

# Defend Home To Save Nation, Delegate Tells K. of C.

## Magazine Assails Attempt To Tax Religious Property In District of Columbia

CHICAGO (N. C.)—“If the dictum of the tax officials of the District of Columbia that taxes shall be levied against properties used in whole or in part for certain religious purposes is permitted to stand, it will smash the traditional friendly relationship between Religion and the State,” says Extension Magazine here.

In an editorial in the current issue the magazine adds that “it is appalling to contemplate that the District of Columbia Commission has the ax in its hand and is wielding it recklessly and without hindrance.”

The editorial assails an attempt to place a municipal real estate tax upon the properties of several religious institutions located within the District of Columbia. It points out that the Tax Commission of the District declared that it saw no reason why religious Orders or institutions whose primary purpose is to promote sanctifica-

tion of members, or where certain subjects are taught to a small number of persons who are seeking instruction along a very narrow and limited line, should be exempt from paying taxes.

“Here was something new and startling coming from the seat of government,” Extension comments, “from an agency appointed by and an integral part of the national Government. Strange voices of individuals entirely unknown to the rank and file of citizens of the United States, pontifically pronouncing, with the finality of the Supreme Court, on a subject vitally affecting religion and the free exercise thereof—a subject which Congress is forbidden by the Constitution even to touch.”

## Ten Sons, One Daughter Serving Nation In War Crisis, Catholic Mother's Record

LOS ANGELES—Honored as No. 1 Mother of sons and daughters in the armed forces Mrs. Rose Radzinski, 61-year-old widow, a member of St. Ignatius Parish, has become one of the most widely-known figures in California.

Four of Mrs. Radzinski's eleven sons are in the Army, four are in the Navy, two are in navy civilian service and the youngest, 17, is waiting the day when he can get into uniform.

Her eldest of three daughters, Veronica, is a member of the Highland Park Women's Ambulance Corps.

Mrs. Radzinski is a product of Catholic schools and, whenever possible, so have been her children.

The 14 children in the Radzinski family were all born in Orange, N. J., where their mother, Rose Meehan before her marriage, received her early education at Our Lady of the Valley School in Orange and St. Rose of Lima School in Short Hills, N. J.

The 14 children all alive as far as is known, though two sons are reported as missing by Navy officials—were educated in Catholic and public schools of Orange and in St. Christopher's School at Rocky Hill O., where the family moved when they were reared, and among other institutions, at St.

Teresa's Academy in Lakewood O. The family has lived in California five years. There are eight grandchildren.

Augustus Radzinski, eldest son of the honored mother, and Frederick Radzinski are employed in the garage of the United States Navy at Mare Island.

Victor, 31, second-class machinist; Harry, 28, first-class machinist; Martin, 25, second-class machinist; and George, 25, second-class machinist, twins, are in the Navy. Victor and Martin have been reported as missing since last month.

In the Army are Benton, 23; Robert, 20, and William and John, 21-year-old twins.

One daughter, Anna, assists her mother at home, and Louise, 27, is employed in Los Angeles.

Their father died five years ago in an automobile accident.

In addition to her own children, Mrs. Radzinski has nine nephews in the Army and Navy.

## FATHER JOHN F. CRONIN WILL BE SEPTEMBER 'CATHOLIC HOUR' SPEAKER

WASHINGTON.—“The Victory of the Just” will be the title of a series of addresses to be given in the nationwide “Catholic Hour” during September by the Rev. John F. Cronin, S.J., professor of economics at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore. It has been announced here by the National Council of Catholic Men, producers of the broadcast. Father Cronin's series will begin on Sept. 6 with an address entitled “In Labor and in Toil,” and will be heard over 104 stations of the N.B.C. Red Network each Sunday at 8 o'clock, Eastern War Time.

The titles and dates for the balance of the series will be: Sept. 13, “The Greatness and Littleness of Man”; Sept. 20, “These Are My Brothers,” and Sept. 27, “God Is My Father.”

Father Cronin who will be making his third appearance in the Catholic Hour in this series, has written and lectured widely in the social field. His Economics and Society, published recently, has been acclaimed as a unique combination of careful scientific analysis and Catholic social principles.

**Rural Life Aide**  
Des Moines, Ia.—Mrs. Olive M. Biddison, of San Antonio, has been appointed Assistant to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Luigi G. Ligutti, Executive Secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. A convert, Mrs. Biddison will also be the Editor of *Land and Home*, quarterly publication of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Any attempt to weaken the sacred bond of union of the home is “nothing else but a deadly attack on the security of the nation itself,” His Excellency the Most Rev. Anselmo Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, said in addressing the Knights of Columbus at their sixtieth annual convention here.

His Excellency, who was the celebrant of the Solemn Pontifical Mass with which the convention was formally opened, spoke at the States Dinner, at which other speakers were the Most Rev. William L. Adrian, Bishop of Nashville and host to the convention; Postmaster General Frank C. Walker and Francis P. Matthews, Supreme Knight of the K. of C.

Archbishop Cicognani, told the Knights of Columbus the services they have rendered to God and country have won for them universal esteem. “You have carried high the flaming torches of the supreme love of human life; love of God, love of home, love of country,” His Excellency said.

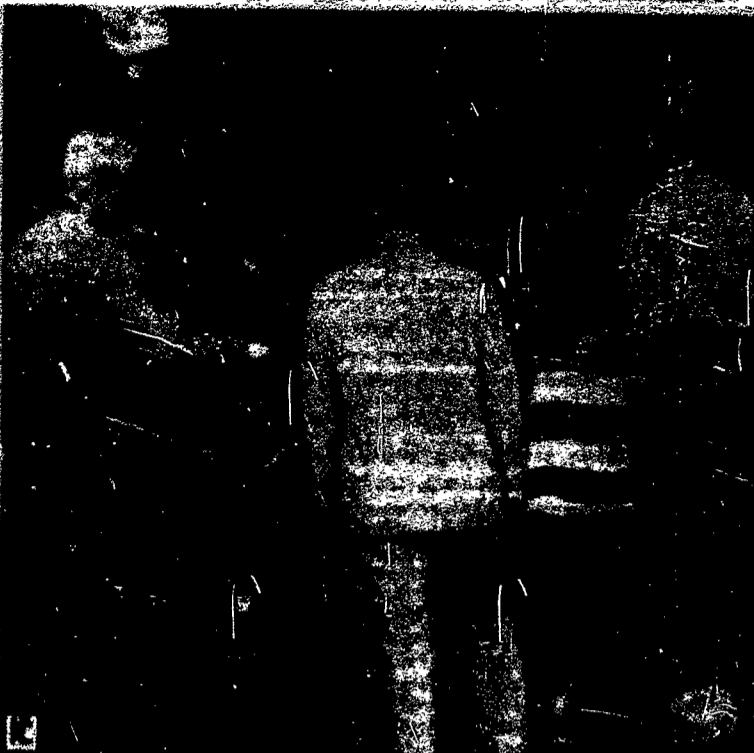
“The Order of the Knights of Columbus which is, by its charter, primarily a fraternal insurance organization, would seem to have as its scope merely the protection of the individual,” the Papal Delegate said. “In reality, its aim is eminently social: to make of its members loyal Catholics and patriotic citizens. From the very first days of your foundation this predominant idea has been in a constant process of realization and perfection.”

Asserting that a good Catholic is necessarily a good citizen, His Excellency continued:

“The same holds good for Catholic associations. The more faithful they are in cooperating with the sanctifying mission of the Church and in following her wise guidance, the more profound will be their impression on social life, and the deeper will be their patriotism in the service of their country. Associations of various kinds can be said to be truly living in the spirit of the Church when their religious activities are coordinated with the Church and for the Church, which is represented, above all, by the Bishops. Then it is that the way to progress is smoothed, that the means they use take on new efficacy, their zeal acquires new claims to confidence, their co-workers deepen their spirit of union and permanent good results are assured. We must ever bear in mind that the Church which is the pillar and mainstay of truth was made one and holy by God Himself.

“As guardians and courtiers of the home, you have made the family the focal point of your mission. While the glory of the great deeds which have been accomplished by the Knights of Columbus in the sixty years of their existence is due mainly to the efficiency of their organization and is, of course, reflected on you the members, nevertheless the special glory which is merited by a spiritually healthy and robust home is one which belongs to each individual member.

## HE PICKED 'UNKNOWN SOLDIER'



Chaplain Edward J. Gracy, U. S. A., of Ft. Myer, Va., selected at the Arlington National Cemetery for the burial there of Sgt. Edward P. Younger, Catholic soldier from Chicago, who while serving in the American Army of Occupation in World War I, was chosen to select America's Unknown Soldier for interment in the national cemetery. (N.C.W.C.)

## Catholic Hour Message War Teaches 'Suffering Is Necessary For Survival'

NEW YORK—(N. C.)—No one can be a great conqueror unless he imitate “the greatest of all conquerors Who gained His victory not by shedding the blood of others but by shedding His Own upon a cross,” the Rev. John J. Walde, pastor of Corpus Christi Church, Oklahoma City, said Sunday night in the “Catholic Hour.”

“We speak of tragedies today—above all of the tragedy of war,” Father Walde said. “And it is a tragedy, a sad commentary on the fickleness and the adversity of human nature. But the greatest tragedy of all time took place upon the Hill of Calvary some nineteen hundred years ago. There could be nothing more tragic than that creatures should nail their God to a tree. Yet such was the price the God-man had to pay to atone for sin and open the gates of Paradise. Here was the tragedy that was meant to end all tragedies and would have done so if mankind had only heeded its lesson.”

Declaring that “war is not without its benefits,” Father Walde said:

“At the same time it is the Order's chief claim to honor, because it is the richest gift, the most constructive contribution it can offer to the country. Thus it is that love of home and love of country are forged, as it were, into one and the same bond of greater Christian perfection. It is our fervent prayer that this two-fold bond of love will always be the outstanding characteristic of every Knight of Columbus.”

“And from the realization of its importance in terms of the benefits and the comforts of life, may it teach us that unless we suffer for us, and with Christ, we cannot be saved.”

“Such is the way of Christianity. A glorious Easter cannot come after a sorrowful Good Friday. The Resurrection and the Ascension would never have taken place had there not been a death and a burial.”

## BISHOP GIVES INVOCATION AT CONVENTION OF UNION

CHICAGO.—The Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheen, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, gave the invocation and spoke at the opening of the twenty annual convention of the United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (U.A.W.), which was held here.

“Of what use will be the rights to speak or vote without that economic democracy which guarantees decent security for everyone,” the Bishop said. “Ballets do not fill empty stomachs, nor does freedom of speech justify breadlines.”

## Belated Vocations Club Marks 10th Year

NEW YORK.—The St. Patrick's Clerical Students' Club of New York City, organized for the promotion of belated vocations to the priesthood, has celebrated the tenth anniversary of its founding with a banquet at which the Most Rev. J. Francis A. McIntyre, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, who began his seminary studies after a ten year career in the financial world, was the guest of honor.

The end of its first decade found the club with 22 ordained members and well over 200 seminarians at various stages in the course of studies leading toward the priesthood. Scattered throughout the United States and Canada, members belong to 31 religious communities. Other members have been adopted by the Bishops of seven dioceses throughout the country.

Bishop McIntyre and the other speakers all paid high tribute to the late Rev. John Corbett, S. J., the first spiritual director of the organization. The club continues the policies and program which he formulated.

**Grew Out of Latin Class**  
The St. Patrick's Club grew from a group of belated vocations the

members of which were studying Latin together at night classes of New York high school. Feeling that they needed some formal organization and a definite spiritual program, they organized in 1932 and invited Father Corbett to become director. For more than seven years the meetings were held at Xavier College, but headquarters were shifted to 260 Park Avenue when the director was transferred to St. Ignatius Loyola Church.

Every fall since the completion of the first year at least 20 new members have left the club to begin their seminary careers, but the ranks have been rapidly refilled through the cooperation of the Catholic Press which has given publicity to meetings.

The program consists of regular meetings on the second and fourth Sunday afternoon of each month. Representatives of both the religious and diocesan clergy speak at these sessions, answer questions about their work, and interview individual members. Since the fall of 1932, members have been conducting an “official” sodality that has never missed a Saturday night meeting.

At the sodality meetings, matters of the Little Office of the Blessed

Virgin are recited, followed by Benediction and a Conference by the spiritual director. The Sunday afternoon sessions begin with the chanting of Vespers, followed by Benediction and the address by the visiting priest.

Many of the members, when they first begin seminary life, attend St. Mary's College, in Kentucky, to enroll in a special, three-year, two-week course in Latin.

The history of the club has proven that it is never too late to begin to study for the priesthood. One of its members was ordained at the age of 37 and is now serving as a diocesan priest in a large eastern city.

Another of the members was ordained in the Russian Ukiate Rite, and two more are serving in the army as chaplains.

**In Many Religious Groups**  
Members have been adopted by the Archdiocese of New York and by the Dioceses of St. Paul, California, Trenton, Wichita and Rochester.

A mere listing of the communities they have joined does not tell the whole story. For in several organizations the St. Patrick's Club is represented in several diocesan provinces.

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