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FIRST SERVICE INSTITUTE for Catholic women volunteers brought to Rochester diocese these leaders in the field of charity and Catholic women's organization. Standing is Msgr. John O'Grady, National Catholic Charities executive secretary; and Miss Irma Piepho, N. C. C. W. field secretary. Seated, (left) Mrs. Robert A. Angelo, N. C. C. W. president; Mrs. Lee Kenay, national chairman, Committee cooperating with Catholic Charities.

Call Women To Volunteer For Home Front War Duties

The vital wartime role of Catholic women volunteers on the home front was emphasized and discussed by national and diocesan leaders as the "Call to Service" Institute, first

of the kind in the country, was conducted in four key-cities of the diocese, this week.

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Problems presented in the field of charity in wartime as well as the opportunities for service in civilian protection, service for servicemen and women, and allied activities were discussed by persons qualified by experience and training. The importance of organization that is national, diocesan and parochial in scope was brought out.

The "Call to Service" Institute was sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Women and the National Conference of Catholic Charities with diocesan units cooperating.

Bringing a message from the National Conference of Catholic Charities was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John O'Grady, executive secretary of Washington, D. C. He stressed the importance of visiting the sick and aged and affording for them spiritual consolation. Women volunteers for social service work are needed now more than ever in connection with the war work, he said.

The Rochester conference was held in Columbus Civic Centre ballroom, Tuesday, where Miss Cecelia M. Yawman, diocesan president, welcomed the guest speakers and Mrs. M. H. Keogh, national direc-

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Soldiers At Front Resent Nazi Attacks On Church, Says German Archbishop

Persecution Of Clergy Denounced

Famous generals and heroes among Germany's fighting forces at the front are highly indignant that "in spite of the enormous sacrifices which they are making as Christian soldiers, their religious convictions and their Church are continually attacked at home," the Most Rev. Conrad Groeber, Archbishop of Freiburg

Authentic accounts of religious persecution from dictator-ridden lands continue to come. "Freedom of Religion," the traditional right in these United States is a freedom to be defended. See Pages 10 and 11, this issue, also Editorial, Page 18.

im Breisgau, has declared in a letter to the Nazi Minister of Culture and Public Education at Karlsruhe, Baden, protesting against the persecution of his clergy.

(Text of Archbishop Groeber's letter, furnished by the N. C. W. C. News Service, appears on Page 7.)

The Archbishop's letter, written in reply to one from the Nazi official, who had accused the prelate of disloyalty, asserted that the real traitors to the German Reich are those who "started and who maintain, with fanaticism this fateful division of the German people, who, profiting by the absence of the men in the war, seek to destroy Christianity and the Church."

"If the State wishes to regard me as an enemy of the Fatherland or as a traitor because I am pleading publicly for Catholic education and Catholic principles," Archbishop Groeber wrote, "it is free to do so. But in that event the State is going beyond its competence and this injustice will hurt authority itself."

In his letter, an authentic copy of which has been received in this country, the courageous German prelate declared that even were he facing execution he would continue his protests since he is certain that he is responsible for German Christians to the Supreme Judge eternal and just, before Whom will appear also, some day, those who are attacking us."

Church Papers Flay Birth Prevention Center In Auburn

AUBURN—Writers of the Church Bulletins in the Catholic Churches of Auburn have taken to task Mrs. Margaret Sanger, Birth Control advocate and a fallen away Catholic.

The writer of one bulletin calls the attention of the congregation to the fact "that the National Health Center of Auburn is an organization for the promotion of Birth Control and race suicide and should be shunned and avoided. No Catholic can in conscience and without the contamination of sin have any part in the notorious activities of such an organization."

In another issue the same writer says, "People sometimes ask 'why the war?' Mrs. Sanger and her ilk are one of the reasons. She now wants the Woman's Army which is unfortunately coming into being degraded to the level of camp followers."

The following article is taken from a church bulletin and is entitled "Defense and Birth Prevention": "Where does the nation turn in this hard hour for its defense? To the leaders who have insistently and bravely prophesied de-population by birth prevention? The preachments of all such have led to vanishing people. Or perhaps to homes of married folk who are without disciples of the Sangerite cult? They have no sons or daughters to offer in a service of giving and doing. Their sitting rooms are voids of youth; the dinner table has only two places; and war will not leave either empty. Wars now is the high hour of selective birth to achieve a more selective race? Again, as of old, the American married men and women who have feared American sons and daughters in the ancient pattern are giving the defending and sustaining might which the nation calls for in this momentous time."

"God give us men" would be a vain cry, giving back an empty echo were the disciples of health negation to achieve their last ounce of prevention. Sin always returns to plague us with its shames. If there be any blush left in the disciples of Mrs. Sanger it is hard put to hide itself these days when fathers and mothers who braved insults and imputations are furnishing the youth who carry their nation into service and sacrifice to preserve their nation. Likely, however, there is no blush left in the disciples of birth prevention to show or to hide."

Appeal School Bus Law To U.S. Supreme Court

OKLAHOMA CITY—Oklahoma's school bus law, providing transportation for parochial school students, has been appealed to the United States Supreme Court. Opponents of the law have challenged its constitutionality and the State Supreme Court has permitted the appeal.

The law granting the free transportation of children attending private and parochial schools was passed by the State Legislature in April, 1939. Subsequently the State's Attorney declared it unconstitutional. An appeal was taken to the District Court of Oklahoma County, which refused to grant a writ of mandamus to compel a school bus to carry parochial students. The State Supreme Court subsequently permitted the appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

Heads American Franciscans

NEW YORK—The Very Rev. Mathias Faust, O.F.M., of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, here, former Provincial of the Franciscan Province of the Holy Name of Jesus, has been named American Delegate General of the Franciscan Order, with all the authority of the Minister General, the Most Rev. Leonardo Maria Bello, O.F.M., whose headquarters are in Rome.

Made by the Minister General with the approval of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, the appointment gives Father Mathias jurisdiction over all the Franciscan provinces and commissaries in North and Central America, and in adjacent territories, including Puerto Rico and Cuba. Delegates of the Franciscan Minister General have been sent to this country before, but for special occasions. Father Mathias' appointment is for the duration of the war.

Deny Report Cardinal Will Travel Abroad

VATICAN CITY—The reports circulated abroad that His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, is about to visit various countries, including England, is said at the Vatican to be entirely without foundation.

A secular press report printed in the United States, quoting a Swiss source, said the suggestion was made that "Vatican diplomacy may take a more active part in world politics." It said the Swiss source mentioned "the coming trip abroad of the Papal Secretary of State, Luigi Cardinal Maglione with London as one of his goals."

SERVICE CHAPLAINS PAID TRIBUTE IN CAMP PAPER

GARDNER FIELD Camp High tribute was paid service chaplains in an article in the camp paper here, Flight Dispatcher, which reviewed the work of Father Edward J. McCormick, Catholic chaplain at this post.

Written by a private the article said chaplains probably do more for the enlisted personnel than any other officer and deserve great credit for their trying tasks.

Father McCormick is a priest of the Little Rock Diocese and before coming here was pastor of Mary Immaculate Church, Hoxie, Ark.

Loyola U. Commended For Aiding Army Corps

NEW ORLEANS—Brigadier General Carlisle H. Walsh, commanding the Third Air Force office, Tampa, Fla., has written to the Very Rev. P. A. Roy, S.J., President of Loyola University of the South, commending the university for placing its basic electricity equipment at the disposal of Signal Corps instructors.

Build Chapel From Shipwreck Lumber

SAN DIEGO—Well-seasoned lumber from a ship wrecked many years ago on some Australian shore has become a very practical Catholic chapel for American soldiers stationed there, who built it in their "few free hours" with the aid of their chaplain.

Chapel facilities were the first thought of Father Kenneth G. Stack, United States Army chaplain after his arrival in Australia, but in a country keyed to war the dearth of tools and lumber to build it was a serious problem.

One saw, two hammers, a square and a spirit level "were all the tools we had and we considered

ourselves lucky to get them." Father Stack wrote in his most recent letter to the Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of his home See of San Diego.

"We had no lumber and no prospect of getting any so we scouted around and nature came to the rescue," he said. "Many years ago a ship was wrecked on these shores and most of the lumber washed ashore so in our few free hours we hauled and hauled until we had enough to build the chapel."

"Nature had already seasoned the wood and we did the rest. The altar is made of matched mahogany on which we carved a Celtic

Cross and an Alpha and Omega, and then we made our own stain out of gasoline and tar. The whole effect is beautiful as the altar contrasts strikingly with the antique effect of the interior walls. These we left in their seasoned, weather-beaten condition."

Because a church large enough for the usual Sunday attendance would be "a fine target for our Japanese brethren," a small structure with sliding doors was built. Thus on weekdays the church becomes a private chapel, accommodating about 50, for the soldiers' personal visits to the Blessed Sacrament, Father Stack said.

Catholic Book Club Makes July Selection

NEW YORK—"Living Vestiges: Reading for Profit and Pleasure," by Francis Mullan, is the Catholic Book Club selection for July. It is announced in the club's current Newsletter.

As indicated by the subtitle, Mr. Mullan's work is an introduction, informal and non-academic, to the great literature of the centuries. With Mr. Mullan "we learn what the 'kingdom of the mind' really is," writes St. Cuthbert in the Newsletter review. "That it is not merely a place to retreat from distress, a headless, unpressant experience; but some place where our writer selves are ready plan for the future."