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Catholic U. Campus Is Made Independent Civil Defense Area

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Catholic University of America and adjoining neighborhood have been constituted as an independent civil defense area, the Most Rev. Joseph M. Corrigan, Rector of the University, announced yesterday. The area assigned for protective measures to authorities of the Catholic Pontifical University includes 170 acres of university property and numerous religious houses of study in adjoining territory as well as Trinity College and the Catholic Sisters College.

More than a year ago the Catholic University Committee on National Defense was organized and has been dealing largely with student problems, including the operations of the Selective Service Act and the special defense training courses which have been pursued in several of the schools of the University.

The new problems arising out of the civilian defense program are to be met by a Catholic University Civilian Defense Committee including seven members of the faculty and one senior student. Headed by Dr. Martin R. P. McGuire, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, who also is chairman of the university's National Defense Committee, the directing staff of eight members is now being trained as air wardens for the University area.

Anthony J. Sullivan, Dean of the School of Engineering and Architecture, is having made a careful survey of all the buildings in the Catholic University area from the viewpoint of fire hazard and shelter. The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Moore, head of the Department of Psychology and Psychiatry and Sister M. Olivia, Dean of the School of Nursing Education, are now organizing a program of health service. The Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O. P., Dean of the School of Philosophy likewise is planning a program dealing with civilian morale and related questions.

As speedily as possible the committee in charge will see that all members of the University faculty and the student body will undergo intensive training in first aid and in the other protective measures prescribed by the District of Columbia civilian aid officials.

Christmas Feast Retains Much of Ancient Character

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, attained its greatest popularity as a festival in the Middle Ages. A huge body of custom and belief grew up around the feast, much of which survived the Reformation, so that the Puritan Parliament of 1644 in England, abolished its observance and substituted a general market today with a fast. But today the observance of Christmas in England as in other countries retains much of its ancient character, save that the essential Christian significance of the feast as the Nativity of Our Lord has been lost to many.

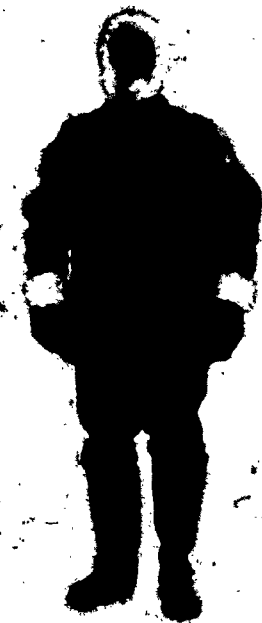
Training of Naval Reserve Aviation Pilots Stepped Up

The Secretary of the Navy has approved a program to step up pilot training in the Naval Reserve to a monthly input rate of 2,500 per month at the earliest practicable date it was announced late today by the Officer in Charge of the Buffalo Recruiting Office, upon receipt of instructions from Washington.

To insure availability when needed of adequate numbers of candidates with requisite educational and other qualifications, the Bureau of Navigation desires that intensive efforts be made to recruit immediately the maximum number of qualified candidates for enlistment in Class V-5, without restriction as to quota.

Class V-5 referred to, is that class of the U. S. Naval Reserve offering commissions as Ensigns in the Naval Reserve to candidates successfully completing training as Naval Aviator Cadets at the Navy's big air centers located at Pensacola, Jacksonville and Corpus Christi.

NCCS in Alaska



This is not an Eskimo in native garb but John J. Caragher of Hempstead, L. I., director of the USO Club in Fairbanks, Alaska, operated by the National Catholic Community Service as a home away from home for the men of the armed forces stationed there. (N.C.W.C.)

Asks Students Prepare For Nation's Call

VILLANOVA, Pa.—An appeal to the students of Villanova College here to continue most diligently in their college work as a means of preparing themselves for service to their country when called upon was made by the institution's President, the Very Rev. Edward V. Stafford, O.S.A., in a statement issued to the student body following the declaration of war.

"A period of unknown duration lies before us in which intense national effort will require great sacrifices from all of us," Father Stafford said. "At college you can prepare now for that effort through a sincere spiritual awakening and by adopting more order and discipline in your daily lives. Neglect of your spiritual and physical welfare failure to employ your best efforts in your studies waste of materials of any kind are now offenses against the patriotism which you owe to your country."

TORONTO K. OF C. PLAY SANTA CLAUS TO ORPHANS

More than 2,000 orphans from Catholic and Protestant homes in Toronto were made happy at a special Christmas entertainment provided by the Knights of Columbus. Gifts were given to each child. It was the twenty-second year the Knights of Columbus have been imparting Christmas cheer to Toronto's orphans.

But you, brethren be not weary in well doing. II Thessalonians, 3:13.

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to one and all
this
Christmas Time

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