

# Bishop Muench Points Way To Peace At Verein Session

ST. LOUIS—Enduring peace must be based on fundamental principles that recognize the sacred dignity of man and the sovereignty of moral law, the Most Rev. Aloisius J. Muench, Bishop of Fargo and representative of the Bishops' Committee on the Pope's Peace Points, declared in an address delivered at a civic demonstration in connection with the joint convention here of the Catholic Central Verein of America and the National Catholic Women's Union.

Also participating in the events of the convention with the Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis and Episcopal host to the gathering were the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City, the Most Rev. James A. Griffin, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois, the Most Rev. Charles Hubert LeBlond, Bishop of St. Joseph, the Most Rev. Christian H. Winkelmann, Bishop of Wichita, and the Most Rev. Albert L. Fletcher, Auxiliary Bishop of Little Rock.

### Preparation For Peace

"The winning of the war must be our first and chief task," Bishop Muench said. "Preparation for peace is consistent with our all-out war effort. War aims are so intimately tied in with peace aims that we all shall work harder and make more generous sacrifices if in our minds we are convinced that we are fighting for lasting peace."

Stressing that an enduring peace must be based on fundamental principles that recognize the "sacred dignity and high worth of man and the sovereignty of moral law," the Bishop said:

"God's sovereign law is the best keeper of the peace. Without His law peace institutions and peace agencies no matter how cleverly devised, will fail again as they often failed in the past.

"Both reason and experience forbid us to expect that without religion morality among nations can prevail. Men must learn again to bow to God as the Supreme Law-Giver. Out of law comes order; to reject God means to reject his law, and to reject His law means to reject order (chaos) must then be the result."

Edward B. Hitchcock, special treasury assistant and chief in the War Savings Staff, Washington, D. C., told a "Victory-Peace" mass meeting that "because God still is, democracy still lives."

The Rev. Theodore Leuteman, O.S.B., of Atchison, Kans., warned that national and international up-

heaval has resulted from rampant violation and abuse of natural and moral law. Sound family life with recognition of individual dependence on God and obligations to neighbors and society are requisites for a permanent peace, he said.

### Pamphlets For Soldiers

A two-fold youth program to bolster the practice of Christian virtue among hundreds of thousands of Catholic soldiers, sailors and marines now in service and to aid these men in making the change from army to civilian life after the war was adopted at the Central Verein convention.

Warning of the physical dangers of immorality that confront service men in camp and field, the organization has printed and distributed 112,000 copies of a 30-page pamphlet on "Fundamental tactics of warfare against an insidious enemy."

Bernard E. Lutz, assistant to the director of the Central Bureau here told a general youth rally last night that demands for the pamphlet have exceeded the supply and that new editions are constantly being printed.

The booklet, entitled "Guide Right," and a companion pamphlet, "The Name of God," have been sent to all parts of the United States and overseas.

The transition from army to civilian life after the cessation of hostilities demands professional attention for both physical and mental wounds, the Rev. Edward A. Bruemmer, of St. Louis, second vice-president and national director of the Central Verein, youth movement, told the youth meeting.

"The problem needs the co-operation of the Government, the employer, the family, the doctor and the priest," he said, adding that the answer to fitting men in service to become fathers of families, after months and years of war strain, is a spiritual retreat.

### Contributions To Missions

In a report to the women's convention, Mrs. Mary Elisor Lohr, national president, of New York, announced that better than \$3,000,000 worth of religious articles, clothing and medicines have been collected, donated and distributed to home and foreign missions by

## Acolyte Dies At Age Of 80; Served Mass For 72 Years

LONDON — Francis E. Hull who started serving Mass when he was 8, has died here at the age of 80 and was still serving Mass within a few weeks of his death. He had served Mass in the church at Hampstead, London suburb, for 72 years.

## Argentine Catholic Journalist Honored

RIO DE JANEIRO.—The Catholic Newspapermen's Guild here has just held a special meeting to observe the centenary of the birth of Jose Manuel Estrada, eminent Argentine Catholic journalist and writer and a pioneer of Catholic Action in his country. Senor Estrada founded the Catholic Argentine daily, La Union.

the organization since it was formed in 1916.

Sessions of the Central Verein were held jointly with the National Catholic Women's Union meeting for the twenty-sixth time. Maternity guilds, credit unions and benevolent societies were among subjects discussed at meetings during the convention.

## 'Quiz' Corner

Is Confirmation considered a great benefit and is one obliged to receive this Sacrament as soon as possible after receiving First Holy Communion?

It certainly is a great benefit as it means the reception of the Holy Ghost to make us strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ. While it is not necessary for salvation one would be guilty of grievous sin and they have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament and neglect it. There is no specific time as in some countries little children are confirmed. It is customary in this country to have Confirmation on First Communion day or shortly after. Owing to the large numbers ever which our bishops rule and their many obligations and duties it is not possible to have Confirmation even once a year in some parishes. The larger parishes generally have the Sacrament of Confirmation administered in their churches some time during the year.

Does the Immaculate Conception mean that Our Blessed Lady, like her Divine Son, was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and hence was not born of earthly parents?

No. The Blessed Virgin was born of human flesh and human blood, just as every other mortal life.

parents were St. Joseph and St. Anna. The Immaculate Conception simply means, as has been stated through this column on several occasions, that the Mother of Christ, by a special privilege, was preserved free from original sin from the first moment of conception.

Recently I heard some one say that Martin Luther repented before his death. Is this true?

This statement has been made frequently but we do not see any proof to substantiate the statement. Luther did not repent. He died very suddenly though his was not an unexpected death as his health had been rapidly failing, due largely to his debauched life. While this may mean to one who has studied as Luther did the grace of repentance, it is rare that one who has so abused divine grace would have the courage or strength to make a confession.

Please give a definition of the word "virgin."

A cleric is one who has been assigned to the divine ministry by the reception of the clerical tonsure and thus rendered capable of obtaining the power of orders and jurisdiction, benefices and pensions.

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