

NATIONAL NEWS CLERGY OF 3 FAITHS STUDY PLAN NEUTRALITY ACT URGED

Dr. Zwierlein Urges Backing For Neutrality Legislation

Speaking on the neutrality issue now pending before Congress, the Rev. Frederick J. Zwierlein, D. S. M. H., professor emeritus of Church History in St. Bernard's Seminary, in three addresses to Holy Name Societies in the diocese, strongly denounced President Roosevelt's recent policy as a "War Maker."

It is now again, in 1939, one of the greatest issues pending before Congress, upon which the future welfare of our country is dependent. We are to take that was made by our entry into the World War with all its terrible consequences, from the suffering and the death of millions of people in the United States, to the depression the Roosevelt's New Deal measures have failed to cure.

It would be diabolical, if it were true what has been suggested as an explanation for the breaking of the neutrality pledge in the Democratic Platform of 1938 by President Roosevelt, namely that he was thus laboring to distract the attention of the People in the United States from the failures of the New Deal and that he was thus conspiring also to break the old American tradition against a Third Term that has endured from the time of the first President, George Washington, down to the present day.

Members of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, heard the priest-historian's address at the Communion Breakfast, Sunday, May 14 and 15, at St. John the Evangelist's Church on May 15 and St. Michael's Church on May 17.

Some years ago I was informed by one of the members of Elmira that there was expected to be a Peace Conference I then refused to do so, not because I did not ardently desire the coming of peace for all mankind, but because I could see through the duplicity of this peace movement.

When recently President Roosevelt visited the Olive Branch, a ten or twenty-five year peace to Adolf Hitler without any effort to right the wrongs of the indictable peace settlement of the World War that still remained, there was reason to suspect that President Roosevelt was using the Olive Branch of Peace to camouflage his war propaganda in favor of England and France against Germany.

For 150 years before April 30, 1789, George Washington had taken the oath of office on the balcony of the old Federal Hall, which stood on Wall Street in the City of New York. The site is now marked by his statue on the steps of the Sub-treasury building.

The sesquicentennial of George Washington's inauguration as the first President of the United States offered President Roosevelt a fine opportunity to recall to mind the great policy that George Washington observed during the two terms of his administration and that he strongly recommended in his Farewell Address as the policy that should be observed by all future Presidents.

John Sullivan Again Elected At St. Bona's ST. BONAVENTURE, N. Y. — John B. Sullivan, a Rochester youth, will represent the class of 1941 next year on the Student Senate of St. Bonaventure College. Mr. Sullivan was elected to the office by an unprecedented action of the student body.

Economic Planning Asked By Clergy

NEW YORK—More than 100 prominent Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen have signed a statement pleading for "Democratic and Economic Planning," made public here.

Pointing out that long-continued unemployment and economic distress in many countries resulted in dictatorship, the clergymen warned against such trends in the United States. They insisted, however, that the cure lies in the direction of removal of the economic causes, and that only through intelligent, cooperative planning by all groups is there hope for the preservation of democracy.

To bring about economic stabilization the clergymen urged democratic organization of labor, industry, farming and the professions; the increasing organization of consumers' cooperatives; and the federation of all these economic groups to work with government to "expand output and achieve a proper balance of incomes and prices."

"A wise, concerted guidance of economic life," the signers said, "need not mean a dictatorial State. Neglect to guide and direct the economic system will mean totalitarianism by default."

The statement, entitled, "Democracy and Economic Planning," was released by the Rev. R. A. McGowan, Rev. James Myers and Rabbi Edward L. Israel. It was issued as the result of an Interfaith Conference on Democracy and Economic Planning recently held in Brooklyn, at which these three clergymen presided.

"We urge to direct economic life; but the direction should be undertaken first of all and to the very limits of the possibilities by the people themselves, who should be creating their own work and ownership. The greatest burden and control should rest on the people freely organized as now, in employers' associations and labor unions, in farmers' marketing cooperatives and in associations of the professions, and upon them so federated by industry councils that they can see their own occupation, separately in the whole picture of economic life."

"Government leadership can go far to lead them when they are thus organized and federated, to set and attain goals of wider output and larger employment, and distribute the income and balance the prices so as to let the people use the increasing goods and services which new production can produce. We can do this under democracy."

The statement warned against repeating the "fundamental mistake of the NRA," which was cleared to be failure to provide for inter-industry co-operation, failure to give effective representation to consumers and failure adequately to include employers and their unions.

On Catholic Hour



Rev. Dr. John F. Monaghan, of Corpus Christi Church, New York City, a founder of the Catholic Hour, will speak on the subject, "The Reconstruction of a Christian Social Order." The program is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men (NCCM).

Decency Campaign

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Holy Name leaders have received pledges of support from the various Catholic lay organizations including the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women and affiliated groups.

Members of these organizations as well as those of the Holy Name Society are being urged to work with their pastors in this campaign as outlined.

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