

# President Hails Cooperation Pledge Of U. S. Bishops



NEW ARCHDIOCESE of Denver officially established as Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States (left) installed Archbishop Vehr as its first Archbishop, Jan. 6 (N.C.W.C.).

## Commends Patriotic Action Of Hierarchy

WASHINGTON. — (NC) — The pledge of cooperation which he has received from the Bishops of the United States has given him strength and courage and their patriotic action will be gladly remembered in the difficult days that lie ahead, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said in a letter to the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit and Chairman of the Administrative Board, National Catholic Welfare Conference, who forwarded the message on behalf of the American Hierarchy.

The Bishops' message was termed by the President "a witness to that national unity so necessary in our all-out effort to win the war."

The text of President Roosevelt's letter follows:

"Dear Archbishop Mooney: The letter which you forwarded under date of Dec. 23 as Chairman of the Administrative Board, National Catholic Welfare Conference, and in the name of the Bishops of the United States, gives me strength and courage because it is a witness to that national unity so necessary in our all-out effort to win the war. Please convey to all of your brethren in the Episcopate an assurance of my heartfelt appreciation of the pledge of whole-hearted cooperation in the difficult days that lie ahead. In those days we shall be glad to remember your patriotic action in placing your institutions and their consecrated personnel at the disposal of the Government.

"We shall win this war and in victory we shall seek not vengeance but the establishment of an international order in which the spirit of Christ shall rule the hearts of men and of nations.

"Very sincerely yours,  
"Franklin D. Roosevelt."

## War Tempo Sets Niagara U. Commencement Ahead

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N. Y. — Cooperating with the national government in its gigantic war effort, Niagara University has adopted an accelerated academic program which will enable collegians of the senior class to earn their degrees approximately one month prior to the normal commencement date, it is announced today by the Very Rev. Joseph M. Noonan, C.M., S.T.D., LL.D., president of Niagara.

The same schedule will be carried out by Niagara University at Rochester located in Columbus Civic Centre, university authorities announce.

Originally scheduled for next June 8 this year's annual commencement exercises will be held Sunday afternoon, May 17, when the seniors will receive their degrees. Annual Baccalaureate services, listed for Sunday, June 7, will be held the morning of May 17.

The other collegians, juniors, sophomores, freshmen will also benefit in the calendar changes, finishing their spring semester examinations on May 29, approximately one week ahead of the normal time.

**Effective Now**  
The accelerated program, while concentrated in its operation to

the approaching second semester becomes effective immediately. The program involves no reduction of the number of semester hours normally required for graduation nor a lowering of the academic standard. The usual five-day schedule will be maintained. Drastic changes in the college calendar will eliminate the Easter recess and transfer regular semester holidays to the weekends.

No changes have been made in the remainder of the first semester schedule, but exception has been made for those students who will be called into active service in the branch of the armed forces in which they have enlisted.

It is believed that Niagara will probably announce another accelerated program that will enable a student to qualify for a degree within three years from the date of his registration.

The accelerated program for the approaching semester marks the second departure from normal routine which Niagara has taken to cooperate with the government since the national emergency arose. Last September a three-year plan was announced to provide collegians above average ability an opportunity to finish their college course within the span of three years instead of the usual four.

## Winston Churchill, 19, Catholic, Joins U. S. Coast Guard

DENVER. — (NC) — A second Winston Churchill joined the forces fighting the Axis nations here Jan. 6. Winston Churchill, 19, a Catholic and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Churchill, applied for enlistment with the United States Coast Guard.

Young Churchill's family, four generations in America, is related to that of the British Prime Minister. He is the sixth in successive generations to bear the name Winston. He is a graduate of the Holy Family High School here.

## C.S.M.C. Veteran Unit Acclaims Work For Negro In This Diocese

CINCINNATI. — Achievements of the veteran (graduate) members of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade in the Diocese of Rochester received special recognition at the first national meeting of veteran members of the Crusade at the Crusade Castle, national center of the organization, Jan. 10 and 11.

Reports on missionary work, particularly in the establishment of a Negro mission center, by the Cleary Veteran Unit of Rochester, operating under the supervision of the Rev. John S. Randall, Diocesan Director for the Crusade and the Propagation of the Faith, were made by Martin Moll, Jr., 271 Edgerton St., who was the official representative of the Rochester Diocese at the meeting.

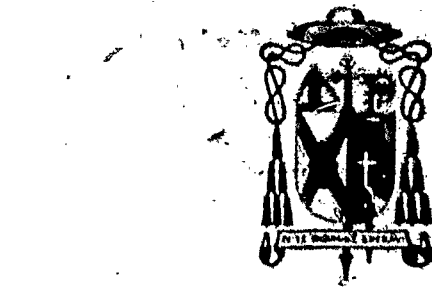
Mr. Moll, who has been serving as a member of the National Crusade Executive Board, was elected president of the "National Board of Veteran Members, C.S.M.C.," which was formed at the Cincinnati meeting and which will include representatives from all the Catholic dioceses in the United States which have veteran branches of the Crusade. Other officers elected were Mrs. Sarah Rice, of Washington, D. C., vice-

president, and George W. Geisen, of Cincinnati, secretary.

Viewing the religious implications in the national emergency, the Crusaders reported a new emphasis on the spiritual activities of their units. Days of reception of Holy Communion are more frequent, observance of days of recollection has been urged, and the Church Unity Octave is being sponsored by the Baltimore groups during the current month of January.

Need of mission study in order to develop vocations and to insure adequate financial support of both home and foreign missions was urged. In a review of the effect of the war upon missionary work, the Very Rev. Msgr. Edward A. Freking, national Crusade secretary, cited figures on the decrease in the ranks of clergy and religious in Europe and predicted that America will send missionaries to the European countries within the next few years.

The newly constituted National Board of Veteran Members will include representatives from all dioceses where the veteran department of the Mission Crusade has been established. Representation on the board will be based on num-



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My dear People:

The American Red Cross has asked our assistance today in calling to the attention of every congregation the urgency of the crisis which the Red Cross has to meet.

For the immediate needs created by this emergency, the organization must raise \$50,000,000. To share in that is the privilege as well as the responsibility of every American.

May I urge that every member of the congregation give as generously as possible to raise the quota assigned to your community. The donation may be sent to your local Red Chapter.

Cross Chapter

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

*+ James E. Kearney*  
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

## Catholics Asked To Aid 'Victory Book Campaign'

Cooperation of all dioceses in the Victory Book Campaign, now being conducted, is asked by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney who this week received a letter asking encouragement and support of the drive from John A. Lowe, City Director of Libraries.

Purpose of the campaign, the letter states, is:

"(1) To collect gifts of books for our soldiers, sailors and marines as a supplement to the library services maintained by the Army and Navy in forts, camps, posts, stations, air-fields and ships;

"(2) To provide reading for the U.S.O. houses outside the camps and for the American Merchant Marine Library Association.

Nationally the Victory Book Campaign is sponsored by the American Library Association, the American Red Cross and the United Service Organizations. The Rochester Public Library has been invited to head up activities in this city.

"The men need technical and scientific books, non-fiction and fiction; books you like to read. We are not asked to gather magazines for this purpose.

"Books may be left at the Public Library or any of its branches, at the firehouses, at the public schools, or wherever a Victory Book Campaign Box is located."

In a release from the N.C.W.C. News Service, this week, it is stated that men in the armed forces are making an extraordinary demand for serious books and other literature. This was a statement made by the Rev. Francis A. Mullin, Librarian of the Catholic University of America and President of the Catholic Library Association on a Mutual Broadcasting System nation hook-up, Jan. 12.

Aimed at emphasizing the Victory Book Campaign, the broadcast was in the form of a three-way discussion conducted by Miss Mary Hahn, Catholic Action Commentator for the M.B.S., The Rev. Andrew L. Bouwhuis, S.J., vice-president of Canisius College, Buffalo, and vice president of the Catholic Library Association was the third member of the symposium.

**RELIGIOUS BOOKS ASKED**  
Father Mullin declared that since a third of the men in the armed forces are Catholics, there has been a considerable demand for religious books of almost every character.

Father Bouwhuis brought out that the request for serious books were due in part to the fact that many of the service men whose induction into the Army or Navy has interrupted their education, are endeavoring to continue their studies as much as possible. Consequently, he added, such literature as textbooks, works on special subjects, treatises, and reference material, are desirable.

Declaring that the books sent "should fit the soldier and not the soldier the books," Father Bouwhuis urged book donors to send material they "would like themselves were they in the service." He also stressed that books should be of the kind easily handled and carried about, such as pocket editions, requesting that contributors avoid sending "ponderous tomes."

crushed none so utterly as the people they boast they represent."

"There lurks an insidious danger among us," Archbishop Stritch continued. "Materialism and secularism are not dead! Under one name or another they are still active and vigorous. For them human freedoms and human dignity and the moral law are inconsistent with their tenets. With all our devotion to the national defense we must not overlook this danger.

"We dare not cast away our heritage by standing complacently while materialism achieves a wider dominance.

"It is not improbable that they will seek to dictate the peace and achieve what the arms of our enemies will never achieve. . . the downfall of our culture."

## Warns of Threat By Materialism

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Sunday were held in virtually all of the 400 churches in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the men offered their Communion for "a righteous peace for all nations through a victory for our country," an intention proposed by Archbishop Stritch.

The Archbishop said "a devastating materialistic philosophy of life has warped and is warring fiercely against the things of the spirit."

"Our beloved country is at war," he added. "Aggressor groups, which for the time have succeeded in enslaving whole nations have broken the peace. By trickery, dishonesty and mere might they have established themselves and have

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