

NATIONAL NEWS

WORK OF KNIGHTS — BISHOP IARRY
TUNNEY LEADS WAY FOR YOUTH

Lauds K. of C. For Patriotism

Convention Hears Military Bishop

INDIANAPOLIS.—(NC) Willingness of too many people to allow the Catholic Church a monopoly on the teaching and practice of voluntary self-sacrifice was deplored in a sermon preached in the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul by the Most Rev. John P. O'Hara, C.S.C., Military Delegate at the solemn Mass which preceded the formal opening of the 58th annual meeting of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus Tuesday.

The Rev. Fr. Finn of Bridgeport, Conn., Supreme Chaplain, was co-officiant of the Mass.

Foster Faith, Patriotism

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop O'Hara said, "is an organization which owes its existence to the growing complexities of modern life and its continued usefulness will depend upon its flexibility in meeting new problems as they arise, and in anticipating them whenever possible. Its purpose is to foster faith and patriotism in its membership and, by word and example, to encourage faith and patriotism in those outside its jurisdiction.

To any who would deny the compatibility of allegiance to the spiritual power of Rome and the temporal power of America, it recalls that the same Divine Teacher who said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" and to God the things that are God's.

To those few who may still question the patriotism of Catholics, it points to the unerring teaching of the Catholic Church that no man can be a faithful member of the Church who fails in his duty to his country. It points to the long roll of Catholics who have shed their blood in every war in which this nation has ever been engaged. Self-denial it recognizes as a primary duty of citizenship.

First business session of the convention, which was called to order by Supreme Knight Francis P. Matthews, was devoted to the presentation of the annual reports of the Supreme Officers.

Report of Supreme Secretary Joseph P. Lamb showed the society's total membership, as of June 30, to be 419,111; of this total, 220,659 were in the insurance and 198,452 in the associate class. Sixteen new chapters were organized during the year, bringing the total to 2,474. Disbursements of insurance monies to members and their beneficiaries during the year ending June 30 amounted to \$4,238,757.14 and the amount in force on that date was \$29,028,139.

Catholic U. Scholarships

Referring to the Knights of Columbus scholarships at the Catholic University of America, Supreme Secretary Lamb pointed out that one of the purposes of their establishment was to train Catholic young men of ability to take their place on the faculties of education institutions. A survey made recently by the University showed that 110 of the holders of Knights of Columbus scholarships have taken up teaching or administrative work, and two are now serving as presidents of Catholic colleges.

Supreme Advocate Luke E. Hart and Supreme Treasurer D. J. Callahan also presented their reports to the convention. Supreme Physician Dr. Edward W. Fahey stated that since the Knights of Columbus Blood Donors' program was introduced at the Supreme Council meeting at Cincinnati, in 1933, nearly 600 Councils have collected about 13,000 volunteers as prospective blood donors. These members have given without cost some 6,000 pints of blood to fellow members, relatives of members and to needy patients in emergency cases.

According to medical authorities, Dr. Fahey said, hundreds of these donors have been the direct cause of saving the lives of patients.

K.K.K. Holds Joint Rally With Bund

Dragon of the New Jersey Realm of the Klan, presided at the meeting in a glittering robe and hood of red and black. He declared that the time comes proper action will be taken against "a dirty, rotten attack" by the "New York World Telegram" on A. E. Young, Grand Kliff of the New Jersey Klan.

Edward Smythe, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Protestant War Veterans of the United States, spoke of his previous association with that fine American, Fritz Kuhn, although the treatment of the Kuhn defense fund and honors seemed to indicate that Kuhn was no longer in the Bund's good graces.

Klanmen who addressed the strong made no direct reference to the Bund or to Nazi Germany, but expressed sympathy for Bund members who had been "persecuted." Seven Klanmen and 10 Klanswomen were seated on the platform in full regalia.

At Close of Catholic Week



A colored boy kisses the ring of Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch, of Chicago, during the procession following the solemn Eucharistic Mass at the Chicago Coliseum, marking the close of "Catholic Week" at the American Negro Exposition. Photo by Via Agnar. (N.C.W.C.)

Large 32-Year-Old Bank Founded By Priest Had Credit Union Origin

MANCHESTER, N. H.—A bank, which was started humbly and stands today as a tribute to the vision and foresight of a Catholic clergyman, will soon celebrate its thirty-second anniversary here.

St. Mary's Bank was organized at a mass meeting in 1915, at which time the presiding officer was the late Mgr. Pierre Hevey. Father Hevey realized the need of such a financial institution to accommodate the banking requirements of the fast growing St. Mary's parish of which he was pastor.

The bank was started in the residence of the first manager, the late Joseph E. Bolvin, and today it is one of the leading banks in this section, occupying its own imposing stone building.

The bank is a development of the first Credit Union in the United States. At the time of the parish's Credit Union founding, there was no law in New Hampshire on Credit Unions or anywhere in the United States. Consequently, the pioneer Credit Union here was chartered by an act of the supreme legislative body of the State.

The Credit Union was inspired by Thomas Desmond, a noted Canadian Catholic journalist, who was a pioneer in the Credit Union movement and established many such projects in Canada.

Fr. Loeffler Takes Vows of Jesuits; Has 4 Priest-Brothers

LENON, Mass.—(NC) Final vows in the Society of Jesus were recited at Cranwell School here by the Rev. Charles F. Burke, Principal, and the Rev. James D. Loeffler, of the school's teaching staff.

The Rev. John F. Cox, Rector of Cranwell, celebrated the Mass. Father Loeffler has four brothers who are priests: three in the Vincentian Order, one a Jesuit and a sister, who is a Sister Theresa of the Sisters of Charity, Boston.

Clergy Exempt From Draft By Senate

Senator Maloney (D-N.Y.) introduced the Senate amendment to the Burke-Wadsworth bill, one provision of which would have granted outright "deferred status" to clergymen, divinity students and members of religious Orders; the original bill, deferred, in the discretion of the President, the registration and training of priests and ministers of religion, but made no mention of divinity students.

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Senator A. B. Chandler of Kentucky, who with Senators Sherman Minton of Indiana and John Thomas of Idaho vigorously urged the exemption of seminarians and divinity students from the Burke-Wadsworth Bill was still in the hands of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, was presiding over the Senate when the amendment was adopted today.

Senator Edward R. Burke of Nebraska, one of those sponsors of the bill, voted for the amendment.

Mother Spalding Dies
St. Louis.—Mother Florida Spalding, a member of the Order of the Sacred Heart for 45 years, has died at the Academy of Sacred Heart. She was 87. Mother Spalding was a cousin of the late Archbishop Martin John Spalding, of Baltimore and of the late Bishop John Lancaster Spalding, of Peoria.

Athletic Moderator
Milwaukee.—The Rev. William Grace, S.J., former Dean of Paulist at Marquette University, has been appointed Moderator of Athletics and Chairman of the Athletic Council of St. Louis University. He also will hold the position of Professor of Religion at the university.

Tunney Heads Fight For Youth

Launch Move To Counteract A Y C

NEW YORK.—To counteract the allegedly Communist-dominated American Youth, a movement, with George Tunney, Catholic layman and former world's heavyweight boxing champion, as temporary national chairman, is being pushed here.

A pro-American group has been formed to be known as the National Foundation for American Youth. This will serve as a clearing house and co-ordinating agency for patriotic youth organizations and unaffiliated youth loyal to the American system, says Tunney. The American Youth Congress, he declares, has made false claims of representing many millions of loyal, patriotic American youths who remained "inarticulate, unorganized, unheard."

Headquarters Set Up
Murray Plavner of New York was named National Director of the work with offices at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, this city.

A state-wide chapter of the Foundation in New Jersey was announced simultaneously. Similar state organizations in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Washington and Pennsylvania will be announced within a week or two, Mr. Plavner said.

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