

# CATHOLICISM AN ISSUE IN MEX POLITICS

(By Associated Press)

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17.—The Oregon administration has definitely broken with the Catholics in Mexico, and an antagonism that has been more or less submerged during the past two years is now being re-opened. The expulsion of Monsignor Ernesto Filippi, apostolic delegate, for his participation in an open air religious ceremony contrary to Article 24 of the Constitution of 1917, has provided the issue upon which the liberals and conservatives have come to open disagreement which many observers believe to be indicative of a bitter struggle for political supremacy.

Even the friends of President Obregon admit that his order for the expulsion of the apostolic delegate is a serious foreign policy mistake. It was prompted by political expediency. It was a snubbing, direct blow, they say, to check the influence of the Catholics as a political body, not as a religious organization. All quarters condemn the act as an indication of fear by President Obregon and his advisors that the once powerful Catholic party is again on the rise and an attempt to cripple for leadership with an administration, which although more lenient than some of its predecessors is fundamentally opposed to the Church. And Obregon expected the monsignor, personal representative of Pope Pius in Mexico, although the latter was and is his personal friend and was many times a guest at the presidential residence.

Running under years of repression dating back to the reform days of President Juarez, the Catholics were gradually suppressed shortly after President Obregon took office, two years ago, to find that a great degree of religious freedom was to be permitted. Numerous churches, schools and convents were reopened, parishes were again started, priests and nuns appeared on the street in clerical garb, a thing unheard of at the time of President Carranza. President Obregon, resenting the policy of freedom, often was a church visitor on the occasion of some special function. The first lady of the land, Mrs. Magda Tejada Obregon, is a devout Catholic and is president in the charity work of the church.

But a year or so ago there were rumors of activity in Catholic ranks not all of which was of a religious character. Reports were circulated of well laid plans to contest in the elections. The Catholic or "Claret" party, which polled nearly a quarter of the vote in the 1918 election, was revived. Catholics are still considered for seats in congress. Newspapers told of anti-government propaganda being spread in the interior by priests, and during the last year a dozen or more have been expelled, giving some substance to reports of their activity. Monsignor Filippi arrived from Rome and the clergy of the republic were mobilized to spread the doctrine of the Catholicism. Many persons in the government assert they also intend to mobilize.

The foreign secretary, explaining to Cardinal Gasquet, papal secretary of state, the reason for the expulsion asserted it was because "under Monsignor Filippi's direction the clerical elements were representing seditionary were seditionary to Christian precepts." When Monsignor Filippi presided at an outdoor religious service held January 15 near Sinaloa, Guanajuato, the government realized the law had been violated and that an opportunity to make an example of the highest ranking cleric in Mexico was offered. The sentence was immediately ordered, expelling him and giving 12 hours to quit the republic. The apostolic delegate denied there was an intentional violation of any federal or state law, and asserted his willingness to submit to any and all laws of the nation. Without opportunity to defend he was told to leave and he did so without protest.

During the last three days of his stay here, the monsignor visited the homes of various of the Catholic population of the capital. He was accompanied by Father de la Cruz, a priest of the city, who had been in the city for a long time. He was accompanied by Father de la Cruz, a priest of the city, who had been in the city for a long time.

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