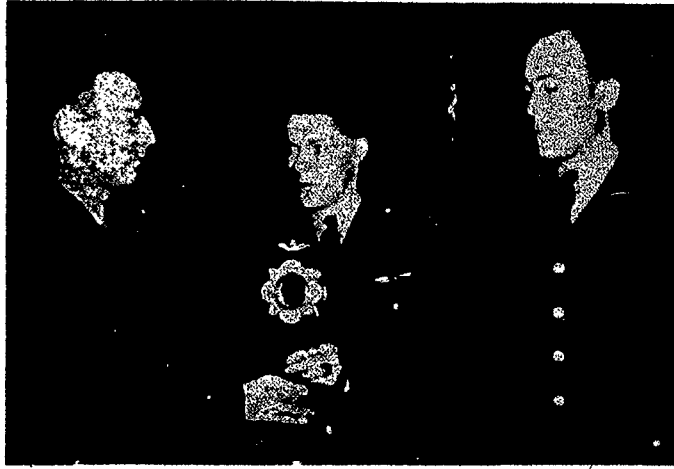


U. S. Bishops Allot \$100,000 More To Aid Polish Refugees

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—One hundred thousand dollars to be used in the relief of Polish refugees in Russia was made available by the Bishops' Relief Committee at a special meeting just held here. This allocation brings to approximately three-quarters of a million dollars the moneys which the Bishops of the United States have made available for Polish relief in recent months.



(Army Air Corps Photo)

ACCEPTING NEW MONSTRANCE for the Wing Chapel, MacDill Field, Fla. is Chaplain William J. Gayner who enlisted from the Rochester diocese. In the name of officers and men, Lt. Arthur Humby (center) representing the officers, and Staff Sergeant Vincent Guth, representing the enlisted men, present the Monstrance to Chaplain Gayner.

Catholic Hour Message

Avers Courage of Saviour Needed Against Day's Foes

NEW YORK—The courage of the Saviour is needed by me today, because only that will give them the strength to fight "those who are attacking the humanity of man," the

Urges Support For Nation's Leaders

ST. LOUIS An appeal to give support and sympathetic understanding to America's leaders and, for the duration of the war, to repeal all criticism, except that "of plain wrong and obvious worthlessness," is made by the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., national Sodality director, author and editor.

"We have a right to hold our officials responsible for their actions," he stresses, "indeed that is our duty. But we also have the obligation to give them a fair chance, to accord them an honest measure of respect and deference, to collaborate with them in decent obedience."

Why should he who has God for the object of his intentions, and who does what he can, torment himself? St. Francis de Sales.

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This latest fund was voted by the Bishops' Relief Committee in response to a direct appeal. A letter from the Most Rev. Stephen S. Wozniak, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, informed the Committee that the 2,000,000 Polish exiles in Russia include 150 Catholic priests and that "according to the terms of the treaty between the Polish Government and the Soviet Government, they are free to practice their religion." It was also made known that 52 other priests are ministering to the Polish forces fighting with the Russians against Germany. These chaplains are under the direction of Bishop Gawlina, Polish Chaplain General, Goods To Be Shipped.

The \$100,000, it was said, will be expended in this country for goods which will be shipped to Russia. It will make available the necessities for the practice of religion—wine and flour for the celebration of Mass, Mass kits, prayerbooks, rosaries, etc. On the material side, it will make available clothing and concentrated foods. The foods will be shipped so that the loss of any one vessel would mean the loss of only some of all the articles dispatched and not the complete supply of any one article.

This new allocation of funds throws into sharp relief the deep concern the Bishops of this country have manifested from the first for the suffering people of invaded Poland at their general meeting in Nov., 1939, the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States authorized the formation of the Bishops' Committee for the Polish Relief. The Committee itself hastened to swing into action, and in a few days issued a ringing appeal to Catholics of the United States to act immediately to relieve "the tragic condition of Polish refugees, and of Poles still living in their country."

In less than three months the Bishops' efforts had raised \$200,000 for Polish relief.

Literary Awards



They submitted the best newspaper feature stories in the recent national contest sponsored by the Literary Awards Committee of the Catholic Press Association. Upper photo, Sister Mary Marietta, S. S. J., of the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minn., awarded the first prize and, lower photo, T. J. McInerney, of Middle Village, L. I., second prize, Miss Beula A. Johnson, chief policeman of Tulsa, Okla., was awarded the third prize. (N.C.W.C.)

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Low Sunday 1942

My dear People:

I have insisted in my Lenten Pastoral on the place of prayer in our efforts for victory and the establishment of the Peace of Christ in the world. Your response during the Lenten season was most gratifying. In our present emergency I am loathe to let any opportunity pass which may speed Divine Intervention on behalf of our beloved Country.

As our problems become more and more serious, we must make our prayer more intense. This war is now touching our individual hearts and homes and it becomes daily more evident that we are fighting for the preservation of Christianity against forces that are recklessly candid in the avowal of their intention to destroy the Church of Christ.

In our emergency we now turn to Saint Joseph, as his great feast approaches. Guardian of the Infancy and the Childhood of Jesus and Patron of the Universal Church, he is our special Champion when that Universal Church is in danger, from the ruthless ambition of earthly rulers.

A recent writer quotes an impressive line from a speech of Archbishop Spellman "One child alone escaped the sword of Herod, the One being brought into Egypt, under the protection of Saint Joseph."

Against the Herodian forces pitted against us today, where can we find a more competent champion, to whom we can go, with confidence, in our hour of peril?

For this reason, I wish that on the evening of April 22nd, the feast of the Patronage of Saint Joseph, a triduum be opened in every church, chapel and oratory of the diocese to solicit the help of the "greatest of the saints," with services on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening. The details of these services, which should contain a brief sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, are left to each pastor or chaplain. The patronage prayer "To Thee O Blessed Joseph" should be recited. On Sunday, April 26th all Masses in the diocese will be the Mass of the Patronage of Saint Joseph.

May I urge, my dear people, that you join in the diocesan prayer to the patron of the Church Universal, encouraging your pastor by your attendance at all the exercises.

With a blessing, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

James E. Kearney
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Act Democracy As Well As Thinking It, Risley Warns

BUFFALO—"Americans think in terms of democracy oftener than they live its principles, with the result that we are compromising dangerously with ideologies that dilute and destroy democracy," asserted Marius Risley, student-instructor at St. Bonaventure College and vice-president of the National Catholic Evidence Conference, in addressing Sisters and students of the Mercy Hospital Nurses' Training School here, last Friday evening, Apr. 17.

"Either we conform our policy to principles," he said, "or we soon find ourselves attempting to conform principles to policy. There is nothing fundamentally un-Christian in our Constitution. Parts of it read like a papal encyclical. But we began living our democracy carelessly, indifferently, abusively, and ended up denying some of its basic tenets. We thought our careers and capital more important than conscience.

"Our enemies hold principles that are false, utterly false, but they believe in them fanatically. Until we believe as strongly in God-given democratic principles... and live them... we will suffer from the misdirected zeal of our foes. Certainly their errors will meet defeat, but before this happens, Providence may use our enemies to punish us and shake us out of our indifference to truth. If we look to immutable principles, policy will take care of itself," the speaker stated.

SCHOOL AVIATION

New York.—Cardinal Hayes Memorial High School is one of eleven high schools in the Metropolitan Area which is inaugurating courses in pre-flight aviation instruction.

Education Essay Contest Open To College Students

An essay contest on the topic, "Conservative Versus Progressive Education in the Development of a Truly Patriotic Citizenry" has been organized under the auspices of the New York Regional Chapter of the National Federation of Catholic College Students at Marymount College, Tarrytown, N. Y. It will be sponsored by a prominent magazine.

This third annual essay contest is open to participation by all Catholic college students, and ends at midnight on Thursday, Apr. 30. Judges will be chosen by Marymount College. Three prizes, \$25, \$10 and \$5 will be awarded by the Federation.

Further information and rules for entrance can be obtained from the deans of Catholic colleges or from the presidents of the Newman Clubs.

Named Acting Head

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Edward Collins, of Dorchester, Mass., a member of the faculty of the Law School of Catholic University of America since 1938, has been placed in charge of the Law School during the absence of the Rev. Dr. Robert J. White, Dean of the school, who is now serving as a chaplain in the Navy.