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CONFIRM NEW SOLDIERS OF CHRIST

Many new "Soldiers of Christ" are reported among service men in the United States armed forces. Left Bishop Eugene J McGuinness of Raleigh confirms a class of soldiers at Camp Davis, N. C. Center Bishop Joseph P Hurley, of St. Augustine, confirms 34 converts at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville. Right, Bishop John F O'Hare, C. S. C., Military Delegate of the Army and Navy Ordinariate confirms a class of V-7 naval trainees and students at Notre Dame University. (N.C.W.C.)

Tax Levy 'Alarms' Catholics Asserts N.C.W.C. Aide

WASHINGTON — (N. C.) — Recommending specific proposals to clarify the tax exemption character of religious, educational and charitable institutions in the District of Columbia, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, on Tuesday told the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia that Catholics of the United States "are alarmed over this question of taxation."

Announcing that he appeared at the direction of the Administrative Board of Archbishops and Bishops of the N. C. W. C., Monsignor Ready told the Committee that "it is absolutely necessary, in order to avoid a socialistic form of government, that a separate and independent sphere be acknowledged as occupied" by religion, education and charity "as a matter of right."

"We most strongly assert," he said, "that it is our deep conviction that democratic government cannot remain democratic government if it undertakes to monopolize these functions."

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Nelligan, Chancellor of the Archdioceses of Baltimore and Washington, appeared before the Committee at the same session.

Reason for Alarm

"His Excellency Archbishop Curley is concerned with the provisions of this bill as they affect Catholic institutions in the District of Columbia," Monsignor Nelligan said. "His Excellency believes that there is reason for alarm in this bill as stated at present, not only as it would affect institutions in the District, but later on in all the States as well. The Archbishop's views are contained in the statement to be given here by Monsignor Ready."

The Senate Committee on the District of Columbia is holding hearings on a measure sponsored by its Chairman, Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada, which seeks the clarification of the tax exempt status of religious, educational and charitable institutions in the National Capital. Over the course of months, the Real Estate Tax Exemption Board of the District of Columbia, applying its interpretation of existing legislation, has placed a large number of religious, educational and charitable properties on the tax rolls. Introduced as a result of this situation, Senator McCarran's bill is called a measure "to define the real property exempt from taxation in the District of Columbia."

SPEAKS ON TAX

Msgr. Michael J. Ready

Urging several revisions of the McCarran measure, Monsignor Ready recommended that the bill should include in its category of exempted properties, "churches, houses of study required for religious education and training, and other buildings used for religious purposes (including buildings and structures reasonably necessary and usual in the performance of the activities of religion." The bill, at present, relates only to "churches" in this section as example.

Monsignor Ready also urged the deletion of that section which would restrict educational properties eligible for exemption to those in which there is "a student-teacher relationship," and the substitution of the following provision:

"Buildings used for educational purposes (including, but not limited to buildings and structures reasonably necessary and usual to the operation of a school, college or university) belonging to and operated by institutions not organized or operated for private gain."

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Mourn Fire Chief Collins, Esteemed Catholic Layman

The unexpected death of Fire Chief Daniel P. Collins Tuesday afternoon came as a deep shock to the citizens of Elmira. Chief Collins' popularity was widespread among people of all faiths and his genial disposition and cheery greeting were an inspiration to all, young and old alike.

Dan Collins had been chief of Elmira's Fire Department since 1937, succeeding the late Chief John H. Espey. His appointment as head of the department was the climax of a 37 year career as a fire fighter marked by hard work and deep devotion to duty through all the ranks from the lowest to the highest.

The perseverance and loyalty that distinguished his service as a fireman were characteristics that were strongly exemplified in his family life and as a devout and active Catholic layman.

Active Parishioner

A member of St. Cecilia's Parish for about 30 years and before that a member of St. Patrick's Parish, he was keenly interested in Catholic affairs and active in support of parish activities. Chief Collins was laymen's chairman of the highly-successful campaign in the Elmira Deanery for the Catholic University of America in the early part of 1940.

Chief Collins became a member of the Elmira Fire Department Jan 14, 1903 and was assigned to Station Four later to the truck company of Station One.

In 1913 he was transferred to the automobile squad and in January, 1914 he went to Station Two where he remained until 1922. In 1915 the first pumper was delivered to Driver Collins. He drove the new apparatus until February, 1922, when he was made an acting lieutenant. Permanent appointment came that August and he took charge of the aerial truck.

In 1924, Lt. Collins was placed in charge of Engine Co. One. He was named deputy chief in March, 1928, and chief in November, 1937.

Chief Collins was married Oct 10, 1906, to Miss Susie Holleran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Holleran. They were the parents of six children.

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Australia Catholics Get Dispensation To Eat Meat On Fridays During War

NEW YORK—A broadcast from Melbourne, Australia, in English heard here, states that His Holiness Pope Pius XII has granted a special dispensation to Catholics of Australia to eat meat on Fridays for the duration of the war the only days of abstinence through the year to be Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The dispensation was granted, the broadcast said, because of the difficulty in Australia of obtaining fish and other suitable abstinence foods.

MEXICAN BISHOPS WILL SUPPLY ARMY CHAPLAINS

MEXICO CITY.—The Mexican Episcopate is ready to respond immediately in the event that the Government calls upon it to supply Catholic chaplains for the armed forces. The prelates, individually, are exhorting their people to take an active part in civilian defense and to give their wholehearted support to the international policy of President Manuel Avila Camacho.

Bishop O'Hara Cites Religion's Role In Building Morale

CAMP SUTTON, N. C.—(NC)—The part religion is playing in building up and maintaining the morale of American troops was stressed by the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Military Delegate, in a visit to this camp last Sunday.

In a short address at a luncheon given in his honor by the Holy Name Society of nearby Monroe and attended by post officers, Bishop O'Hara pointed out that both Church and Government are aware of the importance of religion in the training of men in the armed forces, stating that the proportion of chaplains now assigned to military organizations is vastly in excess of that in World War I, when there was but one chaplain for every 5,000 men, while now there is one for every 1,200 men.

The Catholic Church's effort to minister to the spiritual needs of soldiers and sailors is well exemplified, the Bishop said, in the recent permission for the celebration of Evening Mass.

In the course of his day's sojourn at the camp, Bishop O'Hara administered Confirmation to some troops stationed in this area, was present for an outdoor evening Mass celebrated by the Rev. Chas. J. Webb, O.M.I., camp chaplain, officiated at Benediction, and spoke at the luncheon. Over 1,000 soldiers crowded the open-air camp theater for the evening ceremony.

Bought For WAAC's

Ottawa. — Immaculate College, operated by the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, has been purchased by the Government for use by the Canadian Women's Army Corps.

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Religious Teaching Banned In Philippine Schools

NEW YORK. The Jesuit Philippine Bureau has received word from a source which may not be disclosed, that an announcement was made last week in a Spanish-language broadcast over Station KZRH, Manila, to the effect that religious instruction in the Philippine Schools was abolished by Act of Aug. 5. Specifically, the news told of the revoking of a certain "Regulation No. 35" which since the fall of Manila had allowed references to religion in Philippine text-books; this by order of the Director-General of the Japanese Military Administration.

Word has also been reported of a movement to popularize the Japanese language in the Philippines. To accomplish this, a reorganization of the educational system was declared necessary. According to the plan which was spoken of, existing private schools will be abolished, the number of public schools increased. Colleges are to be "appropriately reorganized" in accordance with the plan. Japanese educators are to be placed in these colleges in some capacity, either as President or Vice-President.

Shortly after the occupation of Manila by the Japanese a "Bureau of Religious Affairs" was instituted, for the purpose of exercising control over religious practices. It is reported that ministers of religion are required to obtain licenses from this bureau. Another activity of this bureau is to take care of the registering of all people in the Philippines, according to their religious beliefs.

The registration of all church property, it is further reported, will be carried out at once.