

Church Is At Pre-War Normalcy In Islands, Hawaii Priest States

WASHINGTON — (N. C.) — The work of the Catholic Church in a Hawaii on the alert against the ever-present danger of new enemy attacks is being carried on with almost a pre-war normalcy through the leadership of the Most Rev. James J. Sweeney, Bishop of Honolulu.

This statement was made here this week by the Rev. Hubert Winthagen, S.E.C.C., of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace, Honolulu, who has been visiting the United States. Father Winthagen, who has been in Hawaii for the past 10 years, has come to the United States at the request of the National Catholic Community Service to study NCCS operations. He is active in welfare work for service men in Hawaii.

Father Winthagen said immediately upon Bishop Sweeney's arrival in Hawaii following the Pearl Harbor debacle, His Excellency became active not only in placing the resources and facilities of the Church at the disposal of the military authorities but also of organizing the Church's work on a war basis. As a result, the priest said, the Bishop has cooperated and collaborated most thoroughly with the military authorities and because of this the diocese has been able to carry on its spiritual and ecclesiastical affairs "with a minimum of disturbance."

The Bishop has been able to reopen this school year St. Stephen's Seminary in Honolulu and Catholic education continues, in spite of the fact that several Catholic educational institutions have been taken over by the military authorities for such uses as hospitals and barracks. Notable among these institutions is St. Louis College, which is conducted by the Brothers of Mary, with headquarters in Dayton, O.

Father Winthagen said that in the case of Catholic schools utilized by the military authorities both teaching Brothers and pupils are using public schools. Arrangements have been made whereby the buildings are used part time by the Catholic and public school pupils or simultaneously by both groups in different parts of the buildings. In many outlying districts, however, Father Winthagen said, Catholic schools are operating as usual.

The Honolulu priest said welfare work for service men in the Hawaiian Islands is largely meagre, because the benefits in most cases must be brought to the men on various stations. He said the Columbus Welfare Building in Honolulu has been turned over for USO operations, and service men are assisted there when they go to the city on leave.

Father Winthagen said the churches in Honolulu are packed for services by uniformed soldiers and sailors and civilians are edified by the notable evidence of religious devotion among the men in the armed forces. By the same token, he said, Catholic religious are participating actively in civilian defense work, many nuns working for the Red Cross and Brothers assisting in hospitals.

COL. HOOPER, PROMINENT COLORED CATHOLIC, HEADS OAHU ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNIT

HONOLULU — Col. Chauncey M. Hooper, prominent colored Catholic of New York, is in command of a large contingent of colored soldiers, mostly from Harlem, now manning anti-aircraft batteries in the cane fields near Pearl Harbor.

Col. Hooper served overseas in World War I, having enlisted with the 369th Regiment as a private. He was selected for officer training and returned to the 369th as a lieutenant. After the war he completed law training, was admitted to the Bar and became a prominent attorney. He is married and is a member of St. Charles Borromeo parish.

In his youth Col. Hooper attended the Church of St. Benedict the Moor on 53rd Street, New York. His mother was organist there and he himself was a member of the altar society.

Serving as Adjutant of the 369th Regiment, he was advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was promoted to command of the regiment when Brig. Gen. Davis was transferred to the South, and soon thereafter was assigned to overseas service in the Pacific.

War Restricts Private Loans

Under wartime conditions, loans by private lending institutions which are insured under Title I are restricted to essential repairs necessary for sanitation or health or to prevent deterioration of existing dwellings, and to remodeling projects in the critical war housing areas which provide additional living accommodations for war workers.

In order to assist the national program for fuel conservation, Title I loans are also available to finance the conversion of oil-burning furnaces to the use of other fuels as well as to finance the installation of insulation, storm sash, and similar fuel-conserving improvements. Loans for such purposes were recently exempted by the Federal Reserve Board from Regulation W, which restricts the terms of most types of installment credit.

For the nation as a whole, 231,900 Title I loans were reported for the first half, a decline of 21 percent from the like period of 1941, while the amount of such loans decreased 30 percent to \$68,371,846. Postponement of purely luxury repairs or improvements was largely responsible for the decline in volume from last year.

WAR WORKERS NEED RESTFUL HOME LIFE

In peace or war, the health of the breadwinner is of supreme importance to his family and his employer, because it determines his productivity and earnings. Right now, with all-out production the government, too, has a vital interest in the physical well-being of every wage earner. Each day lost through preventable sickness is a gift to the enemy.

Wives and mothers, who sometimes complain that they are left out of the great war effort, are all-important in keeping the health of their men folk at top level. Medical science places great stress upon the connection between a serene, orderly home, nutritious wholesome food, domestic tranquility, and a man's working capacity and health record. Homemakers therefore have the great responsibility of seeing to it that home environment is such that it offers the men of the family immediate release from the tension of a hard working day.

To the creation of such a healthful family environment good housekeeping is essential. Cleanliness, with all that it means in the way of comfort through clean clothes, clean rooms, clean bedding, and clean bodies, is of practical value in maintaining the fitness and efficiency of those who are engaged in war production whether it be in a factory or on a farm. The man who leaves a well-ordered household and knows that he will return at night to a neat home, clean children, and a dainty wife is able to put his best effort into the job without distracting thoughts about home conditions. He is less likely to be careless and become involved in accidents which slow the work as well as disable him.

The wife who realizes the relationship between her housework and the country's victory will look upon washing, ironing, cleaning, and cooking with new respect, since these tasks are also part of the war effort. They may not seem like very dramatic tasks, but they are as important to the war workers as the ground crew is to the air pilot.

Scout Chapel
Slidell, La.—The new Chapel of St. Louis, King, named for the Patron of the New Orleans Archdiocese, was dedicated at the Boy Scouts' Camp Salmen here by the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans.

Blessed Sacrament Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

Masses on Saturday, August 16, which is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be at 8:30, 9, 9:30 and 10 o'clock. This is a holyday of obligation, and every Catholic is obliged to hear Mass.

For the benefit of defense workers and others whose hours of work would otherwise make it impossible for them to hear Mass, a change has been made in the time of the 8:30 Mass. Special permission is therefore given to this announcement, that the 8:30 Mass will be at 8:50 instead of 8:30.

SAUSAGE ROAST

The Blessed Sacrament Branch of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John is making plans for a sausage roast to be held next Thursday evening, August 20. The affair will be held in the adjoining yard of Mrs. Hartman and Mrs. Ver Steegen of Pambanah Street. Members and their friends are invited to spend a pleasant evening at this social gathering.

RECREATION

It has definitely been decided to open the kindergarten this September. Space in the school is being made for this purpose and the necessary facilities and equipment are being installed. Requests will be ready for the registration when school opens next month. Advanced registration indicates a large kindergarten class.

SERVICE SCHOOLS

With "Service Schools" operating the service men working in the yards of men and women from the parish in military service has been placed in the category below the class of St. Joseph. In that place it will serve as a reminder to all in connection therewith and women in the area that means most in prayer. All masses are now on 150 and others will be called as they are received.

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