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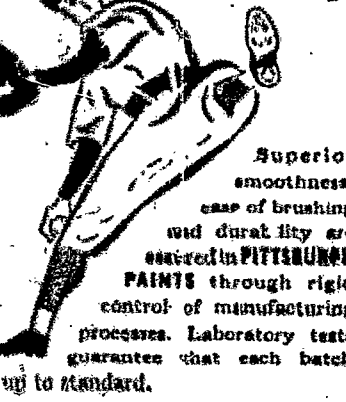
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U.S. Official Says Duty To God Is Inescapable

BALTIMORE.—Men cannot escape the duty of allegiance to the Heavenly Father, declared Charles Fahy, Solicitor General of the United States, in an address at a meeting of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Gen. Sikorski Says Poland Will Arise from Martyrdom As Rampart of Christianity

WASHINGTON.—Before leaving this country, General Wladyslaw Sikorski, Prime Minister of Poland and Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Armed Forces, gave a statement to the N. C. W. C. News Service in which he said Poland will arise again as a rampart of Christianity from the martyrdom of her Bishops and priests.

"Under various pretexts, including the search for lebensraum, although the term was then unknown," General Sikorski said, "Teutonic forces in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries surged into the western Slavonic lands, until their defeat at Grunwald in 1410.

"This time, however, they search not under the sign of the Cross, but under the sign of the pagan Swastika. The present war is not only a struggle for freedom and the rights of nations, it is a struggle for the ideals and principles of Christianity and civilization.

"The Polish nation marks with blood and with suffering unknown in the annals of history, its deep attachment to the faith of its forefathers. It will endure and fight to the end because its belief in final victory of Right and Justice is unshaken.

"Tertullian, an ancient Christian writer, once said that the blood of martyrs is the seed of Christianity. On the long list of those tortured and murdered by Germans are the names of Polish Bishops and priests. Their martyrdom has strengthened the bonds that unite the Polish nation to the Universal Church and out of it will arise Poland reborn as an invincible rampart of Christianity in the East."

However we may plan for the future years, let us not forget the here and now. The future years are made of today's.

DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF SOUTH



Nine members of the Hierarchy attended the sessions of the third annual convention of the Catholic Committee of the South, held at Richmond, Va. Pictured on that occasion are: Paul W. Williams, of Richmond, Executive Secretary, C. C. S., and Monsignor T. J. McNamara, of Savannah, chairman. (N.C.W.C.)

Charity Unit Recognizes Community Needs

By MARY E. FITZGERALD

"If I could believe for a single minute and with absolute conviction," said the Most Rev. Bishop Duffy of the Buffalo Diocese, "that every member receiving the crucifix of the Ladies of Charity today could renew the zeal of the Ladies of Charity of old and would go out into the highways and byways and convey, by word and example the beauty of Christian life I would prophesy now, that we would transform this Diocese—and make it a privileged spot for the people of this state."

This in part, was the stirring challenge of Bishop Duffy in addressing over 1900 affiliates with the Ladies of Charity at the ceremonial held in the Cathedral in Buffalo on Sunday, Apr. 26. Their interest in the Elmira unit of this age-old society and their response to the organization plans are just other indications of the success of this great movement of self-satisfaction in the service of others. True in Elmira.

In Elmira, members of the Ladies of Charity are becoming more and more community and nationally conscious. Gone are the symptoms of apathy that have been so severely criticized in our American women and in its place, we see an increasing awareness of the part that every Catholic woman and organization should play in the total picture of our America of today.

Each Lady of Charity has pledged herself to purchase one defense stamp for the organization, thus adding to the resources of the society and doing "another bit of patriotic duty." The third bond to the credit of the Ladies of Charity as a unit was purchased this week and the membership report is 100 per cent on the survey of individual purchases of stamps and bonds. Added to a full program of peace time volunteer projects, is

the surprising number that have enrolled in First Aid, Nutrition, Ambulance Corps and other Volunteer Civilian Defense Projects. Care for Family

Remembering the importance of the family group, members of the various committees are continuing their personal attention to the needs of those men, women or children under their care. The Sewing Committee is completing dainty First Communion outfits, Big Sisters visit and guide Little Sisters with the same understanding care as before, lonely patients in the hospital are made to feel that someone cares by members of the Committee of St. Ann de Beauport and a twenty-four hour service is maintained by the Room Registry Committee for "any stranger in our midst."

Mother's Day will not go unobserved and many an aged Mother will smile on Sunday, May 10, because she is remembered by the Visiting or the Personal Service Committee of the Ladies of Charity. Over two hundred Mother's Day Cards, donated by members of the Committee of St. John Bosco were delivered this week to the Rev. Francis J. Lane, Chaplain at the Elmira Reformatory, to be given to boys, selected by him, and sent to their Mothers on their special Day.

Dec. 7 and Pearl Harbor brought only an increasing consecration of self and more sharing in a movement "to place civilization and society on a nobler and higher level" for the Ladies of Charity, a community and a nation-wide organization.

PROVIDES MILK, MEDICINE FOR CITY'S SICK POOR

CHICAGO.—A prominent Chicago Catholic woman, Mrs. Frank J. Lewis, was the founder of a milk foundation whereby 40,000 quarts of milk and 1,000 pints of cod liver oil are brought yearly into the homes of the tubercular poor. The fund is a direct activity of the Illinois Club for Catholic Women, which Mrs. Lewis, with the assistance of several others, founded about 15 years ago.

The milk fund operates through the free city dispensaries of the Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium, which provide the names of needy patients for this special milk service. Recommendation of the physicians in charge of the various dispensaries are followed up by volunteer workers from the fund. All applications are investigated and there is no possibility of duplication.

Never shall one person perish who remains sedulously devoted to the Blessed Virgin—St. Ignatius, martyr.

LADIES OF CHARITY SCHEDULE MEETINGS

- Monday—May 4—7:30 P. M.—Personal Service Committee will meet in Catholic Charities Office with Mesdames W. C. Ervin and Edmund Maloney, Co-Chairmen. Tuesday, May 5—7:30 P. M.—Employment Committee will hold regular monthly meeting in Catholic Charities Office with Miss Florence Bird, Chairman. Wednesday, May 6—2:15 P. M.—Red Cross Committee will meet in Columbus Center with Mrs. Fred J. Battersby and Miss Eleanor Kelly, Co-Chairmen. 8:45 P. M.—First Meeting of Advisory Committee for Camp Villa Maria in Federation Building. Dr. John F. Lynch is General Chairman. Preliminary plans will be made for the camp which will open June 29 on Harris Hill. Friday, May 8—7:00 P. M.—Sewing Committee at Columbus Center with Mesdames Glen R. Weigand and Bertram L. Comstock, Co-Chairmen. 7:00 P. M.—Catholic Youth Organization at Columbus Center. Dancing party for Seventh and Eighth Grade students. 8:00 P. M.—High School students.

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