

City's Fight On Lewd Shows Gets Catholic Backing

NEW YORK—(N. C.)—Declaring that burlesque shows have constituted "a disgrace to our city," representatives of the 106 Knights of Columbus councils in the Metropolitan area issued a joint statement last week expressing confidence that no plea of "entertainment for our fighting men" will be permitted by decent people as a "smoke screen" for their continuance.

160 NCCS Clubs Set For USO 'Open House'

WASHINGTON (NC) More than 160 USO clubs operated by the National Catholic Community Service will be thrown open for general inspection by the public in a nation-wide USO "open house" Sunday, Mar. 15. It was announced here today by Dr. Franklin Dunham, Executive Director of the NCCS.

The event, announced simultaneously by USO officials in New York, is intended to acquaint the American public with the accomplishments and activities of more than 500 USO clubs and units now serving the men in the armed forces and defense industries. All the 397 clubs and 157 smaller units located in 257 cities and towns in 43 States along with 16 USO clubs outside the continental United States are inviting residents of their communities to be their guests for the occasion.

Of the USO clubs operated by the NCCS which will participate in the open house 121 are operated for the men in the armed forces and 40 are under the supervision of the NCCS Women's Division for defense industry workers. Dr. Dunham said.

A radio broadcast over a coast-to-coast hook-up in which high military officials are to participate will link all USO operations in the event. Each unit will conduct its own program with informal visiting consisting the major activity in most units.

CATHOLIC ACTION SCHOOLS POSTER CONTEST SUBJECT

ST. LOUIS. A national poster contest in connection with the Summer Schools of Catholic Action has been announced by the Parish Department of The Queen's Work, national sodality secretariat here. The posters, to be 17 by 22 inches, must depict some phase of the Summer School Effort; must be received June 3 and first and second awards will be offered.

Leaves \$14,000

London Sister of the late Lord Lothian, former British Ambassador in Washington, Lady Anne Cecil Kerr has left \$14,000 to Catholic charities, almost exactly one-fifth of her total fortune.

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'False Eugenics' Hit By Papal Delegate In 'City of Doctors'

ROCHESTER, Minn.—The centuries-old science of Christian eugenics was championed as the norm for all those engaged in the field of healing and modern "false eugenics" based on "materialistic concepts of man and of life" condemned by His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, here Tuesday night.

NEWLY CONSECRATED BISHOPS



Consecration ceremonies for two new members of the United States Hierarchy have just been held. Most Rev. Peter W. Bartholome (left) was consecrated Titular Bishop of Lede and Coadjutor Bishop of St. Cloud, March 3, at Rochester, Minn. Most Rev. William P. O'Connor (right) was consecrated as the fifth Bishop of Superior, March 7, at Milwaukee (N. C. W.).

Speaking at the civic reception accorded him a few hours after he had consecrated the Most Rev. Peter W. Bartholome as Coadjutor Bishop of St. Cloud, the Apostolic Delegate declared in what he termed "the City of Doctors" that "the doctor and the priest have therefore a common and profound duty to mankind, the protection and preservation of life, temporal and eternal," a duty, he added, which "is most sacred."

Stressing that "fortunately the false notion of the incompatibility of religion and science is no longer current nowadays," His Excellency said "we are all grateful to modern medicine, which tends to consider man as a psycho-physical unit, and consequently seeks to cure not just this or that organ but the entire man."

The glorious traditions of medicine have in a gratifying manner harmonized with the program of Christ and His Church," the Apostolic Delegate said. Stating that unfortunately there are current certain discordant theories which strangely and cruelly violate the rights and even the life of man, considering him as a mere animal, His Excellency continued.

"It is not difficult to see even judging by common sense alone, that in an irrational animal the highest vital principle does not transcend the sphere of sensation. Therefore in the animal there is a certain natural stability of characteristics which precludes advances and regressions. The brute can neither become a model of virtue, nor will he indulge excessively in food and drink. It does everything in accordance with and within the limits of instinct, without need of any other superior influence.

"In man, however, even in relation to its influences on the body there must be taken into consideration the highest principle of life, the intellect and free will, spiritual faculties which lead to valor and virtue as well as to vices and moral disorders.

"Through that principle man works and progresses, acts and reacts, even against natural or hereditary tendencies.

"Education, a change of surroundings and living conditions, and the care and the medicines of a wise doctor can correct evil inclinations. Sometimes it is in the period of development that man succeeds in correcting certain physical and moral defects. In such circumstances it becomes very dangerous and unjust to apply to man laws or principles of heredity, which may have produced results on some plants or animals.

"In humans, so-called hereditary deficiencies are not constant; they can re-appear after several generations. In any case the hidden germs of infection are often more numerous than those which are manifest, and they may be reasonably expected to appear after all the vicissitudes and contagion to which mankind has been subject throughout the centuries.

"To pretend to cure them with violent means results in the suppression of a great number of healthy or curable beings. It is against the divine law and the law of nature, it is opposed to the dignity of man, who has never become extinct, even amid incurable diseases, and who has a right to respect and consideration even to his last breath, when by the God-given laws of nature, he passes from time to eternity."

"Then why do we ask God to become a dictator? We say that dictators are wicked, because they would destroy the last vestige of freedom on earth. They why do we ask for a Dictator in Heaven? Shall we one moment rage against earthly dictators because they trample liberty underfoot, and in the next moment shriek for a Dictator in Heaven Who will do the same thing?"

Monsignor Sheen said the blame for the war should not be placed on God's gift of freedom, but "on our abuse of freedom." "Have we not been too proud to admit we might be sinful?" he asked. "When the world goes wrong, we blame it on systems, tyrannies, governments, unsound economies, or bad glands—but never on our own will."

Public Offices Close For Good Friday Rites

SACRAMENTO All State county and municipal offices in California have been ordered closed from noon to 3 p. m. on Good Friday in a proclamation by Governor Culbert L. Olson. "It is fitting and proper that all State county and municipal employees desiring to attend Good Friday services be granted a leave of absence from their work during these hours," the proclamation said.

And have no fellowship with the works of darkness, but rather prove them.

than 100,000 men it represents in the Archdiocese of New York and that it "deplores the attempt on the part of some labor representatives to place labor unions in the position of approving this filthy sordid degenerate form of amusement by declaring that the nonissuance of these licenses is an act detrimental to the welfare of labor."

Others supporting the Mayor and License Commissioner in their action have branded burlesque theaters as an "insidious evil" sapping "the vitality of our moral and patriotic lives," and have declared that the "legitimate complaint" against "the abuses of the common decency of life in these performances" is "an effort to protect the youth of our defense forces as well as the boys and girls of the City of New York from the degenerate influences of these burlesque and similar performances."

To Stop War God Would Have To End Human Liberty Avers Msgr. Sheen

NEW YORK—(NC) If God were to stop the present war the divine cost would be the destruction of human freedom, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, declared last night in his address over the "Catholic Hour."

The "Catholic Hour" is broadcast over the Fed. Network of the National Broadcasting Company through Station WJAF here and is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men.

Answering those who clamor, "Why does God not stop the war," Monsignor Sheen pointed out that "God willed not to make a mechanical universe, peopled by automata, rather did He choose to communicate to us something of Himself, namely His Freedom." "God willed to make a moral universe of praise and blame," he added, "but this could be done only

by making men captains and masters of their own fate and destiny.

"There is one word which sums up God's plan in making the universe, and that is love. God made each heart capable of love. But love implies a choice. Love is not only an affirmation, it is a negation. If I choose this, I necessarily reject that. A heart that loves must be a heart to give or to keep. Because therefore God willed to make us so we could love Him in this world, He had to make us free; but if He made us free to love, He had to make it possible for us to be free to hate."

"God pledged Himself, after giving us that freedom, never to destroy it, regardless of how many petulant souls would shriek against Him: 'Why does God not stop the war?' Monsignor Sheen declared. "God could challenge us, overrule us, permit us to be visited by the

consequences of our misdeeds but He would never destroy that great gift of freedom."

"We say we are fighting for freedom," Monsignor Sheen continued. "Then why do we ask God to destroy it and that is precisely what we demand in asking 'Why does God not stop the war?' We say we are fighting to destroy dicta-

Medal of Honor



Lieutenant Willibald C. Bianchi, U. S. A., young Catholic Army officer, who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award, "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity of action," in the Philippines. He hails from New Ulm, Minn. (N. C. W. C.)

C. D. A. Pledge War Effort

NEW YORK (NC) Faced with the "devastating results" of war, 200,000 Catholic women throughout the country, members of the Catholic Daughters of America, have been called upon by their Supreme Directorate to renew and strengthen their defense contributions through material means and "human service" and through "the spiritual upliftment of hearts and souls during this most terrific crisis."

In resolutions adopted at the mid-winter meeting at the Hotel Roosevelt here, the 20 members of the Supreme Board of Directors, C. D. A., pledged unwavering loyalty to President Roosevelt in every phase of the defense effort and laid down a broad program of defense activities for the entire membership.

"Faith Forward Crusade" Also approved were plans for a "Faith Forward Crusade" aimed at the "spiritual defense of the nation in this time of war."

A resolution on war asked that members, "with their powerful and united energies, continue and strengthen their splendid service in promoting (1) the sale of defense bonds and stamps, (2) first-aid courses, (3) Red Cross activities, (4) USO participation, (5) contributions to the Chaplains' Aid Association by donations of Mass kits and articles of devotion, (6) provision for wholesome entertainment and good literature for boys in service, (7) conservation of waste, and (8) observation of all other requests pertinent to respective communities as they arise."