

Catholic Daughters' War Bond Purchases Near Million Mark

NEW YORK—Purchase of nearly a million dollars worth of war bonds and stamps, blood donations by some 5,000 members, a pledge to prepare for "the moral mission to which President Roosevelt calls us" in the war, and other war-time services highlighted two-day meetings of the Supreme Directorate of the Catholic Daughters of America, just held here.

"As a nation," a resolution on moral preparedness said, "we are spiritually and morally unprepared to execute the moral mission to which President Roosevelt calls us." It is declared that since "the moral mission like our military one, has been thrust upon us by aggressors, our purpose in this war is not only to protect ourselves against military force, but something more basic; we are battling against the unreligious and anti-religious philosophy which is the foundation of the totalitarian reign of terror."

The resolution placed the membership of the organization on record as calling for preparedness "for the responsibility that is ours when peace returns, with full knowledge that there is only one preparation—the deepening of the principles of our religion in the hearts and minds of our people."

"The Christian home," another resolution declared, "is America's strongest bulwark of democratic liberties. It must be protected at all costs if true Americanism is to survive. Reaching into homes to rob cradles of hands to rock them, to call mothers away from rearing their most precious occupants, or to pay premiums to those who would defeat the work in doing a most damaging and lasting disservice."

Resolution on the Family. Another resolution on the family organization as "opposing any trends in the name of defense, to separate mothers from the watchful love and care of their children."

The C. D. of A. directors also adopted a resolution opposing the so-called "Right Rights Amendment."

Daily recitation of the Rosary as "a spiritual weapon for victory" was urged in another resolution.

Among other resolutions were ones denouncing birth control and indecent advertising.

Miss Mary E. Duffy, of South Orange, N. J., Supreme Regent of the C. D. of A., presided at the meeting, at which the Most Rev. William J. Harty, Bishop of Scranton and National Chaplain, was present in the capacity of honorary chairman.

Partish Anniversary. The final session formulated plans for a national, intellectual, cultural and civic celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the organization, which will occur on June 3, 1943.

The report of the Supreme Regent revealed that the organization has purchased \$900,000 worth of war bonds and stamps, that 5,000 members have offered their blood for "blood banks," that 12,000 books have been donated to the Victory Book Campaign, and 200 radios have been sent to camp hospitals.

Members also have donated 121,000,000 hours to Red Cross service, 172,000 hours to defense groups and 120,000 hours to USO centers.

With regard to the spiritual defense effort, 273,215 rosaries, prayer books, etc., have been donated to the Chaplains Aid Association and 1,100 Masses have been offered for men in the service.

Commemorative letters have been received from officials of the National Catholic Community Service, it was announced, for support given by the C. D. of A.

Fr. Maguire's 25 Years In Navy Lauded



Chaplain W. A. Maguire, U.S.N.

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—(NC)—Father William A. Maguire, recently appointed Senior Chaplain of the United States Naval Training Station here, has spent an active and colorful quarter-century of service with the U. S. Navy afloat and ashore.

Father Maguire's boyhood days were spent in Illinois where he was graduated from St. Patrick's School. He later moved with his family to Hornell, N.Y., where he was educated by Father Bloomer and Father William J. Brice was noted by Chaplain John Wolcott, U.S. Navy, from Rochester diocese in his account of work at Pearl Harbor following the attack on the Japanese and sent to Father Brian in March.

According to records, Father Maguire, who has the rank of Captain, was on active duty with the Pacific Fleet as Fleet Chaplain during the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor and Honolulu, Dec. 7. Throughout the attack he was under continuous bombardment and ministered to numerous fellow officers and enlisted men. Among the killed were two chaplains.

Chaplain Maguire has made thousands of friends both among service men and civilians. Besides his strenuous official duties he found time actively to participate in many civic affairs of Honolulu.

When he had a few moments' freedom from fleet and civic activities, Father Maguire turned out a widely read column which appeared in the Catholic Herald. Recently he published his book, "Big for Church," a human-interest document describing his 25 years on ship and shore with the Navy.

Chaplain Maguire after attending Seton Hall College and the Catholic University of America went to the University of Louvain, Belgium. With the outbreak of World War I, he spent 1914-15 helping the German lines in war-ravaged Belgium. He was ordained in Brussels, July 4, 1915. Soon after that he returned to the United States.

HONORS FR. BERRA

Los Angeles.—Open-air Mass celebrated by the Very Rev. Stephen Emaldia, C.M.F., at old Mission San Gabriel, marked the third of the California pilgrimages in honor of Junipero Serra, with more than 3,000 persons participating.

Educators Survey Catholic College Role In War Effort

CINCINNATI (NC)—Present-day problems in the field of Catholic Education were surveyed by the Advisory Committee of the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference at its first meeting, just held at St. Gregory's Seminary here.

The Most Rev. John J. Neumann, D.D., Archbishop of Cincinnati and Episcopal Chairman of the N. C. W. C. Department of Education, presided. The Most Rev. John S. Peterson, Bishop of Manchester and President of the National Catholic Educational Association, was present and participated in the deliberations. The Rev. Dr. George Johnson, Director of the N. C. W. C. Department of Education, gave a detailed account of the wartime activities of the Department.

In general, Catholic schools and colleges have put themselves at the disposal of the Government and have cooperated wholeheartedly with all requests to assist in the war effort, it was pointed out. This cooperation they stand ready to continue and augment in every way possible, it was added.

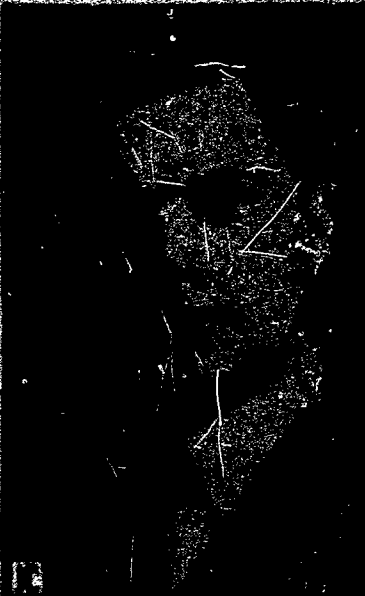
It was announced at the conclusion of the Advisory Committee that sound democratic procedure requires that the Government make fullest use of voluntary agencies whenever possible and that it is not in the interests of the preservation of freedom for the State to accomplish its purposes exclusively through public agencies. The cooperation of privately supported educational institutions, it was declared, should be sought and encouraged and, as far as the war effort is concerned, no distinction should be made between them and tax-supported schools.

The Advisory Committee gave much attention to the retention of the colleges and universities to the War Manpower Commission which at the present time is formulating plans for mobilizing and utilizing the facilities of higher education for war service training.

The Committee, it was announced, looks with favor on the various reserve programs which the various armed forces have announced for college students. It was felt that they offered young men a patriotic opportunity to place themselves at the service of their country and at the same time to continue their education and thus to prepare themselves for more effective service both in the emergency and during the post-war period.

However, the Committee announced, it was recognized that these programs to date are not enjoying the fullest measure of success and that there is considerable confusion both among administrators and students concerning the best way of meeting the various demands of government in wartime. The Committee subscribed to the statement on higher education and the war which was issued by a group of college presidents at a conference in Baltimore on July 18 and 19 and which recommended that the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, the Director of Selective Service, and the Chairman of the War Manpower Commission take immediate steps to assure effective and continuing cooperation between the agencies they represent and higher education.

Army Honors Poel



JOYCE Kilmer, soldier-poet, killed in World War I, in whose honor a newly opened Army camp has been named, on the 40th anniversary of his death, July 16. It is located near New Brunswick, N. J., where the soldier-poet was born and lived before joining the Army. The above picture is thought to be a previous unpublished photo. (N.C.W.C.)

Tribute To Hero-Poet Paid At 'Camp Kilmer'

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A nation was moved in a second world war year as this week it paid great tribute to a hero of the first world conflict who also ranks high in American hearts as a native poet. As the twenty-fourth anniversary of the death of Joyce Kilmer, soldier-poet of World War I, was marked today, troops of the new generation by the thousands flowed into newly opened Camp Kilmer here, named for the poet of the Fighting 89th Regiment who was such a hero as "Trees" and "A Soldier's Prayer" and thus became immortal in American literature before he died a hero's death July 30, 1918, while his regiment, the 89th Infantry, was engaged in the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

Camp Kilmer here was opened within the past 17 1/2 weeks and will be in full operation before the end of this month. It is located near New Brunswick, the New Jersey town where Joyce Kilmer was born and lived until he entered the Army.

Sunday evening a large national radio audience heard a touching tribute paid to the soldier-poet when the Rev. John J. Walde, current speaker in the "Catholic Hour" broadcast of the National Council of Catholic Men over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company, invited the soldier-poet as a soldier, a man and an artist. Following Father Walde's memorial, "A Soldier's Prayer" which has been set to music by Alma Grace Miller, of Washington, D. C., was sung.

Groups Buy Bonds

ROCKY HILL, N. Y.—The Supreme Council, Catholic Benedictine Legion, at its 60th convention passed a unanimous resolution recommending that subordinate councils pledge at least 10% of their incomes and asking members and their families to dedicate themselves to the purchase of War Bonds and Stamps.

Catholic Hour Message Asserts Total War Can Be Source of Inestimable Good

NEW YORK (NC)—"Even so terrible a thing as total war can become the source of inestimable good when we accept sufferings as opportunities of sharing them with Christ," the Rev. John J. Walde, pastor of Corpus Christi Church, Oklahoma City said in the "Catholic Hour" Sunday night.

In the first address of his second series over the "Catholic Hour," delivered last night on "Thy Will Be Done," Father Walde said, "We

need hardly remind ourselves that the vast majority of the peoples of all nations, and we of this nation as well, had become soft and pampered as the result of easy and luxurious living."

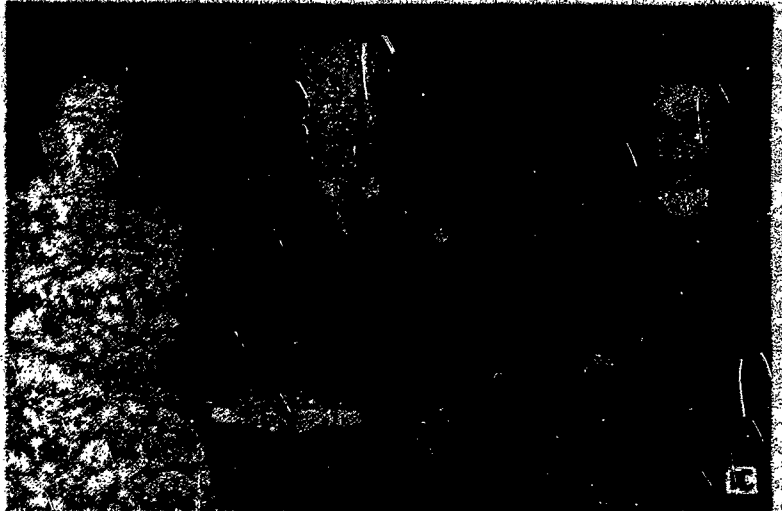
"Such living," he added, "is not conducive to high moral standards. And who will deny that it is low moral standards which have brought about this scourge of war afflicting all the nations? We were unwilling to make sacrifices and to suffer willingly along with Christ, and the result is that suffering is forced upon us as the result of our own actions."

Asserting that "there is hardly a family in the land which has not felt the touch of it in one form or another," Father Walde told how "a hundred million hearts are lonely today, for every soldier, sailor, marine, and every war nurse has left behind a father or mother, a wife or sweetheart, brothers, sisters and friends." Citing the hardships and sufferings of the men on the front lines, Father Walde said "never in all the annals of history has sorrow encompassed so vast a multitude; never have lives been destroyed so ruthlessly, never has ruin and desolation been so complete."

"What a consolation that in the midst of a changing world we have the Changeless Christ," he added. "He knew sorrow, for He was 'the Man of Sorrows,' and as He suffered so also did He foretell that suffering would be the lot of His followers."

"Terrible though this war may be," Father Walde said, "yet there are blessings, too, which come from so fearful an ordeal. Only a world-wide catastrophe such as the present war can teach mankind the cleansing power of suffering and how it is a necessary condition if we would be true followers of Christ."

An Honor for a Senator



Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada, pictured with Mrs. McCarran and the Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S.J., of the faculty of the Catholic University of America, when the Senator was made an honorary member of the Catholic U. chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, national honorary social science fraternity. (N.C.W.C.)

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