

CALLS ON NATION TO HONOR SOLDIERS

Urge 'Only As Last Resort'—Employing Of Mothers In War Work

WASHINGTON (NC)—Under the condition of nationwide employment of women in war industries adherence to "the traditional American pattern" of "conserving the home life of children" is strongly urged in a joint statement just issued by officials of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

The statement stresses that for over a quarter of a century American social work has been greatly concerned with preserving the home life of children. It asserts that "only as a last resort should married women with children be employed," but when such employment prevails it should be borne in mind "that any form of substitute parental care for children in the United States has been traditionally a work of local agencies."

The statement further declares that there must also be maintained the "fixed policy" that "nothing should be done to interfere with the religious faith of the children" but rather that every effort be made by the maximum use of the communities' full religious resources to support it.

Traditional Policies
"There has been considerable discussion in recent months about the need for additional facilities in various communities in the United States for the care of children of mothers who are employed in war industries," the statement says. "This discussion has centered around the question of social policy and also around the question of facts that are available in regard to the need at the present time. Those who have participated

in the discussion in our local communities have pointed to the traditional social policies in regard to the employment of married women with children in industry.

"For more than 30 years American social work has been emphasizing the importance of conserving the home life of children. It has endeavored to develop facilities, including aid to dependent children, so as to enable mothers to care for their own children. It is to be hoped that in the employment of women in our war industries, we will endeavor as far as possible to follow this traditional American pattern. In employing women in war industries we should not overlook the importance of conserving the home life of children.

"In many communities in the United States we still have a large number of men out of work. This is due in large measure to the conversion of industries to a war basis. It will require many months to exhaust the supply of man power in many of our industrial communities. Many American communities still have a large reserve of Negro labor, of Mexican labor, and also of other minority groups, of which the industries have not availed themselves.

Reserve of Single Women
"We also have in practically all American communities a large reserve of single women. In the development of its social policy in the mobilizing of man power, government should first encourage the employment of men. Then it should encourage the employment of single women. Only as a last resort should married women with children be employed."

DETROIT SEE HAS 800,000 CATHOLICS, CENSUS SHOWS

DETROIT A total Catholic population of 800,638 appeared after final tabulation of results of the Archdiocesan census taken last fall. The figure was announced after a meeting of the Archdiocesan Census Board. The census was made under the leadership of the Rev. James J. O'Hara, Secretary for Charities to the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit.

On receiving the report of the board, Archbishop Mooney paid tribute to the work of the many priests and lay men and women who aided in taking the census.

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N. C. C. S. HOSPITALITY EMBLEMS



Two hundred and fifty thousand of the hospitality stickers shown above are now being distributed in hundreds of cities and towns throughout the nation by the National Catholic Community Service member agency of the USO. These six by nine inch window emblems of "home hospitality" are printed in red white and blue and will be used in communities to strengthen the mutual spirit of understanding and goodwill now existing between the men in the armed forces and civilians.

President Urges Full Observance Of Army Day, April 6

WASHINGTON — (N. C.) — Drawn into an all-out war in defense of our rights and liberties, the American people "are preparing to achieve that victory upon which may be built a firm structure of peace and freedom," President Franklin D. Roosevelt said in a Proclamation setting aside Monday, Apr. 6, to be observed throughout the nation as "Army Day."

"Never before in the one hundred and sixty-six years of our history as a free Republic under God have our armed forces had so much meaning for us all," the President said in a statement accompanying the formal Proclamation.

Urging military unity to aid civic bodies in the observance of the day, the Proclamation said: "I most strongly urge that the people of the United States not only observe Army Day by honoring our Citizen Soldiers and giving special thought to the great responsibility for contributing unselfishly of their effort and of their means in order that our armed forces may be adequately equipped for victory."

Declaring that the nation is engaged in a war "that will leave none of our lives wholly untouched," the President's statement accompanying the Proclamation continued:

"We shall win that war as we have won every war we have fought. We are fighting it with a combined force of free men that is, in Lincoln's words, of the people, by the people, for the people of the United States of America.

"Our Army is a mighty arm of the law of liberty. It is a living part of the American tradition, a tradition that goes back to Israel Putnam who left his plow in a New England furrow to take up a gun and fight at Bunker Hill. In this tradition American men of many ages have always left the peaceful round of their usual occupations to fight in causes that were worth their lives—from Lexington to the Argonne.

"In times of peace we do not maintain a vast standing army that might terrorize our neighbors and oppress our people. We do not like to rehearse interminably the cruel art of war. But whenever a tyrant from across the seas has threatened our liberties, our citizens have been ready to forge and use the weapons necessary for their defense.

"It is the men of the regular Army together with the Citizen Soldiers, our friends and relatives and neighbors of a few short days ago, and the men of all our armed forces, that we honor on Army Day."

Small U.S. Bonds For Groups

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Churches, lodges and other organizations may now invest their funds in sums as low as \$10.00 since the announcement of Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, adding the \$25 denomination (maturity value) to the Series "F" United States Savings Bonds of Defense.

Since the issue of Defense Savings Bonds of Series "E" is restricted to individuals, Secretary Morgenthau explained, many small organizations found it difficult or impossible to participate in the Defense Savings Program, as the smallest denomination of bond available for issue to them was the \$100 denomination of Series "E." With the addition of this smaller denomination, participation of the smaller organizations is assured.

Bonds of Defense Series "F" are 12-year bonds, issued on a discount basis, the issue price being 74 per cent of the maturity value. If held to maturity the investment yield is 1.55 per cent compounded semi-annually. These bonds are redeemable before maturity, at the option of owners, at fixed redemption values. Bonds of Defense Series "F" are issued only by the Federal Reserve Banks and the Treasury Department, but commercial banks generally will handle applications.

Out of the mouths of infants and sucklings Thus best perfected praise.—Ps. VIII, 2

Beat Foes By Surrender To God's Will—Msgr. Sheen

NEW YORK—Since the present conflict "is with demonic forces, we can conquer them only by a rational surrender to God and His Divine Son," the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, declared over the "Catholic Hour" Sunday night.

Monsignor Sheen declared the reason he has been asking that all Catholics, Protestants and Jews in the country make a daily holy hour "is that our enemies have the devil on their side; and unless we get on God's side, we will never defeat them." "Man is no match for the devil," he added. "Unless we pray and are converted to the God of Justice and the Salvation of Jesus Christ, we must envisage the possibility of defeat.

"This war is not a conflict of systems of politics, though a few superficial minds still think it is; it is a titanic struggle to decide whether the moral law of God shall be the basis of individual and social life, or the physical law of the ruthless sword."

Surrendering to God involves prayer, Monsignor Sheen said, but, he stressed, prayer is "not so much asking God to do our will as asking God to do His will." "In wartime," he added, "the proper approach is to ask God to use our collective wills and our national arms for His Holy Purposes, rather than to ask Him to serve our purposes. In other words, in prayer we do not ask God to fight on our side; we pray to fight on His side. We pray not as Americans who happen to be Christians, but as Christians who happen to be Americans. We ask God not to do something for us, but to do something in us, that He may do something through us for the betterment of the world and the restoration of the moral order. The essence of prayer therefore is a longing at all costs to be caught up in God's purpose."

Monsignor Sheen said "prayer is not getting something, it is becoming something," adding that "when we become good and glorify His name, then we will get not only what we need, but what we want." He said this attitude is the answer to those who ask: "The Germans pray to God, the English

pray to God, the Italians pray to God, the Americans pray to God. On whose side is God?" "Those who ask that question," Monsignor Sheen asserted, "have not the vaguest idea of the meaning of prayer. They assume that God takes sides on the basis of geography, rather than on the basis of goodness. The answer is that God is on the side of those who do His Will."

Famous Capistrano Swallows Return To Mission On Time

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO.—San Juan Capistrano Mission's famous swallows are back again in their old haunts, having arrived traditionally on schedule on the Feast of St. Joseph.

The advance guard flew in about noon time and was followed by the main division in the early afternoon. Special exercises were held by the children of the mission school to commemorate the event.

CITY COUNCIL PASSES GOOD FRIDAY MEASURE

NEW YORK.—City Department heads were authorized to extend leaves of absence to their employees for the religious observance of Good Friday, in a resolution passed by the City Council. The resolution was introduced by Councilmen William Carroll of Manhattan and William M. McCarthy of Brooklyn.

Rio de Janeiro.—Oscar Lopes, editor of the weekly A Uniao, has been elected President of Associação de Jornalistas Catholicos (The Guild of Catholic Newspapermen) at elections just held.

President Lauds K. C. On 60th Anniversary

NEW HAVEN (NC) — Achievements of the Knights of Columbus and the service the order has rendered "in the cause of religion and in the fields of education and social welfare in support of those freedoms upon which our nation was founded" are praised by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a letter addressed to Supreme Knight Francis P. Matthews on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the K. of C. The anniversary occurs next Sunday.

"The sixtieth anniversary of the establishment of the Knights of Columbus falls at a time of grave crisis in our national life and in the life of the whole world," President Roosevelt wrote. "On the outcome of the struggle in which we are now engaged depends all of our future happiness as a nation.

"In extending my hearty congratulations on the attainment of the threescore mark I desire to reiterate to the Knights of Columbus the lesson which the present cataclysm has taught us, which is that freedom of person and security of property anywhere in the world depend upon the security of the rights and obligations of liberty and justice everywhere in the world.

"This significant anniversary affords an excellent opportunity to call to mind the constructive service which the Knights of Columbus have rendered in the cause of religion and in the fields of education and social welfare in support of those freedoms upon which our nation was established. All that your order has achieved during the past six decades has been possible because every national under the American flag enjoys freedom of conscience and of education and the right of assembly. To guarantee those blessings to all the world this country has become an arsenal of democracy which we hope under God will guarantee to all mankind not only freedom of speech, freedom to worship God each in his own way, but freedom from want and freedom from fear as well.

"That is the kind of world we are fighting to attain. In national unity we shall find the strength to make it a reality for all mankind."