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Card. Hayes Lauds Alfred E. Smith As Medal Is Bestowed

(Continued from Page 1) statesmanship for the betterment of conditions in the home and workshop. His Eminence declared that "Governor Smith, during his long public service, was motivated by the intensely humane and highly spiritual ideals of the sanctity of motherhood, the priceless treasure of childhood, the value of human life, the dignity of human labor, the duty of caring adequately for those afflicted physically and mentally, and the salvage of the delinquent for human society."

"The most recent evidence of Catholic Action on the part of Governor Smith," His Eminence went on, "was his response to my own appeal last spring for our Catholic charities. Then he shared in my apostolate of charity by his willing, intelligent and successful cooperation with his Archdiocese by organizing an emergency committee and personally inspiring a large group of the laity to gather a princely sum for Christ's poor and afflicted. Catholic Action is not political. It is nothing else than a lay apostolate working under the guidance of the Bishop for the spread of the Kingdom of Christ among individuals, families and the nations of the earth."

Bishop Gannon, speaking as "the Senior Bishop of St. Bonaventure's Alumni," paid tribute to Mr. Smith "for the excited Christian citizenship he has moulded out of his life for the edification of the youth of America." Welcoming Mr. Smith to the ranks of the St. Bonaventure's Alumni, Bishop Gannon lauded the Franciscan Order and declared that "a thrill of joy stirs our hearts when the humble brown Franciscan padre steps into the picture and pins his gold medal upon the peaceful but fearless breast of this true American, and faithful son of the Church."

Father Plasmann, in presenting the medal to Mr. Smith, explained the inauguration of the award. "Mother Church does not canonize her sons before they have stood the final test; neither do we," he said. "But we do believe," he added, "that this decoration should adorn the breast of the man who has stood in our midst for many years as the symbol of Catholic manhood in this fair land; and valiant knight at all times, in sunshine and in stormy weather, who has kept unshaken the shield of loyalty to the Church of which he is a child."

"Thank God," Father Plasmann continued, "there are many staunch Catholic men in our ranks, and in every community, but to one out of many is afforded, by reason of personal endowments and the career he chooses, the singular opportunity of exemplifying in a marked degree the genuinely manly traits of conviction, of courage and of action."

BETHLEHEM AND GERMANY TO BE ON AIR

(Continued from Page 1) tribution to the jubilee commemoration of the Incarnation.

By Dr. Alexander Mombell Jerusalem, Dec. 10.—On Christmas Eve, the carillon of bells in the Basilica of the Nativity of Our Lord in Bethlehem, will be heard throughout the world in an international broadcast, marking the first time that a radio broadcast has ever emanated from the famed Basilica. Following authorization from the English High Commissioner of Jerusalem and the Custodian of the Holy Places, the British Broadcasting Company is now arranging for the broadcasting of the chimes. The broadcast is scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock, Oriental time, (3 P. M., Eastern Standard Time) just before the beginning of the solemn Matins over which Patriarch Barlassina, of Jerusalem, will preside at the Franciscan Church of St. Catherine, the parish church of the Catholics of the Latin Rite in Bethlehem, adjacent to the Basilica of the Nativity.

The broadcast will be transmitted from Bethlehem by telephone to Cairo and London and from there will be relayed by short wave to all parts of the world. Washington, Dec. 15.—Special and extended programs of songs and sermons, reflecting the joy and gladness of the Christmas season, will be presented in the "Catholic Hour" on Christmas and New Year's Eves, it was announced here today by the National Council of Catholic Men, sponsors of the program. The "Catholic Hour" is the nationwide broadcast of Catholic truth transmitted each Sunday throughout the year by 66 stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company.

The special holiday programs will last for a full hour, rather than the customary half-hour, permitting a somewhat longer sermon, and the presentation of many Christmas carols and hymns. The main addresses will be delivered on both Christmas and New Year's Eves by the Rev. Dr. Fulton J. Sheen. Dr. Sheen's addresses will be the first of a series of 15 which will end on Easter Sunday.

An instruction on the liturgical prayers of the day will be given by the Rev. Peter J. Bergen, C.S.P., while the music will be provided by the Paulist Choristers and Mediaevalists under the direction of the noted conductor, the Rev. William J. Finn, C.S.P. Father Finn is selected from his large repertoire a number of quaint pieces, of Bohemian, French, Old English, and Welsh origin, together with a considerable proportion of traditional Christmas carols. Songs and carols of this character are familiarly associated with the Paulist Choristers, who have sung them in every large city on their numerous tours of the United States and Canada.

The choristers' selections for Christmas eve will be: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; "Angels We Have Heard"; Praetorius' "Behold a Rose"; "When Christ Was Born"; Adam's "O Holy Night"; "Star Beams Light the Country Side"; Silent Night; "Ring on Christmas Bells"; "O Sing a Joyous Carol"; and Gounod's "St. Cecilia Sanctus." The program for New Year's eve is: "I Saw Three Ships"; "The First Noel"; "Away in the Manger"; "Three Kings Song"; "Noel Alleluia"; "The Angels and the Shepherds"; "Good King Wenceslas"; "Wassail Song"; "The Snow Lay on the Ground"; and Gounod's "Nasareth."

The titles of the Christmas and New Year's Eve sermons to be delivered by Dr. Sheen are: December 24, "The Infinity of Littleness," and December 31, "Shepherds and Wise Men." New York, Dec. 15.—It has been announced here by the National Broadcasting Company that the ringing of the chimes and the celebration of the Christmas Mass at the famous Benedictine Monastery at Beuron in southern Germany, near the Swiss border, will again be broadcast internationally on Christmas Eve this year. It is stated that the program will be carried throughout the country over networks of the National Broadcasting Company and will be heard from 8:00 to 8:30 P. M., on Christmas Eve. The program will include, as last year, the singing of the ancient Gregorian liturgical chants, the rendition of old German Christmas carols by the congregation attending the services, and a brief address in English by the Rt. Rev. Raphael Walzer, O.S.B., Archabbot of the Beuron Congregation.

German-Austrian Dispute Disrupts Catholic Groups

(Continued from Page 1) the C.V. Union. The members were tied together by bonds of brotherly friendship which formed the basis for an exemplary cooperation in professional life, a cooperation in which Catholic life in general profited. This precious possession of the German Catholics has now been smashed to pieces.

When National Socialism established its power in Germany it insisted on National Socialists being placed at the heads also of those large Catholic unions which were not of purely religious nature and thus protected by the concordat. The chairmen and directors of the associations, who hitherto had been chosen by ballot were dismissed from their posts and their places taken by Nazis, who were appointed. This occurred in the case of the C.V. When the new managers required that the 25 Austrian associations that were members of C.V. exclude from their ranks the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Dollfuss, and the Austrian Minister for Justice, Dr. Schuschnigg, because they were opponents of Nazism, the Austrians refused to do so and announced their withdrawal from C.V. The Catholic German associations in Czechoslovakia and Rumania followed their example.

Borrowous Union Affected In the course of recent decades many Catholics from the German Reich studied in Austrian universities and became members of the Austrian associations of C.V. Some of these associations in Innsbruck and Vienna have hundreds of members who, now being in various walks of life, are citizens of the German Reich. The new Nazi directors of the union have forced them to leave the Austrian Catholic associations of C.V. by threatening them with exclusion from the union and with loss of their citizenships and academic degrees. Many of them had for 30 or 40 years been faithful members of the Austrian associations. The loss caused thereby is not only a personal one, it is one affecting the Catholic community as a whole.

The Borrowous Union for the Circulation of Good Books has been similarly affected. New York.—(NCWC)—The current issue of The Catholic Deaf-Mute announces the retirement of James F. Donnelly, for 33 years editor of the publication. Ill health caused him to discontinue his work. The Rev. Michael A. Purcell, S.J., has taken over the post.

A WEEKLY COLUMN OF REVIEW and COMMENT CONCERNING OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS By Scholastic

To the teachers and children in the schools of the Diocese, the Rev. John M. Duffy, superintendent of education, sends the following Christmas greeting: "May every joy and blessing of the Christmas season be yours, with best wishes for a bright and happy New Year!"

The music class of St. Mary's School, Corning, under the direction of Sister M. Gabriel had a very enjoyable time at their Christmas party last week. Members of the faculty were guests of honor, and were entertained by selections on the violin and piano, very creditably rendered by the following pupils: Violin, Alice Murphy and Rosemary Mason; Piano, Doris McKinney, Mary Stenger, Charles Stenger, Angelina Astolfi, Jeanne Bellly, Helen Sullivan, Kathryn Jones, Mary Frey, Virginia Barr, Dorothy Salley, Marjorie Griffin, and Betty Rose Hill. The class will give a recital during the coming year at which time parents and friends of the children will be invited.

Teacher: Every day we breathe oxygen. What do we breathe at night? Johnnie: Nitrogen.

The Propagation of the Faith office wishes to thank the school children for their generous response in sending in offerings to the Holy Childhood Association. The boys of Nazareth Hall Junior Unit contributed \$25 as their Christmas gift. Holy Redeemer School children collected \$70 for this association.

A prominent member of the faculty of The Catholic University of America, at Washington, D. C., Dr. Roy J. Deferrari, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, was honored by the election to membership of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at its recent meeting at Atlantic City. This commission is the standardizing body of the Middle States Association which includes institutions on New York State, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

Eighth Grade pupils of St. Mary's School, Corning, under the direction of the class officers are planning their annual Christmas party to be held in

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