

Way To Peace Even In Wartime Told As Lay Retreatants Meet

CINCINNATI (NC) — "We can be at peace even in wartime, if our hearts are set on God," the Rev. Magr. James O'Brien, rector of St. Mary's seminary, Norwood, O. declared in a sermon preached at a Holy Hour at St. Xavier's church here, marking the climax of the three-day national conference of the Catholic Laymen's Retreat League, concluded May 17.

Speaking on the theme of the conference, "The Peace of Christ," Monsignor O'Brien said that the essence of the peace of Christ calls for an ordering of men's thoughts and actions primarily to God. He added that the "search for peace by the world today, places things in reverse, with emphasis upon the love for man, and not for God."

"A peace founded solely on selfish humanitarianism cannot endure," he said, adding, "If we are more concerned about self and about our fellowman than about God we cannot expect God to interfere in the peace of the world."

Officers Elected

The Rev. Magr. Edward A. Freking, Spiritual Director of retreats held at Crusade Castle, Cincinnati, was elected National Moderator, and William H. Albert, President of the Cincinnati Archdiocesan Laymen's Retreat movement, was named National President.

Other officers elected at the meeting included Frank Crotty, Brookline, Mass., first vice-president; Daniel M. Humill, Pittsburgh, second vice-president; Daniel Moroney, Chicago, treasurer; David Askin, Jamaica, N. Y., secretary, and Charles Healy, Springfield, Mass.; James Cavanaugh, Boston, and Walter Conaly, Huntington, W. Va., trustees.

Influence of Retreats

The six panels conducted during the three-day conference were devoted to a discussion of the influence of closed lay retreats upon contemporary problems — world peace and the peace of the individual, civilian morale, business and labor, and family life.

Leading the discussion of the subject, "Closed Retreats, a Means of Furthering the Peace of Christ in Business and Labor," Monsignor Freking declared that "in closed retreats both worker and employer can best learn the principles each must apply in business relations."

Priest Is Custodian Of Air-Raid Siren

CULPSPORT, Miss. — One of the city's seven electric air-raid sirens to stop the new parish hall of St. Therese's Catholic Church. The Rev. Joseph Hennessy, S.S.J., will handle the switch.

The greatest glory of a free-born people is to transmit that freedom to their children — Harvard.

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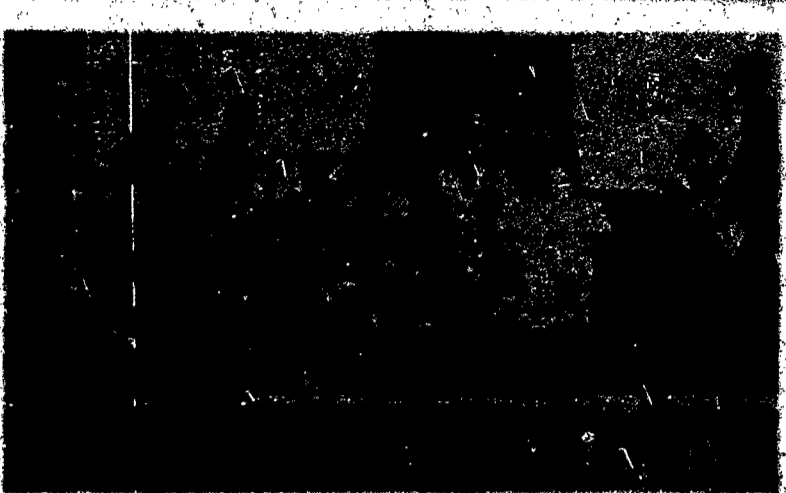
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FOR THEIR MOTHERS. Soldier sons at Fort McClellan, Anniston, Alabama, receiving Holy Communion from the hands of Chaplain Elmer Heindl of Rochester at outdoor Mass on Mother's Day.

Father Heindl Officiates At Fort's Mother Day Rite

ANNISTON, Alabama — One of the most awe-inspiring and impressive sights ever witnessed at Fort McClellan and the town of Anniston was held Sunday morning, May 10, Mother's Day.

In Tent Theater No. 4 at 9 A. M., under a shining and cloudless sky, a High Mass was celebrated by 1st Lieut. Father Elmer Heindl of the 6th Regiment. Over 1,000 boys attended the Mass with high ranking officers of the Fort. At least 510 received Holy Communion and after the Mass benediction was held.

Through the cooperation of the National Catholic Community Service, 720 boys were taken on buses to the Town of Anniston. At the town's outskirts they were formed into lines under the command of the non-commissioned officers and marched through the main streets of Anniston to the new Government Recreation Center operated by the N. C. C. S. and other U. S. O. agencies, where preparations had been made for a Communion Breakfast.

The huge auditorium in the Recreation Center was filled to capacity. On the plate of each soldier was a Spiritual Bouquet Card with an envelope to address to his mother telling her that her boy that day remembered her by going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion. The speakers' table held a huge cake with an icing status of the Madonna and the word "Our Lady" was written across the face of the cake in blue icing.

Songs sung by various boys from the Fort enlivened the breakfast program. Speakers were: John E. McCloskey, director, N. C. C. S. Club in Anniston who served as toastmaster; Col. Andrew G. Tyson of the 6th Regiment, Major Donald Wilson of the 12th Battalion and Father Heindl, 1st Lieutenant of the 6th Regiment.

At the conclusion of the Breakfast each boy was given a small cake with the word "Mother" written across the top of the cake in blue icing. The large cake at the speakers' table was sent to the Hospital to the boys who were unable to participate in this magnificent tribute to the Blessed Mother and also the spiritual bouquet cards were handed out to the boys for their buddies left at the Fort.

Following the breakfast many of the boys were taken to various homes in Anniston for dinner and many stayed to use the Club House facilities.

FORTY HOURS

The Devotion of the "Forty Hours" will be held in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester: Sunday, May 24: Cate; Cayuga; Hemocye Plains; Pittsford; Savannah; Shortsville; Stanley.

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Pvt. Kearney Serves At Air School Mass

KEESLER FIELD, Miss. — Pvt. Donald Kearney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Kearney, 311 E. 200 St., Bronx, N. Y., and nephew of the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, was Master of Ceremonies at the first Solemn High Mass said in the open at the country's greatest Air Corps Technical School here on Mother's Day. The Mass was attended by nearly 1,000 Catholic soldiers.

Mal. Patrick E. Nolan, Post Chaplain, was celebrant, Chaplain John A. Mrozka was Deacon and Chaplain Jerome A. Major, was Sub Deacon. Nearly 1,000 men attended the other field Mass, and the other five Masses said on Mother's Day were well attended.

More than 2,000 men received Communion which they offered for their mothers. Each man who went to Confession last week received a holy card with a statement to his mother that he would receive Communion for her on Mother's Day. On Sunday each communicant received another holy card stating he had received Communion.

The altar was adorned with white and pink gladioli and lilies of the valley, gifts of two soldiers in memory of their mothers. A choir composed of 15 Catholic soldiers sang.

Twenty Keesler Field soldiers were confirmed on Sunday night by the Most Rev. Richard O. Gerow, Bishop of Natchez, at the Church of Our Lady, Bay St. Louis, Miss. The soldiers were sponsored by Chaplain Major. Following their confirmation they received an audience from the Bishop.

Mission Anniversary Marked By National Radio Program

Margaret Anglin, noted Broadway actress and recent Lacerte Medalist, will be heard on a national radio hook-up commemorating the 120th anniversary of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This program is being broadcast by the Red Network of the N. B. C. and will be heard on Saturday, May 23, from 2:30 to 2:45 E. W. T. over Station WHAM in Rochester.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith had its beginning in Lyons, France, in 1822. A young woman, Pauline Jaricot, the daughter of the prominent silk manufacturer, was the foundress. Letters received from her brother, a seminarian, recounted the difficulties and privations of French missionaries in New France. She took steps to relieve their hardships and the Society had its humble beginning amongst the silk workers from whom she collected a penny a week.

Planned Taxation Of Charity Meets Rising Protests

By Elmer Murphy

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—Not only has the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference vigorously opposed certain new tax proposals which it says would seriously affect, if not destroy, "personal initiative in the advancement of religious, charitable and educational purposes," but these tax ideas are now receiving even sterner indictments from secular observers.

One secular news paper columnist has asserted that "behind a curtain of lawyer talk, Secretary Morgenthau's Treasury Department is attacking the general freedom of educational, religious and charity in these United States. 'Don't let anybody tell you the Treasury doesn't know what it is doing, either,' this writer adds."

The N. C. W. C. Administrative Board, through the Rev. Magr. Michael J. Reedy, General Secretary of the N. C. W. C., called upon the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives to recognize and protect personal initiative in the advancement of religious, charitable and educational works, and to turn its back upon the "new, abhorrent, and harmful doctrine" proposed in Congress by Randolph Paul, Tax Advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Paul proposed to Congress that charitable or educational corporations, now exempt from corporation income tax, be subjected to that tax on income derived from a trade or business owned and operated by the corporation, but not necessarily incident to the tax-exempt activities, and that an amount bequested or transferred for special charitable purposes, now deductible in computing the estate tax, be limited to a specific percentage of the decedent's estate.

The N. C. W. C. Administrative Board pointed out that charity, in the legal tradition of the United States, "has been recognized and encouraged as a proper extension of the individual's duty to his fellow man."

Bishop Kearney Talks At Scout Chapel Rite

Sermon at the dedication of Camp Sam Wood of the Boy Scouts of America, Batavia, will be delivered by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, on Saturday morning, May 23, at 11 A. M.

The chapel will be solemnly dedicated to St. John Bosco, by His Excellency, Bishop Duffy of Buffalo, at services which will attract a large number of scout leaders and scouts in that area. Among the priests who serve as chaplains in that area is the Rev. John M. Sellinger of Caledonia representing Livingston County. Co-Chairman of the dedication ceremony is the Rev. William C. Kirby, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Batavia.

Attending from the Rochester diocese also will be the Rev. Joseph E. Vogt, Diocesan scout chaplain, and the Rev. Albert L. Simpson, Rochester area Chaplain.

"America Fights for God-Given Rights."

of religion," and that "the taxing power is limited to the levying of such a tax as to be a distortion of a long established American role."

Writing in the Washington Times Herald, Frank J. Whelan says the Treasury Department "has done the job for it and that the worst part of the Treasury performance is that the bill is to come down behind a curtain of lawyer talk that appears at first to be reasonable." "It is only when you go behind the curtain that you see what the Treasury is really doing for you in doing the N. C. W. C. Administrative Board's right about it."

"For a long time," says Whelan, "the Treasury has been at work with its hands behind its back. It has been secretly presiding over the process of faith to include preaching and good work in the 'terrestrial world.'"

"We will have church-aided schools and charities," Whelan adds, "but the example they set has been so good that we have also State-aided schools and charities, and even privately endowed schools and charities which are neither church nor government operated. The State-aided schools and charities are operated on taxpayer money and run by Government appointees. Our U. S. school system is an excellent example of what can be done with public money. Our U. S. Catholic Welfare Board operates church-aided charities."

"The various national schools and Georgetown and Catholic Universities are doing a magnificent job of education run by or with-out Government aid and the Catholic charities are examples of similar good work in the welfare field by churches."

"In the field of non-religious private education and welfare our famous George Washington University and St. Ann's Hospital, and many other similar institutions have been in operation with one another to do good and enlighten people."

"The effect has been incalculable. It has been a 'word' freedom."

"Now comes the Treasury Department, in the person of its expert, Randolph Paul, continuing Mr. Whelan's, asking Congress to tax the revenues of private and religious education and charity, three ways."

"First, by taxing several forms of earned income of these institutions. Second, by more severe taxes on gifts and salaries handed over to welfare and education. Third, by exacting taxes on things bought by schools and charities."

"The Treasury does not care what may be the cost of income, gifts and salaries given to maintain religious and private endowed good works. It is concerned with the fact that these institutions are allowed to get the money tax-free."

"It shows no concern about the undeniable fact that this tax exemption is often the difference between survival and ruin for many of these institutions. On the other hand, maybe it is."

"It is demanding the money. If it gets its way, Government-run education and charity will be given a final and critical advantage over all others."

"In a short time we will see religious and private endowed welfare and educational institutions disappearing. At the same time, the degree (based on disapproval) of freedom of thought and conscience will disappear from America. As these freedoms disappear, we will all be the loser. Is that what we want? Is that what the American people want? The Government is asking."

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