust and Savings bank and manager of the Capital Reservations Lands company, 208 South La Salle street, died yesterday at the Presbyterian hospital of injuries received Friday when he was struck by an automobile while on his way to his office in the loop.

William Walsh, 6924 West 30th place, was the driver of the automobile which struck Mr. Findlay. The accident occurred at Monroe and Wells streets. Mr. Findlay was a trustee of Lake Forest college and a member of the Union League club. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Anna A. Findlay, and four sons, James A. Findlay. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Toll Is Raised to 50.

This death and one other raised the 1927 auto toll in Cook county to 50. Alfreda Smith, colored, 7 years old, 4612 Calumet avenue, was fatally injured when she was knocked down by a taxicab at Calumet avenue and 47th street. Harry Johnson, colored, 5310 South Michigan boulevard, driver of the car, was arrested.

Girl Asks \$30,000 Damages.

Suit for \$30,000 for injuries suffered in an unique accident was started yesterday, before Judge Hugo Pam by Miss Anne C. Chris, of Abbottsford, Wis. She charges that while riding in a motor coach of the Midwest Motor Coach company, in August, 1925, the coach scraped against another automobile and one of her arms, lying on a window sill, was cut off.

HEAR BROWNING CASE IN SECRET, BOTH SIDES PLEAD

Judge to Act on Motion Later; Trial Opens.

(Pictures on back page.)

Carmel, N. Y., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—This town got only a glimpse of the Browning separation trial today. After two witnesses had made out a technical case of desertion for Edward West Browning against his 16 year old wife, Frances Heenan (Peaches) Browning, the case was adjourned until tomorrow at White Plains. There Mrs. Browning's attorney will make her answer and join with it her suit for separation and alimony.

There is a possibility that the case never may be heard publicly and that all that will be known of what Browning did which his youthful wife says made her run away from him will be the leakage from the court room. For attorneys for both sides today joined in a plea that the public and the press be barred from the trial.

Delays His Decision. Justice A. H. F. Seeger took the motion home with him for settlement tomorrow morning. He gave no indication as to what he would do except to remark dryly that neither side so far had seemed to shrink from publicity.

Carmel was on tiptoes for its glimpse of the principals in the case. When Browning drove up in front of the courthouse in his robin's egg blue Rolls-Royce his attorney was waiting for him, and back of them all the people in Carmel who had not been able to crowd into the small courtroom upstairs. Browning stepped out smiling and posed for the photographers. He entered the courtroom with Attorney John W. Mack of Foughkeepa, Francis C. Dale, and four other lawyers.

Peaches Hurries to Court.

Soon after he arrived a smaller car drove up with "Peaches" Browning in it, accompanied by her mother and her counsel, Henry Epstein, a quiet, soft spoken man who brought all the dignity he could to the defense of his client. He hurried the youthful Mrs. Browning into the courtroom.

Edward P. Carney, Browning's chauffeur, testified to "Peaches" and her mother packing their things at Kew Gardens, L. I., his driving them away, and their telling him that they never were coming back.

John P. Gorham, Browning's secretary, told of listening in on a telephone conversation when Browning asked his wife to go to the theater with him, and she told him she wasn't coming back. That ended Browning's case.

Prices realized on Swift & Company sales of carcasses beef in Chicago for week ending Saturday, Jan. 23, on shipments sold out, were as follows: Cows, common to good, 9.50 cents to 13.00 cents; steers, common to medium, 13.00 cents to 16.00 cents; steers, good to choice, 16.00 cents to 20.00 cents; total sales averaged 13.05 cents per pound.—Adv.

CHAPLIN READY TO POST BOND WITH U. S. TO RELEASE ASSETS

(Chicago Tribune Press Service.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Attorneys for Charlie Chaplin asked the internal revenue bureau today to lift its income tax liens on their client's bank funds so the comedian will be enabled to return to California and fight the divorce suit filed by his wife.

Charles Schwartz and Isaac Stegel, the Chaplin attorneys, announced after conferences with government officials, that they had come prepared to post bonds to release the liens levied to obtain payment of alleged back taxes and penalties which amount to more than \$1,000,000.

Will Fight Receivership. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Posting of the \$1,000,000 bond, which has been demanded in cash or collateral by Los Angeles County Superior court, was promised by Chaplin's representatives today so that the receivership can be lifted from the Chaplin Studio, Inc.

Chaplin's lawyer, Lloyd Wright, insisted, however, that Mrs. Lita Grey Chaplin, who has tied up the actor's property, will not benefit from the situation.



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