

# War Labor Board Sounds Warning Of 'Sacrifices' As War Progresses

By Elmer Murphy

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—A significant warning is sounded by the War Labor Board in a decision it has handed down formulating what may be regarded as a declaration of labor policy. It said "Labor, especially workers in the high paid brackets, have no right to expect that they should receive wage increases during this war period which will enable them to keep day-for-day pace with upward change in the cost of living."

The admonition does not apply to industrial labor alone. It is, in effect, notice to all workers, whatever their field of employment, that they like everybody else, must conform to war conditions by making sacrifices. The standard of living is to go down. People must learn to do with less. They must learn to forego comforts and conveniences. Many of the things which they have accepted as a matter of course will not be available. This warning has been iterated and reiterated by officials who are in a position to visualize the effects of war but the public seems to be reluctant to heed it.

### Inflation Worries

What concerns the Government authorities most is the possibility of inflation. Money is paid out for war materials and equipment faster than it can be spent for ordinary civilian goods. If this purchasing power is not absorbed in some other ways prices will spiral upward preparing the way for a post-war crash when the vast mechanism of war production comes to a halt. There are only two ways in which this excess purchasing power can be siphoned off. One is by increasing taxes. The other is by investing individual savings in Government securities. In other words, the Government can tax more and borrow more. This means, of course, that the people will have less to spend. If that is not done purchasing power will rise while goods for which it may be spent dwindle. Prices will soar and the purchasing power of money will go down as it did in the first World War.

As the Price Administrator, Leon Henderson, said, a wage increase of a billion dollars would result in an inflation threat of four or five billion dollars and compel stricter rationing to make sure that available goods are properly distributed. The Price Administrator and the War Labor Board both take the position that labor cannot consistently demand that wages be stepped up to keep pace with price increases to keep "real wages" that is, the purchasing power of the wages measured in terms of goods, on an even keel. They argue that the worker must accept a reduction in "real wages," that they must conform to a lower standard of living to which the whole public will be subjected.

### Decision Due

This issue will probably come up for a decision when the War Labor Board passes upon the demands of the CIO union of automobile workers for a flat wage increase of a dollar a day as a way of stabilizing "real wages" in relation to the cost of living.

The problem will be attacked by Congress in a different way, but with the same effect, as it applies to the investor. Investment income will be subjected to higher taxes, which means that the investor must accept a reduction in "real income." Heavier levies will be imposed upon both corporations and the individuals which receive profits from the operations of these corporations. As a consequence,

they, too, will have less to spend and must reduce their scale of living.

Even the Government itself is considering ways of cutting expenses for ordinary purposes and reducing costly overhead. Non-essential activities, non-essential from the viewpoint of war requirements, will probably be curtailed. Only the outline of the situation in which the public as a whole will face more directly as the war continues is now discernible but the fact is becoming clearer that everybody must conform to a lower standard of living which will go down as the war progresses. (N. C. W. News Service)

# School Heads Study Part In War Program

ALBANY—The relationship of the Catholic Schools of New York State to the national war program occupied the attention of the New York State Council of Catholic School Superintendents, meeting in Albany, Monday, Feb. 16. The conference was one of the Council's regular meetings held here at the episcopal residence under the permanent Chairmanship of His Excellency the Most Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, D.D., Bishop of Albany.

The Council is composed of the Superintendents of Schools of the seven Roman Catholic Dioceses of the Empire State. Organized in 1937 by the New York Bishops, the Superintendents' body was empowered to direct educational policies, to establish administrative procedures, to champion the interests of Catholic Education and to interpret its philosophy to the public and to the standardizing agencies with which Catholic schools are affiliated.

Monday's discussion at the Albany conference centered on the

participation of Catholic schools in the national war program; to the strengthening of the air raid plans operating in the schools; to the promotion of increased sale of savings stamps and bonds in the schools; to the methods of instilling pupil morale; to the book drive for the service men; to the children's crusade of prayer in which a child adopts a service man; to first aid instruction for teachers and students. The members also approved the work of the Council's Social Studies Committee in its preliminary report for the adaptation of the New York Social Studies program to Catholic Schools.

In addition to Bishop Gibbons the members of the Council are Rev. James P. Hanrahan, Albany; Rt. Rev. Joseph V. S. McClancy, Brooklyn; Rev. Sylvester J. Holbel, Buffalo; Very Rev. William R. Kelly, New York; Rt. Rev. John M. Hogan, Ogdensburg; Rev. John C. Duffy, Rochester; Rev. David C. Gildea, Secretary, Syracuse.

# Religious Working For Colored, Indians Termed 'Soldiers of Christ'

WASHINGTON (NC)—The devoted priests and Sisters carrying on missionary work among the Negroes and Indians "cheerfully endure the hardships of a long campaign like good soldiers of Christ," declare His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore and of Washington, and the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, in an appeal for the Negro and Indian missions.

The three prelates are the Directors of the Commission for Catholic Missions among the Colored People and the Indians, which issues an annual appeal for its work.

### Carry on Holy Quest

"Year in and year-out, priests and consecrated religious women carry on this holy conquest of the souls of Negroes and Indians," the statement declares. "Stirred by enthusiasm for His holy cause, they cheerfully endure the hardships of a long campaign like good soldiers of Christ. They gladly share the poverty and misfortunes of their flocks out of love for Him, for in them they see true Brothers in Christ. At the cost of great toil and self-sacrifice, they are carrying on 314 missions and 243 schools for the Negroes, and 200 missions and 68 schools for the Indians. The maintenance of their admirable and fruitful work depends upon you, Beloved Brethren, and upon your prayers and financial support."

"The welfare of souls and the desires of Holy Mother the Church, voiced by our Sovereign Pontiff himself, constrain us to bring before you the important interests and needs of the Negro and Indian missions," the prelates say. "We speak of, and hear much of, needs of vital, compelling need these days. Yet we would allow our sense of values to be gravely distorted if we did not recognize, as a paramount duty, a profound and continuing devotion to the Kingdom of God. To believe in our hearts and to say by our deeds 'Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,' is truly to put first things first. At the same time, our desires, and

prayers, and effort must go beyond the thought of our personal salvation and include the religious welfare of our neighbors.

"Among these are the thirteen millions of Negroes living in our very midst. Most of these people have scarcely heard an echo of the teaching of our Saviour or tasted of the fruits of His redemption. They are unfortunate victims of darkest ignorance and of that most cruel oppression, sin. Countless numbers would welcome the opportunity to share with us the blessings of the children of the Kingdom of God. Indeed, the zealous labors of a limited number of priests among them have been remarkably fruitful. Three hundred thousand Negroes are now loyal and faithful Catholics, and their

# Bishop Kearney Thanks Donors of Rosaries

My dear Children and People,

Would that we could personally acknowledge the generous response to our appeal for rosaries and religious articles for the men in service.

You have answered it with more than 3,000 rosaries, 6,000 medals, 2,500 prayerbooks, 700 crucifixes and hundreds of pieces of literature and miscellaneous items.

We appreciate especially the sacrifices made in this connection children forgoing Valentines and using their pennies for new rosaries and medals and special prayerbooks prepared for men in service; the response of the laity in plates where there are no Catholic schools; the hours spent in repair and preparation of materials and the cooperation of teachers and pupils throughout the diocese in making available the thousands of articles so needed by our Chaplains to carry on their work.

Begging God's blessing on you and with a fervent thank you, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

*John E. Kearney*

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

# Answer Bishop's Plea With 12,000 Articles

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paired 120 rosaries which were placed individually in envelopes made for the purpose. Some prayerbooks and missals showed newly-acquired covers, while others showed that hours and hours were spent in polishing hundreds of medals.

A corps of workers is now engaged in cleaning other medals, in

# FORTY HOURS

The Devotion of the "Forty Hours" will be held in the churches of the Diocese of Rochester as follows:

Feb. 22—First Sunday of Lent; St. Francis Assisi, Rochester; Holy Family, Auburn; Assumption, Mt. Morris.

repairing prayerbooks and missals and mending rosaries. Assistance in this work is being lent by the Sodality of the Settlement House classes under the direction of the Rev. Joseph E. Vogt, Director, Social Action Division, Catholic Charities.

Bishop Kearney has directed that the material be divided among the eleven chaplains from Rochester Diocese now in the service.

Those sharing it will be: Father John Woloch, Pearl Harbor; Father William Gaynor, MacDill Field, Florida; Father Austin Hanna, Fort Devens, Mass.; Father James Lane, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Father Thomas Mackey, Fort Totten, N. Y.; Father David Singerhoff, Camp Stewart, Georgia; Father Edward Waters, Fort Devens, Mass.; Father John M. Whelan, Pensacola, Florida; Father Walter Donoghue, Fort Devens, Mass.; Father John Maloney, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Father J. Bennett Murphy, Camp Claiborne, North Carolina.

Remember Pearl Harbor! Remember it every pay day! Buy U.S. Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps.

# Chaplain Gaynor Takes Part In Forming Holy Name Unit

MacDILL FIELD, Fla.—Many of the service men are making up the practice of their religion and to set a good example to their associates. One of these typical means is the Holy Name Society. A charter canonically erecting the society at MacDill Field has been received from Holy Name Headquarters.

A practical demonstration of the Holy Name Society was given Sunday, Feb. 8, at the 9 o'clock Mass in the Wing Chapel. The members received Holy Communion in a body. The soldiers, among whom were a number of officers, made an impressive sight as they approached the altar rail in uniform.

Servers at the Mass were Lieutenant Martinez and Sergeant Bir. During the Mass music was provided by Mrs. Alice Bank of Tampa, with Sergeant Hurst at the Hammond organ. After the Mass new men were received into the society, and then all members renewed the Holy Name pledge.

A Communion breakfast was served at the Service Club. Corporal Edward Taylor of the Bombing and Gunnery range acted as toastmaster. He introduced Staff Sergeant Guth, president of the MacDill Field Society, who described the recent convention of

the Holy Name Societies of the St. Augustine Diocese in Tampa. Nine delegates from the MacDill Field Society were present, and Sergeant Guth pointed out that it was the only military society represented at the convention.

Chaplain William J. Gaynor welcomed the new men. The principal speaker was Capt. F. J. Tate. He stressed the special value to the soldier of always being spiritually prepared. He drew the practical lesson that Catholic soldiers should have some positive means of identification upon them, such as the scapular. Captain Tate mentioned examples where such identification resulted in bringing much desired spiritual consolation to soldiers very quickly.

Among the guests were Major and Mrs. James Walsh, Capt. and Mrs. F. J. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bank of Tampa. Plans were made for the ceremony of officially presenting a new flag to the Wing Chapel. This flag has been given by the Tampa Council, Knights of Columbus and the Tampa Section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

# KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN CANCEL CONVENTION; WILL BUY U. S. BONDS

DETROIT.—(NC)—The national convention of the Knights of St. John, which was to be held in Cleveland June 21 to 25, has been canceled and local commanderies have been urged to purchase defense bonds with money that had been set aside for campaign expenses.

This was announced by Gen. Frank H. Biel, of Rochester, N. Y., Supreme President, following a meeting of the Supreme Board of Trustees here. Declaring "that it was the opinion of the trustees that Americans should put forth all efforts to aid the Government in the present crisis, he reminded that during the last war the Knights of St. John made an enviable record in their contribution toward victory, and added: "Again we shall do our part."

# Named To Board

San Francisco Governor Culbert Olson of California has appointed Eugene T. Broderick as a member of the State Board of Education. He received his early education at the parochial schools of San Francisco and served in the Navy during the first world war.

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