

Lt. Commander O'Hare Outstanding War Hero, Is Convert To Church

ST. LOUIS—Lieut. Comdr. Edward H. O'Hare, the United States naval aviator who this week was accorded unique honors as a war hero

War Heroes Given Awards

HAMILTON, Bermuda — The first American aviator to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism at the U. S. Naval Air Base in Bermuda is Lieut. Joseph Abraham Jap, who is a Catholic. The decoration was bestowed at Darrell's Island, with Rear Admiral Jules James, Commandant of the Naval Operating Base at Bermuda, officiating.

Earns Navy Cross

BALTIMORE — One more name was added to the growing list of Catholic heroes of World War II when Lieut. Comdr. Frederick Burdett Warder, of Baltimore, was recommended for the Navy Cross as a result of daring submarine attacks on Japanese naval vessels in Far Eastern waters. In command of the United States submarine Seawolf, Lieut. Comdr. Warder has scored against seven Japanese ships.

Thrice Honored

JAMAICA, N. Y. — An Army Air Corps officer who has received a citation and two decorations for valor since last September is a member of a prominent Catholic family of Jamaica. He is Lieutenant Colonel Emmett O'Donnell, Jr. Colonel O'Donnell was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross some six months ago for leading a secret flight of four-engine bombers from Honolulu to the Philippine Islands by an uncharted route over the South Pacific. His second honor was a citation on December 24 for destroying four Japanese fighter planes and damaging two transports of Legaspi, P. I. Recently he has again been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for damaging a heavy cruiser and its escorting destroyer in a single-handed attack on a Japanese landing party at Vigan, on the west coast of Luzon.

Java Battle Hero

BOSTON — Lieut. Comdr. Lawrence J. McPake, lauded by the Navy for heroic action in the sinking of the fleet tanker, "Petos" of Java in February and listed as presumably lost, was an alumnus of Boston College.

Mrs. O'Hare, the former Miss Rita G. Wooster, was a nurse at De Paul Hospital, here. A letter from Commander O'Hare to one of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, the Sisters who conduct the hospital, has stated that the distinguished flyer has great devotion to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Friends of the couple here say Commander O'Hare had taken instructions privately, and that he surprised his bride by receiving the Sacrament of Baptism shortly before their marriage.

Have Nuptial Mass

PHOENIX — Lieut. Comdr. Edward H. O'Hare and Miss Rita G. Wooster were married with a Nuptial Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception (St. Mary's) here, last September, the Franciscan Fathers in charge of the church told the N. C. W. C. News Service today.

In response to inquiries by the N. C. W. C. News Service regarding the report from St. Louis that Commander O'Hare had entered the Catholic Church shortly before his wedding, the Franciscan Fathers said this was correct. The late Rev. Patrick Joseph Murphy, then pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Casa Grande, Ariz., officiated at the wedding, and the Rev. Louis Schoen, O.F.M., pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, was present in the sanctuary. The couple received Holy Communion and the Church's blessing at the Mass. Mrs. O'Hare, who had been a nurse at De Paul Hospital, St. Louis, was a member of St. Peter's parish Keokuk, Iowa.

Wife Confers Award

WASHINGTON. When he received the Congressional Medal of Honor in the White House, here, Tuesday, Lieut. Comdr. Edward H. O'Hare, USN, became the first man in history to receive this, the Nation's highest decoration, at the hands of his wife. President Roosevelt watched and beamed as Mrs. O'Hare adjusted the blue ribbon of the Congressional Medal of Honor about her husband's neck. High-ranking officials, including Secretary of the Navy Knox and Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet, stood close by. It was the President himself who suggested that Mrs. O'Hare place the medal about her husband's neck. As she did so, he shook the hero's hand.

The 28-year-old naval officer entered the White House a junior-grade lieutenant and left the Executive Mansion with the temporary rank of Lieutenant Commander and a permanent advance of 30 numbers in grade, an honor that will considerably quicken his promotion in permanent rank in the Navy.

Commander O'Hare shot down five and possibly six Japanese planes in the South Pacific fighting, in what his citation for the Congressional Medal calls "one of the most daring, if not the most daring single action in the history of combat aviation."

Seminary Site

Los Angeles. Acquisition of 25 acres near Malibu Beach for the establishment of a new major seminary for the Santa Barbara Province of the Order of Friars Minor was announced here. The new establishment will be known as the Junipero Serra Seminary in honor of the founder of the California missions, the cause of whose canonization is now being advanced.

ALL CHANGES OF ADDRESS

—must be received ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE of issue on which they are effective.



NEW PRESIDENT—Mrs. Robert A. Angelo, of York, Pa., who was elected President of the National Council of Catholic Women at the 21st annual convention just held at Hollywood Beach, Fla. She succeeds Mrs. J. W. McCollum, of Calaisville, Fla. (N.C.W.C.)

Revival of Racial Prejudice In U. S. Condemned By NCCW

By KATHERINE McKIEVER HOLLYWOOD BEACH, Fla. (NC) Revival of racial prejudice and discriminations in certain sections and among certain groups in the United States was condemned by the National Council of Catholic Women here as it closed its twenty-first convention.

Such prejudice and hatred, a resolution adopted by the convention stated, is contrary "both to Catholic teaching, which has ever sought to make known and preserve the dignity of all men as sons of God and brothers of Christ, and to American principles, which, even now, are pitted against those of the totalitarian States." Such States were called "the foremost proponents of the false and contemptible doctrine of racial inequality."

New Officers Chosen

In the final hours of the convention, Mrs. Robert A. Angelo, of York, Pa., was elected President of the National Council of Catholic Women, succeeding Mrs. J. W. McCollum, of Gainesville, Fla. Other officers elected are Mrs. J. E. Franchere, of Memphis, First Vice-President; Miss Edmire E. Quinlan, of Green Bay, Wis., Second Vice-President; Mrs. E. P. Carville, of Carson City, Nev., Third Vice-President; Mrs. Charles H. Apps, of East Orange, N. J., Secretary, and Mrs. Frederick E. Murphy, of Minneapolis, Treasurer.

A resolution on Inter-American relations was adopted emphasizing the importance of American solidarity in the winning of the war and for the reconstruction of a Christian society after the war to insure peaceful solidarity among all nations.

"The Catholic Faith," the resolution said, "has always insisted on human solidarity under God and in Christ," and this Faith, "the basis of the tradition and culture of our sister Republics to the South is our most effective bond of unity."

A further resolution stressed the need for an informed and articulate Catholic laity in a confused world in need of sound and stable thinking, and advocated the reading and wider dissemination of diocesan papers as sources of enlightenment and knowledge on world affairs. Members were urged to give their maximum cooperation and support to the Catholic Press and to Catholic Action, monthly publication of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

While engaged in a war against "declared enemies," another resolution warned, "our country today is engaged in a death struggle in defense of things of the spirit, against the dark forces of paganism and materialism." One of these influences cited is the "flood of salacious and pornographic periodicals" that were declared an "affront to every decent-minded person, and an occasion of sin to others."

Resolutions on Family Life

Resolutions concerning the family called attention to the danger of encroachment of the State upon the family; the evil of hurried marriages, growing immorality under present conditions of mobility,

The Bishop's Appointments



MAY

- 1 Friday—St. Bernard's Seminary—Orations—6:30 A. M. St. Patrick's—Sermon, St. Monica's Sodality—8:00 A. M. St. Bernard's Seminary—Conference—5:30 P. M.
- 3 Sunday—Powers Hotel—Address, Rochester Police Dept. Holy Name Communion Breakfast—8:00 A. M. Holy Redeemer—Pontifical Mass, Diocesan Holy Name Union—11:00 A. M. St. Margaret Mary—Confirmation—3:00 P. M. St. Ambrose—Confirmation—4:30 P. M.
- 4 Monday—Holy Trinity Hall, Webster—Dinner, St. Monica Society—7:15 P. M.
- 5 Tuesday—Holy Ghost, Coldwater—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
- 8 Saturday—Blessed Sacrament—Low Mass, International Federation Catholic Alumnae—12:15 P. M.
- 10 Sunday—Pro-Cathedral—Mass before Episcopate—11:00 A. M. St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls—Confirmation—3:00 P. M. St. Michael's, Lyons—Confirmation—4:45 P. M. St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario—Confirmation—7:30 P. M. St. Gregory's, Marion—Confirmation—8:30 P. M.
- 11 Monday—Chamber of Commerce—Opening Dinner, Community Chest Campaign—8:30 P. M.
- 12 Tuesday—Columbus Civic Centre—Priests' Holy Hour—3:00 P. M. Our Lady of Mercy High School—Senior Play—8:15 P. M.
- 13 Wednesday—Pro-Cathedral—Pontifical Mass, Holy Father's Silver Jubilee—10:00 A. M. Powers Hotel—Dinner, Catholic Mission Guild—8:30 P. M.
- 14 Thursday—Pro-Cathedral—First Communion Class—8:30 A. M. Our Lady of Mercy High School—Low Mass, C. S. M. C. Mission Rally—10:30 A. M.
- 17 Sunday—Niagara University, Niagara Falls—Pontifical Mass, Baccalaureate Service—9:00 A. M. Our Lady of Good Counsel—Confirmation—3:00 P. M. Holy Family—Confirmation—4:30 P. M. St. Thomas, Summerville—Confirmation—7:30 P. M.
- 18 Monday—Chamber of Commerce—Closing Dinner, Community Chest Campaign—8:30 P. M.
- 19 Tuesday—St. Andrew's Seminary—Low Mass—8:00 A. M. Assumption, Scottsville—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
- 20 Wednesday—Nazareth College—Low Mass—8:00 A. M. St. Helen's—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
- 21 Thursday—St. Joseph's—Low Mass, Mothers of Service Men—9:30 A. M. Holy Angels Home—Confirmation—11:00 A. M.
- 22 Friday—Pro-Cathedral—Pontifical Requiem Mass, Bishop O'Hern's Anniversary—10:30 A. M. St. Andrew's—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
- 23 Saturday—Camp Sam Wood, Batavia, N. Y.—Sermon, Boy Scout Chapel Dedication—11:00 A. M. Hotel Seneca—Dinner, National Association of Postmasters—7:00 P. M.
- 24 Sunday—Pro-Cathedral—Pontifical Mass—11:00 A. M. Annunciation—Confirmation—2:00 P. M. Pro-Cathedral—Adult Confirmation—4:00 P. M. Corpus Christi—Adult Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
- 25 Monday—Baron Stauben Hotel, Corning—Dinner, Catholic Men's Club—7:00 P. M.
- 26 Tuesday—Sagamore Hotel—Dinner, Rochester Parish Sodality Union—7:00 P. M.
- 27 Wednesday—Pro-Cathedral—Baccalaureate Service, St. Mary's Hospital—8:00 P. M.
- 28 Thursday—Niagara University, Niagara Falls—Father Noonan Jubilee Dinner—7:00 P. M.
- 29 Friday—St. Agnes, Lake Placid, N. Y.—Opening Mass, State K. of C. Convention—10:00 A. M.
- 30 Saturday—Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva—Low Mass, Blessing of Retreat House—10:00 A. M.
- 31 Sunday—St. Joseph's—Low Mass, Rochester Fire Dept. Holy Name Society—7:30 A. M. St. Jerome's, E. Rochester—Confirmation—2:00 P. M. Our Lady of Mercy High School—May Day Exercises—8:30 P. M. Precious Blood—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.

By order of the Most Rev. Bishop Lawrence B. Casey

doctrines and practices based by subversive elements in times of social disturbance; and the increasing need for home education and parental realization of their obligation to afford children religious education.

Advocating the enforcement of laws protecting working women, a resolution on women industry recommended that drawing mere women in industry be delayed until the men of the country are employed, and that wives and mothers be called last of all.

Buying War Stamps won't risk your life, but it may save one.

Catholic Hospital Forms Blood Bank

NEW ORLEANS. A blood bank to supply plasma to the military authorities, the Red Cross and civilian defense councils in emergencies has been established at Hotel Dieu, hospital administered here by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. About 500 donors will be required to furnish the proposed supply of blood plasma.

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