NATIONAL NEWS

DEFENSE PROGRAM
MINORITY SCORED

Defense Program Spurs Church In U. S. In '40

HIGHLIGHTS in Church Activities in the United States during the year of 1940 were:

- Catholic population put at 21,403,136.
- Papal Encyclical lauds Hierarchy on 150th Anniversary.
- Pontiff in response to message of President naming Myron Taylor as envoy
- Activities of N. C. W. C. praised by Pope, Cardinals.
- Relief Works sponsored by Bishops.
- Prayers for World Peace.
- Youth Department established.

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Precedents as old as the country itself were broken in 1940 as the United States, eyeing the world about it, drove through a program of preparedness without parallel in national history.

The Catholic Church stepped up the tempo of its activities to meet these new challenges, and the result was a year filled with Catholic interests almost as varied as they were extremely numerous.

The Catholic population of the United States, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands was put at 21,403,136 by the 1940 edition of **The Official Catholic Directory.**

POPE LAUDS BISHOPS

His Holiness Pope Pius XII said in 1940 that he was joyful because of the pastoral care with which the Archbishops and Bishops defend and encourage religion in this country.

The Pontiff spoke thus in acknowledging a letter sent by the Bishops of the United States to thank him for the Encyclical Letter **Sertum Laetitiae**, sent in 1939 to mark the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the American Hierarchy. On another occasion the Pontiff said it was a source of "profound consolation" to him that his Encyclical had been received "with such widespread respect and approbation in the United States." Still later receiving a marble statuette of the Boy Saviour, sent from New York by American youths of Italian descent, the Holy Father said "We expect much of America where there are so many and flourishing Catholic schools."

The dawn of the year brought Pope Pius XII's memorable response to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's message to His Holiness at Christmas 1939 in which he announced the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as his special representative at the Vatican. Pope Pius said "that, when the day of peace dawns, only those who unite with high political power "a clear understanding of the voice of humanity along with a sincere reverence for the divine precepts of life will be able to discern the path that should be followed."

FACIST WRITER HIT

A campaign of vilification against Pope Pius XII waged in Italy by Roberto Farinacci, Minister of State and Editor of **Regime Fascista**, stirred deep resentment among Catholics in the United States, and numerous and earnest were the protests. Branding Signor Farinacci's outpourings as a "hysterical, lying attack," the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, asked: "has it come to the point where a leading Italian Fascist and influential editor, seemingly with Government consent, finds it expedient to ape the clumsy, unscrupulous propaganda methods of the Nazis?" The attacks stopped shortly afterward.

The work of the departments and bureaus of the National Catholic Welfare Conference was made particularly heavy in 1940 by war conditions in Europe and the steps to promote national defense at home.

Pope Pius XII expressed "admiration for the intelligent initiative and for the assiduous labor with which the Bishops of the United States have given themselves to the task of realizing the directions and counsels of the Holy See in matters of general concern."

With a hundred members of the Hierarchy in attendance, and with His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, presiding the Annual General Meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States took steps to co-ordinate Catholic interests and activities stemming from the nation's program for preparedness, and to unify all Catholic relief and refugee work under a single Episcopal Committee.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

To accomplish the first of these objectives there was set up a National Catholic Community Service composed of the N. C. W. C. Administrative Board plus the Military Vicar of the Army and Navy Ordinariate or his representative.

To accomplish the second objective, the Administrative Board itself became the unifying committee on relief. In this connection it was revealed that a sum in excess of $1,200,000 had been provided by the Bishops for the relief of suffering peoples abroad. It was revealed too, that the Episcopal Committee for Catholic Refugees and handled 4,319 refugee cases since its establishment in 1937.

In a statement issued at the time of the Annual General Meeting, the Bishops took cognizance of this nation's extraordinary peace-time efforts to defend American institutions and pledged themselves and their flocks to "give themselves unstintingly" to their country's "defense and its lasting endurance and welfare."

At the same time the Episcopal Committee on Motion Pictures issued a strong protest against the "increasing objectionable tendencies which lately have become manifest in films." The statement urged all Catholics particularly parents to renew their vigilance against the pernicious influence of films which disregard the moral law and subvert the foundations of Christian society.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Persuaded that nothing less than a nation-wide view of youth by the Church and unified direction can adequately meet the needs of youth in these critical times and supply the spiritual defense essential to Christian democratic life," the Bishops authorized the establishment of a Department of Youth in their own organization, the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Buffalo, became its Episcopal Chairman.

Among the most important developments of the year was the successful appeal to Congress to have specific exemption of priests, seminarians and Religious written into the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940. As originally before Congress, the peace-time conscription law empowered the President to grant deferred status to priests and ministers of religion under the draft provisions, but made no mention of seminarians or Brothers. Monsignor Ready, at the direction of the N. C. W. C. Administrative Board, appeared before Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives to ask specific exemption of priests, seminarians and Religious under the Burke-Wadsworth Bill. Urging that they be given outright exemption rather than deferred status, Monsignor Ready said "Deferment is a precarious right." These provisions were voted overwhelmingly by both houses of Congress.

SOCIAL ORDER

On Ash Wednesday, the Admin-

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Archbishop Scores Minority Who Would Force U. S. Into War

CINCINNATI (HC)—A 10 per cent minority of the people of the United States "favoring war is forcing America subtly and cleverly into the world conflict, and the majority of 90 per cent favoring peace is standing by, silent and helpless," declared the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, in his Christmas Midnight Mass sermon here.

Warning against war propagandists "who, if they continue their propaganda and advance their misguided patriotism, must force us into the present conflict," the Archbishop declared:

"The terrifying thought of our participation in the war, thereby intensifying and prolonging the struggle, should make us all realize our constant duty to pray for our President and to seek the guidance of the Holy Ghost for Congress."

His sermon, broadcast not only locally but also by short-wave in Spanish to the Latin American countries, urged North Americans to seek a better understanding of their Southern neighbors and added the prayer that "the peace of Christ ever exist between North and South America."

'Pressure Groups Active'

"The course of events in our own country, the Archbishop declared "is discouraging, to the extreme. Our citizens are united wholeheartedly in a defense program that will give us the security of peace. They are sympathetically united to all the countries of the Western Hemisphere in a determination to keep the horrors of war from the continents of America. But we must face the fact that power politics is at work, that pressure groups are active, that propagandists and un-American extremists are cleverly over-emphasizing half-truths and assuming that all who do not move unswervingly with them in involving our country in war are not patriotic, are not moved by religious motives are not true Christians.

"Capitalism in our country is blindly moving towards war, not fully realizing that it is digging its own grave. Big business sees the glittering profits of the moment coming from our participation in the war but refuses to consider the collapse of our financial structure and the breakdown of world capitalism as we know it today, which will be one of its inevitable consequences.

It is to be feared that all our military groups, as well as many sincere, honest, but radical officials of government who cannot be tempted by money, who cannot be bribed, cajoled, or intimidated, who are whole-heartedly intent upon a new social order that will not permit the freedom of a true Christian democracy, and who seem anxious to modify seriously our structure of government, want to involve us in the war. They seem to think that the powers of a totalitarian government must be granted to officials if they are to cope successfully with the condition of our day."

Those Americans who want war, the Archbishop stressed, constitute an insignificant minority in comparison with those who sincerely desire peace and are convinced that America will serve America best by remaining at peace."

Plans Tour To Form Fordham Alumni Clubs

NEW YORK. The Rev. Charles J. Deane, S.J., Vice-President and Secretary General of Fordham University, will make a tour of the United States establishing new local Fordham alumni clubs.

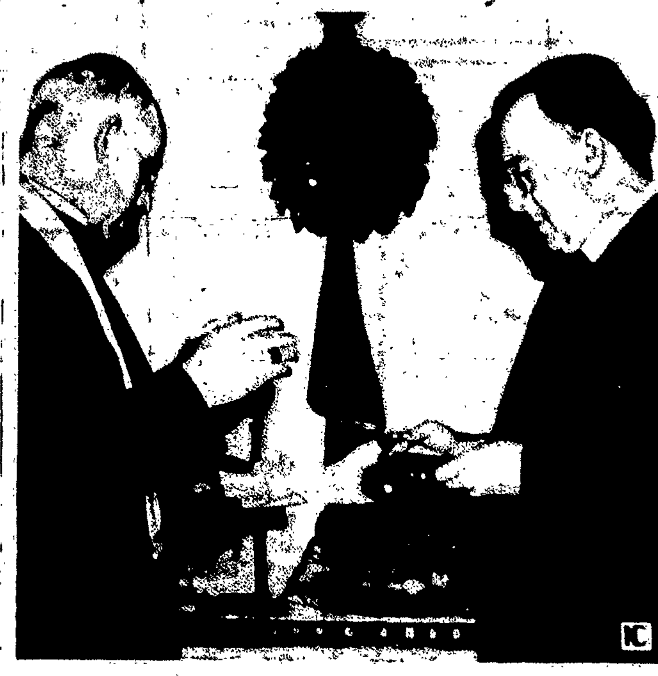
Father Deane also will attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of the College and University Department of the National Catholic Educational Association at Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 8, and the convention of the Association of American Colleges, Jan. 9 and 10 also in Pasadena.

Average Family Now 3.8 Members In U.S., Census Bureau Says

WASHINGTON. — The average family in the United States today averages 3.8 members, according to statistics compiled by the Bureau of the Census. In 1890 the average family numbered 4.9 persons. The average was 4.7 in 1900; 4.5 in 1910; 4.3 in 1920, and 4.1 in 1930.

Families on the Pacific Coast were smallest, averaging 3.2. The highest group was in the South Atlantic States, where the average was 4.2. North Carolina had the highest State average, 4.5.

A Prayerbook for Every Soldier



Bishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Military Delegate of the Army and Navy Ordinariate, blesses the first military Holy Name Medal and prayerbook, which the Holy Name Society plans to distribute through Catholic chaplains to every Catholic man in the Armed Forces of the United States. Rev. Harry C. Graham, O. P., National Director of the Society is pictured with the Bishop. (N C W C.)

Msgr. Cooper Finds Strange God Among Gros Ventre Indians

WASHINGTON. Discovery of a strange god among the Gros Ventres Indians of Montana and adoption into their tribe as White Shield was the unusual experience of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Cooper, professor of anthropology at the Catholic University of America, on his annual trip for the study of the mythology, language and ways of life of North America's aboriginals.

This god, Itolbinihatu, corresponds to the "Great Spirit" attributed to the North American aboriginals more than any other supernatural figure of the red man, Monsignor Cooper said.

"The finding of such a god is especially strange," Monsignor Cooper said, "among such a people as the Gros Ventres. They are isolated members of the great Algonquian-speaking family of Indians who occupied the Atlantic seaboard from Hudson Bay to North Carolina when white men first settled in North America. Presumably they had originated in the north and slowly dispersed southward."

Every man must educate himself. His books and teachers are but helps, the work is his.—Webster

Msgr. Ligutti On Full Time With Rural Life

DES MOINES.—Relieved of his pastoral duties at Assumption Church, Granger, Ia., effective January 1, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. L. G. Ligutti will hereafter devote all of his time to the administrative headquarters of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference here, and to editing the Rural Life **Bulletin**. Announcement to this effect was made this week by the Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, Bishop of Des Moines.

At the same time it was made known that the National Catholic Rural Life Conference plans to conduct a service and speakers bureau for the convenience of Bishops and priests, to advance the Catholic Rural Life Movement.

Monsignor Ligutti is perhaps best known for his work in establishing the Granger Subsistence Homestead project for the resettlement of 50 mining families, an undertaking which celebrated its fifth anniversary last December 15. Monsignor Ligutti was transferred from Woodbine, Ia., to Granger in 1926. He pioneered in religious vacation school work, established missions in the mining camps of Moran and Zookspur and with the aid of the Catholic Church Extension Society bought a Baptist Church at Woodward, Ia., and remodeled it for Catholic use. In 1929 he established a school at Granger to train boys and girls for a home on the land.

UNIVERSITY ADDS COURSE IN MILITARY MATHEMATICS

NEW YORK. — In cooperation with the national defense program, St. John's University, conducted here by the Vincentian Fathers and one of the largest Catholic universities in the United States, has begun a course in military mathematics.

Designed to aid students intending to take the reserve ensign's examination, the course will include the mathematics underlying navigation and nautical astronomy and the mathematics needed for gunnery.

Italian Port In News Home of Patron Saint

WASHINGTON. — The Adriatic port of Bari, presently prominent in war news, is famous because it was the home of St. Nicholas of Bari, patron Saint of Russia, the National Geographic Society notes in a news bulletin.

For many years Bari has been the scene of pilgrimages from Albania and from more distant Russia.

"The campanile of the old Basilica," the society's bulletin says "can be seen from far out at sea, as it rises above the old town of Bari. The Church was dedicated in 1089."

Chief Justice Scores Bigotry

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from the excesses of the rule of force.

"Liberty cannot be conserved by majority rule unless the majority [illegible] sacred basis, individual rights regardless of race or creed, so that along with our difference of view, political and religious, we have a deep and abiding sense of human dignity and worth and heritage of [illegible] [illegible] ideals of [illegible]."

[illegible] racial and [illegible] are wholly incompatible with that co-operation. They are the deadly enemies of the democracy, more deadly than any external force because they undermine the very foundation of democratic effort."

Justice Hughes praised the work of the Conference, which he said "is devoted to the promotion of national unity, the unity of a free people with that respect for individual rights which makes possible the attainment of our common ends."

"I congratulate the members of the National Conference," he said, "on its notable success in directing the thought of the American people to this essential objective, and I trust that in the years before us with the increasing need for that effort the Conference will have a constantly widening influence."

The citation described the Chief Justice as "eminent among those whose influence has encouraged Americans of all religious faiths not to hold aloof from one another but, through conference and co-operation, to sustain the spiritual and ethical standards of the nation."

Brotherhood Week, referred to in the citation, will be observed in more than 2000 communities throughout the country February 21 to 28, under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The theme of the observance will be "National Unity."

The Chief Justice was one of the three Christian leaders who, with the late Newton D. Baker and the late Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, organized the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1928.

Pope Pius XII is an excellent violinist.

A Dominican Father Alexander De Souza in the 13th century made the first eye glass.

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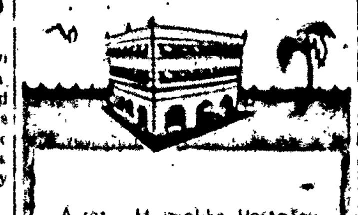

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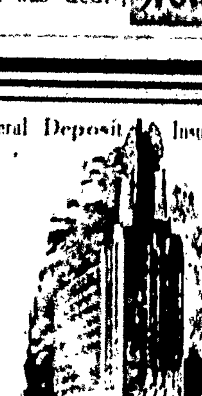

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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Cash and Due from Bank	$14,071,310.84	Deposits	$17,075,670.54
Exchanges for Clearing House	340,300.38	Other Liabilities	60,761.88
Demand Loans	5,016,891.40	Reserves	187,550.00
Time Loans	2,680,952.59	Capital Funds	2,551,561.62
Bonds and Mortgages	1,651,934.74	Common Stock $1,250,000.00	
U. S. Government and other Securities	4,181,961.63	Capital Notes 900,000.00	
Bank Building	1,542,561.29	Surplus and Undivided Profits 401,561.62	
Other Real Estate	256,853.87	$2,551,561.62	
Other Assets	102,771.30	Acceptances and Letters of	
Acceptances and Letters of Credit	10,111.35	Credit	10,111.35
	$19,885,655.39		$19,885,655.39

TRUST DEPARTMENT

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Cash and Other Resources	$1,778,356.62	Due Estates, Trusts, Corporate Trusts, Guardianships, Agent, Custodian and Depositary Accounts	$17,129,941.74
Stocks and Bonds	6,668,867.03		
Mortgages	1,131,790.09		
Corporate Mortgage and Fiscal Agent Accounts	7,850,928.00		
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