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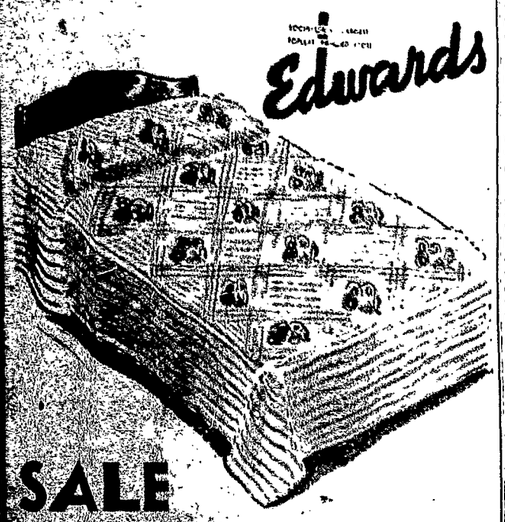
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Pray For War's Cessation, Pope Urges At Easter Rites

VATICAN CITY—Half a million persons in St. Peter's Square and other millions listening on the radio received the Easter Blessing of His Holiness Pope Pius XII Sunday as the solemn ceremonies of the Church's greatest feast day were carried out.

The Holy Father in his pontifical chariot went to the Basilica at 9 A. M. accompanied by 18 Cardinals, 20 Bishops and the entire Papal court. Forty thousand pilgrims assembled to witness the Holy Father in the parade.

Peace as the subject of the homily to be delivered by the Pontiff just as it has been the subject of virtually all of his recent pronouncements.

The Pope made his first stop at the Trinity Chapel to adore the Blessed Sacrament and then went to the west end of the apse of the great Basilica where after he was seated upon his throne he received the homage of the Cardinals and Bishops and the clergy attached to the Basilica.

Occasion for Joy

The Solemn Mass began at 10 o'clock. The Epistle and Gospel were read in the languages of the various Rites and the Holy Father seated on his throne then read his Latin homily.

His Holiness said Easter of all times affords occasion for joy, even at a time when peoples suffer from wars and from the fear of impending crises. It was his wish, the Holy Father said, that all peoples might understand the solemnity of the feast of Easter. It is sad, he said, to realize there are so many who cannot enjoy the great happiness such an event brings because their minds have not been enlightened by the Divine Light.

If the Resurrection of Christ brought such a great renovation to the world, we can hope that bring about a renovation in our lives following the example set for us by the Saviour, the Holy Father said.

Then shall we enjoy supernatural peace and heavenly joy as contrasted with our present sorrows.

And this renovation must be not only personal but also social. You well know in what sort of time we live. Concord among peoples has been bitterly shattered. Treaties that were solemnly signed and pointed are being openly violated. No longer is heard the voice of fraternal love and fraternal friendship.

All of the genius of invention, study and experience produced to make most peoples happy is now being used to make war and massacre. All that should be directed to bringing progress and prosperity is now being used to disturb right order and to bring about the sad and destruction of peoples. Peace is constantly spoken by a much of others are at the people particularly those of small means are made to suffer. Shades of darkness [illegible] Death [illegible] are bought. The agonizing [illegible] are blood soaked and [illegible] homes.

No remedy for such [illegible] be hoped for except [illegible] comes from Christ. Who alone can change public and private [illegible] moderate the waves of [illegible] passions [illegible] and just [illegible] hearts. He Who [illegible] and [illegible] which [illegible] be [illegible] peace.

Urges Prayers for Peace

Not by force but by [illegible] of truth, justice and charity [illegible] high order [illegible] world. We [illegible] and [illegible] peace [illegible] and unity.

When he had finished [illegible] Mass [illegible]

Pioneer Women's Insurance Society To Mark Golden Jubilee

The Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association which has the distinction of being the first Fraternal organization in the world to write insurance for women, and to be managed exclusively by women, celebrates its Golden Jubilee during the year 1940. It was organized on April 9, 1890.

The observance of the Jubilee year will be inaugurated on April 7, when in response to a Call by the Supreme President Miss Kate Mahoney of Troy, N. Y., the entire membership in all parts of the country, or 100,000 women and children, will attend Mass and receive Holy Communion, "in grateful acknowledgment of our gratitude to our Heavenly Father . . . as a thanksgiving offering for the blessings bestowed upon us and a prayer for the future guidance and good of the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association."

Democratic in Form

The organization of the LCBA has been democratic from its beginning. It has no state or intermediate authority, all the branches are under the direct jurisdiction of the Supreme President and Supreme Executive officers. In addition to the Supreme President, Miss Mahoney there is the Supreme Recorder, Miss Bertha C. McEntee, the Supreme Treasurer, Mrs. Mary E. Costelloe and a Board of Supreme Trustees eleven in number. Other Supreme Officers are Vice-Presidents, Marshals, Auditors, Guards and the Supreme Medical Examiner.

The Supreme Council is made up of presidents and past presidents of the local branches, who are eligible to serve as delegates to the Quadrennial Convention and remain as members of the Council until the next convention. Every Branch having a membership of seventy-five adult, insured members is entitled to representation on the Supreme Council.

It has been the plan in all of the large cities to organize Central Councils or Diocesan Senates. These are made up of the presidents and past presidents of local branches. Each of these Senates or Councils will have a celebration of the Golden Jubilee during 1940 and the anniversary will be observed nationally at the convention in July 1941.

Schedule Celebrations

Celebrations scheduled for the month of April include Syracuse, which will have a dinner in Syracuse on April 1. The Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, Bishop of Syracuse, will be the guest of honor, other notable guests will include the Supreme President, Supreme Recorder and many Supreme Officers.

Boston, Mass., will have its observance of the Golden Jubilee on Saturday, April 13. Very extensive plans had been started for this affair but because of the recent death of Mrs. Anna L. Mahoney, Supreme Trustee, of Boston, the plans have been somewhat modified.

Cleveland has a very extensive program for Sunday, April 28, when a pontifical Mass will be celebrated at noon by the Most Rev. Joseph Schrembs, D.D., Archbishop of Cleveland. This will be followed by a dinner at Hotel Cleveland, where the Most Rev. James A. McFadden, auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, will be the principal speaker. An interesting program will be given. The Supreme Officers will attend the affair. Miss Margaret Carney, Supreme Trustee of Cleveland, is chairman of this celebration.

A special number on the program for each of these affairs will be the invitation of prominent members of adult and juvenile members.

During the year other [illegible] Toledo, Detroit, [illegible] Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, Rochester, Erie, Wilkes-Barre and Jersey City will have similar affairs.

Buffalo, N. Y., was the home city of the first Supreme Spiritual Adviser of the Association, the late Most Rev. Stephen V. Ryan, D.D. The First Supreme President, Mrs. Elizabeth B. McGovern, was a native of Buffalo and that city has always been a strong center of activity in affairs of the LCBA. It is expected that the observance of the Jubilee Year will close in Buffalo in the late autumn, probably October.

This Diocese Active

Rochester diocese has played an important part in the development of this great Catholic women's organization. The late Most Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, first Bishop of Rochester, was the second Supreme Spiritual Adviser of the association, taking a national part in directing the affairs of the LCBA, was the late Mrs. Cora McParlin, Supreme Trustee for many years. Mrs. Anna I. Ryan of 56 Hobart St. is at present a Supreme Trustee of the association.

The members of the LCBA feel that they have every reason to rejoice in the completion of fifty years of progress. The society holds a very strong position in the insurance world. Their annual report shows that they have paid into the families of deceased members over fifty-one million dollars; several millions have been distributed through the local branches to churches and for relief work; and over twenty-five million dollars are held in the funds of the society. It has an actuarial rating of 110.3% and a membership of nearly 300,000 women and children.

An interesting feature of the celebration is the compiling of the Golden Book of The Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association. This book, or permanent register, will contain a picture of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, with a letter giving his Apostolic Benediction, pictures and letters of commendation from Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and other notable persons. It will also have a history of the Association and pictures of supreme officers past and present. It will contain brief chapters devoted to the deceased members, benevolent works, the juvenile department, the Fraternal Leader, and something of the celebration of the Golden Jubilee in the various cities.

Members in the LCBA is confined to Catholic women of good moral character, approved by the Pastor of the branch to which application is made, she must be approved by the medical examiner and be in a position to meet the payments required for insurance. The Association issues several types of insurance certificates including ordinary life, 20-year payment whole life; endowment, and endowment at age 60. It also has a juvenile certificate for children from birth to age sixteen. All of the adult certificates have the usual options for settlement when, or before, the policy matures. The association operates on a legal reserve basis.

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Red Soldiers Denied Religious Funerals

RIGA, Latvia—A report from Moscow states that religious funeral services for Red soldiers killed at the front are strictly prohibited and will result in the closing of any church used for this purpose.

Even the Swiss!

Even the Swiss, in their national defense plans are calling priests to fill the posts of chaplain in the armed forces. Above is pictured the Rev. Rudolph Walz, vice-rector of a diocesan seminary who visited the United States recently. He is shown in the uniform of a Captain. (N.C.W.C.)

Capital Eyes Catholic For President Issue

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as it exists in the United States would undermine and destroy religion, especially the Catholic religion. There is no question about anything motives. Both are fighting on the same side for the protection of human rights. This probably led Senator Taft to say:

It is said that a man cannot be elected to office because he is not one of a majority, and there are those who deliberately try to spread that kind of prejudice. It is contrary to every principle of the American Constitution. It can have no purpose except to destroy the immutable rights guaranteed to every American citizen. It looks to the same kind of oppression and persecution of minorities which we see today in Germany and in Russia. Democracy itself, and of long extent of minority rights are destroyed.

Any man born in the United States is as eligible to any office whether he be Protestant, Catholic or Jew, provided only that he possesses the approval of a majority of the electorate. The United States of America is a great country, the home of freedom and religious toleration.

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Holy Childhood Association
Rev. John S. Randall
DIRECTOR

[illegible] I have a suggestion that I am [illegible] I may be hoping and meet with your approval. Frequently we have made [illegible] to the importance of a [illegible] energy in order to act on [illegible] adequately the work of the missions. They, the natives of their [illegible] and can do so much more [illegible] a foreigner. No matter how many years you may be stationed in these lands you never do understand the language in order to speak it proficiently as do the native sons. Moreover he knows the ways and habits better than a foreigner ever will. That plus the fact that he is more easily accepted into the company and society of his own people than the foreigner, it stands to reason that the native priest can do a much better job for God. My suggestion is that through the sale of old newspapers we can begin to establish a purse for a native priest. By that I mean that we put away our money until we have enough collected to give to a Seminary somewhere or other where it remains and the money that is earned is used to educate a young seminarian. In this way we will gradually hope to build up the native priesthood of some mission country or other.

What of the idea? You have to do the work so it's up to you to decide what we should do with the money. I'll be waiting anxiously to hear your decision in the matter.

NEWSWEEK

Though the schools have been closed now for almost a week it does not seem to have retarded the returns to the office and the old mailbag has received a good mouthful these past few days. Most schools have been heard from offering to us their Lenten sacrifices. We are very anxiously awaiting the others yet to come because we are sure that every school made some effort in this direction. Let's take a peek into things and see what we really have on hand.

The first matter that comes to my attention is recalled by the fact that we had two visitors in the office a few days ago. They hailed from St. Francis Xavier School in Rochester. Perhaps you other people will remember that we had a real top notch salesman out there in St. Francis Xavier parish a few weeks ago. Yes, I mean our beloved Bishop who took time from his many duties to conduct a mission in honor of St. Francis Xavier and helped us to observe the Novena of Grace which was conducted throughout the entire land.

I am sure that I need not elaborate on the fact that he is a top notch salesman when it comes to the missions. All you need do is observe that every grade in school was Johnny-on-the-spot the other day with a ransom.

Having learned from their

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Tells of U. S. Bishops' Concern For Security Of Lay Workers

KANSAS CITY, MO.—The deep concern which the Catholic Bishops of the United States have for the social security of the lay workers who are being recruited "in ever growing numbers to help with the conduct of Catholic institutions of education and mercy" was emphasized by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, in an address to the 17th annual meeting of the National Catholic Educational Association here yesterday.

Addressing the opening meeting of the convention Monsignor Ready asserted that in addition to the opportunity schools have "to promote positively an apostolate for social order" these institutions, and all religious and charitable institutions have "an obligation to observe the norms of justice in reference particularly to wages and social security."

Concern Over Care of Workers

"The Bishops and others who share responsibility in the management of our institutions have given earnest study to the care of lay workers who in ever growing numbers are recruited to help the clergy and Religious carry on the works of Christian education and mercy," Monsignor Ready said.

The elected officers of the National Catholic Educational Association have considered problems of wages and security over many years and have reported their recommendations to the Association. In line with the recommendations made in the recent Pastoral of the Archbishops and Bishops of the Administrative Board, National Catholic Welfare Conference after long study, negotiation and conference with representatives of various religious denominations, hospital and educational associations have indorsed the proposed amendment to the Social Security Act introduced March 14 in the Congress by Senator Walsh of Massachusetts.

Beginning his address with a brief outline of the endeavors of Popes and Bishops to enlist our citizens in the tasks of true social reform, Monsignor Ready said: "We have had historic opportunities to fashion the society in which we live on the plan and specifications of a Christian social economy.

Personally, I would like to see a credo of Catholic social principles as an integral part of every catechism and handbook of religion in our schools from the grades to the University. I think such teaching belongs in the course of religion, because of the prevalent heresy which holds that economics, whether of labor or capital, is independent of religion and outside the imperatives of morality.

Who told the Youth Congress this, Mr. Ryan?

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