

NATIONAL NEWS

SANITY AND DEFENSE PUT HOUSE IN ORDER

Legion 'Called Turn' Says Kelly

Urges Sanity As Defense Is Built

INDIANAPOLIS — A positive pronouncement to men and women who "want to pay their price" by Raymond J. Kelly, national commander of the American Legion has been made in a front-page editorial of "The National Legionnaire" for June.

Commander Kelly, well-considered and profound editorial "The Legion Called The Turn" declares:

The American Legion has a reassuring word for those among our fellow countrymen who during recent days have developed a definite hysteria which if allowed to go unchecked, might derange the national mind.

The Legion presumes to speak with some degree of authority, because consistently in the past it called the turn and pointed the way of sanity for handling many of the problems now confronting the United States.

For twenty long years the Legion raised its voice to the highest pitch in the effort to arouse the Nation to the need for an adequate national defense. Few listened.

Since 1922, the Legion has had a definite program looking toward Universal Service. In the event this country again became involved in war our plan would deprostitute such a conflict, leaving special privilege for none, equal service for all. Few paid attention.

Knowledge of the existence of subversive influences, apparently just now penetrating the public consciousness under the modern description of fifth column, is neither new nor novel to the Legion. Few were aroused to the danger.

The definite complacency of America in a world rapidly becoming an armed camp with high explosive potentialities has been reported by the Legion for many years. Few heeded the warning.

And so the Legion believes it is qualified from its record of service both in time of war and in 21 years of peace to counsel soberly and rationally the men and women of America.

In my belief the most menacing factor to the safety of the United States arises from within our borders rather than without. Our house must be set in order. But the neglect of years cannot be corrected in a few short minutes, hours, and days. What must be done we will do — if determined and united. America sets its will to the task.

In the first place, we should face the fact that communazi conspirators seeking to undermine and to destroy our institutions are fanatics. The truth as we know it is not in them. Reasonable treatment has no effect upon them, and but serves to embolden and encourage their efforts.

We have been told that far-reaching suppressive measures against flourishing domestic ideological conspiracies might injure innocent people. In my belief the good of the whole country compels summary action to be taken by our properly constituted federal, state, and local authorities to stamp out in their entirety the activities of these subverters, irrespective of what may happen to their fellow-travelers or innocent bystanders. This is no time for quibbling. We must pull no punches.

In my public utterances I have stressed the importance of American Legion organizations assisting and working through recognized law enforcement agencies. I see no reason for deviation from that policy at this time. Only rarely, when there is complete collapse of great disaster, it is our job to do what we can independently.

In recent years many of our Legion Posts have prepared disaster relief plans to become effective at the onset of such catastrophes. In other words, the machinery of Legion support for law and order is already set up with a fair degree of efficiency. And those Posts without prepared plans of this kind now must form them immediately. Such plans should be integrated with existing authority in every community, where there is a Legion Post.

Legion support in the field should be given the attempt to secure increases and strengthening of constituted police powers. Regardless of the cost, and even if requiring new local taxes, the personnel of local police, sheriff's forces, and state police and highway patrol organizations should be measurably increased. Better training and equipment should be provided. We should make our regular peace-time home defenses impregnable. The Legion should head up public demand for this to be done.

State departments of the Legion can well institute and urge the adoption of state emergency council set-ups. In several states this has been done already.

National Legion officials are engaged now in conferences and discussions with the Federal Government looking toward utilization of Legion organization and membership in the most effective manner possible in event of any conceivable emergency developing. Such perfected plans will be ready for immediate use when conditions warrant their invoking.

Posts and members of the American Legion are well informed of local conditions. Information in their possession about dangerous subversion, which can be substantiated, should be turned over through official Post channels to the proper authorities.

"OFFICER 1925" BECOMES A PRIEST



Rev. Daniel M. Gleason, C.S.C. (left), whose ordination takes place at the University of Notre Dame on June 24, was for some years a member of the New York City Police Department. He wore shield No. 1225. He is shown receiving the congratulations of Sgt. Michael O'Callaghan of Times Square Precinct, New York's best, with whom he served for two years. He is accompanied by his father, Mr. James Gleason, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Gleason. The ceremony was held at the Hotel Astor, Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine will present him with a challenge on behalf of the department. (N.C.W.C.)

Opinion On War Status

Urges U. S. Put Own House In Order

POULDERKEE, N. Y. — The United States must put its "own house in order" against those who through malice or ignorance would tear it down, the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, said here Sunday at the annual rally of the New York Archdiocesan Holy Name Union. Participating were more than 20,000 men.

The Archbishop declared he was in agreement with previous speakers at the rally that "our present danger is not one of attack from outside our country, but of assault from within."

Archbishop Spellman said freedom of the press today apparently includes the "right" to publish "pornographic" material in magazines; that freedom of religion seems to include activities of "paid members of a certain religious sect calling from door to door and playing insulting records on the phonograph denouncing and denigrating all religion"; and that freedom of speech is accorded to those subversive elements who would destroy this country if they could.

He urged Catholics and all other law-abiding, God-fearing citizens to "live in accordance with the Constitution of the United States and then as far as possible to put God into education. First of all in the home and then to our children in school."

Commenting on the present tragedy of Europe, he said the war was due to the fact that "the rulers and the peoples themselves have forgotten or neglected or spurned God and God's commandments."

"While with bleeding hearts we sympathize with them in their predicament and lend them our aid as our means will allow," he declared, "still we must look to the lessons that history teaches us. At least we go forward on the same road which brought them to their present sad situation."

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'Religious Liberty' Group Disproves Taylor

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however, as the program wore on and its "religious liberty" veneer wore thin, proved to be opposition to the Taylor appointment, voiced in addresses of prominent Protestant church leaders and a resolution adopted demanding that the President suspend his activity, through Mr. Taylor on behalf of peace in collaboration with the head of the Catholic Church.

Two of the three main addresses of the evening dealt with the question "Separation of Church and State," but the speakers on this subject — Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, Editor of the Christian Century, wore down with deliberate and sharp emphasis on a single phase of this general topic, namely the Taylor appointment.

The addresses also sent out many other bars against the Catholic Church, intensifying the animus in the atmosphere. Typical of such shafts was the charge made by Dr. Cavert that the Lords Baltimore actually contradicted nothing to the establishment of the principle of religious liberty, since their policy of toleration, he said, was motivated by expediency.

History caravans were resurrected. For example, it was asserted the Catholic Church is un-American because, officially and historically, it holds that the Church is above the State, and that should the United States establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican, this country would thereby be aiding theories that are un-American. Pope Leo XIII was glibly quoted out of context to bolster these assertions.

The mass meeting, which climaxed a day of seminars and executive sessions of the "Findings Committee," was not marked entirely by condemnations and denunciations directed against the Catholic Church. The presiding chairman of the meeting himself, Bishop James E. Freeman of the Episcopal Church, frankly stated in his remarks at the conclusion of the evening that he did not wish to be regarded as approving the statements made in the course of the evening and added that he felt the times are so grave religious groups should set aside differences and unite rather than divide. It is the cause of alleviating the present suffering of the world, he said, that he had invited the Rev. Louis L. Mann, of Chicago, one of the 24 Jewish rabbis who participated, to trace the history of religious liberty in the United States and paid tribute to the Catholics as well as to leaders of other religions for contributions to the founding of American religious tolerance.

It was admitted by one of the leading promoters of the Committee that no invitations had been sent to Catholics to join in the movement during the early days of organization, but cooler heads later advised caution with regard to wholesale and over exclusion of Catholics from the Conference.

A letter written by a high official of the Committee later stated that "the prelates of the Roman Catholic Church" had been sent invitations to attend the Conference and at the opening of the Conference another official declared invitations had been sent, but he did not explain the time or nature of the invitations. He added that Catholics had not responded and that therefore the Conference would be "forced" to proceed without hearing the Catholic viewpoint.

Nevertheless, a checkup here indicated that prominent Catholics of the Capital had not received invitations. Leaders contacted included two members of the hierarchy who reside in Washington and prominent members of the clergy.

Change Classification Of Junior Societies

ST. LOUIS — The Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., National Society Director and Editor of The Queen's Work announces there will be no more "Junior Societies." Hereafter the Junior Parish Society will be known as "The Team" and the Junior Children's "Elementary School Sodality."

Fordham Honors Bishop Kearney

NEW YORK — The Most Rev. James Edward Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, N. Y., presiding at the Fordham College exercises on June 11 received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the Very Rev. Robert J. Connor, S. J., president of Fordham University.

The citation for the achievements of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, follows:

The Most Rev. JAMES EDWARD KEARNEY. To all who view these presents the trustees of Fordham University and Fordham College give greeting in the Lord. His Excellency James Edward Kearney we name for honor as a man profoundly considerate of others, utterly unforgetful of himself, the cheerful, unassuming friend of all men, whom to know is to prize and whom to know is to love. With his degree as Bachelor of Canon Law from the Catholic University he took up his priestly work immediately as assistant pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, New York City. There he remained for nearly twenty years, unwearied under his burden of labors, his fatherly soul an un-failing well of comfort. With deep regret the parish had him leave, for he had endeared himself to the parish as they to him. Coming then as founder of the newly established parish of St. Francis Xavier in the Bronx, west thirteen and devotedly he provided as pastor for his flock. He also filled the position of assistant superintendent of schools for the archdiocese and aided faithfully in the organization of the Archdiocesan Catholic Charities. Truly he was a workman not to be ashamed. Promoted finally with a general chorus of approval, first to the Bishopric of Salt Lake City and then to the Bishopric of Rochester, he has shown himself a man of good will, timor and approved unto God. Accordingly by these presents we, the trustees of Fordham University and of Fordham College, authorized to that purpose by the supreme power of the State, bear witness that His Highness, His Excellency James Edward Kearney has been advanced by us to the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, and endowed with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.

PRACTICAL SESSIONS LISTED AT RURAL MEET

ST. CLOUD Minn. — The convention of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, to be held here September 29 to October 2, will be a practical convention for Catholic farmers, according to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. L. G. Ligutti, Executive Secretary of the Conference.

The sessions to be held here at the invitation of the Most Rev. Joseph F. Bush, Bishop of St. Cloud, will have only four formal addresses and no luncheons or dinners. The program includes demonstrations and discussions on such topics as "Farm Home Makers," "Farm Leaders," "Rural Educators," "Rural Priests" and "Rural Youth."

A. J. Wey, Catholic Press Figure, Honored By Pope

CLEVELAND — Alexander J. Wey, General Manager of The Catholic Enterprise Bulletin, Vice-President of the Catholic Press Association of the United States, and Secretary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, is one of four prominent laymen of this diocese whom His Holiness Pope Pius XII has named Knight Commanders of the Order of St. Gregory the Great. Announcement of the honors was made by the Most Rev. Archbishop Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland.

Raymond A. Jones, Executive Secretary of the Catholic Charities Corporation; Judge Joy Seth Hurd of the Court of Common Pleas, and John Hellert of Warren, O., Co-Chairman of the St. Joseph Hospital Building Committee, are the others thus honored.

Drug Stores Send Brides Contraceptive Literature

WARREN, O. — The practice of two local drug stores of circulating prospective brides with contraceptive literature has been brought to light and exposed here.

Existence of this practice on the part of the drug stores was brought to attention by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward A. Fasnacht, pastor of St. Mary's Church, in an address to the seventh annual mothers-daughters dinner of Court Warren of the Catholic Daughters of America.

"You are the duty of uniting with all decent women of this community in one concerted action against those demonstrating and a-bolishing exploiters of womanhood," Monsignor Fasnacht declared. "It said 'the moral law condemn the unnatural practices of so-called birth control is binding on all pagan, Jew, Protestant and Catholic alike' and was written on the heart of men from the beginning of the human race."

Encourage the store-keepers who want to sell their reading matter.

GOOD REPORT EXPECTED



Fred Allen, left, helps Fred Abbott—he's the tall one—sing the classic comedy duo in their "Hour of Sillies," take over the Wednesday 8:30 P. M. spot on WVEAN from Fred Allen starting July 2nd. Bossy Yenta will join the boys and provide the words for the show.

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