

# Seminar Arouses Wide Interest In Government Circles

By Elmer Murphy

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—The Inter-American Seminar on Social Studies already has created a profound impression in the National Capital, and its good results are expected to grow for a long while to come.

## Establishing Christ's Kingdom Only Aim, President Declares

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—Establishment of the Kingdom of Christ among men is the only aim worthy of the suffering mankind is now undergoing, President Franklin D. Roosevelt has declared.

This was revealed here last evening, as the members of the Inter-American Seminar on Social Studies, sponsored by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, left the National Capital on a two-week tour which will take them to important centers of middle western and eastern United States. The Most Rev. Miguel de Andrea, Titular Bishop of Ternus and Director of the Catholic Workers' Center Buenos Aires made public just before departure with the Seminar that President Roosevelt had expressed this conviction during a conversation with the Bishop at the White House on Friday.

"I wish to tell what the President of the United States said to me during my conversation with him," Bishop de Andrea said in a brief statement. "The only aim, he said worthy of mankind that can compensate for its sorrows is the speedy and world-wide establishment of the Kingdom of Christ among men, not only in word but spirit and in fact."

## Church Unharmed As Cyclone Wrecks Nearby Factory

STUTTGART Ark.—When the worst cyclone in the history of the Arkansas Grand Prairie tore through Stuttgart with devastating fury Holy Rosary Church was left unharmed.

Across the street a big machinery plant was almost demolished. It was the hardest hit of more than a hundred buildings that were wrecked or damaged.

## Named by Legion

MIDDLETOWN, O.—Martin V. Coffey, of Middletown, elected Ohio Department commander of the American Legion at the twenty-fourth annual convention, is a member of the Holy Name Society of Holy Trinity Church here.

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Sponsored by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the meetings of the Seminar have been thoroughly Catholic and have made more and more pronounced the spiritual ties that bind the Americans together. Nevertheless, the gathering here has not escaped the attention of Government officials, who have followed reports of the meetings with keen interest, and have arranged a number of social functions in honor of the participants. The results of these contacts have been most interesting. Members of the Seminar have been able to get a well-rounded picture of life in the Capital of the United States, and Government officials have been deeply impressed by the scholarship and leadership of the Catholic dignitaries brought together here.

While there have been many activities in connection with Inter-American relations and Catholics have been prominent in them, the meetings which have just been held here and which will continue at the University of Notre Dame, in Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo and New York are something new. Made up exclusively of Catholics and conducted entirely under Catholic auspices, the Seminar brings strikingly to public attention the importance of the spiritual in all Inter-American affairs. Persons who may not have thought much on the matter before, are having brought home to them the fact that Latin-American countries have not only preponderantly Catholic populations, but also established Catholic traditions.

### Greeted By President

President Roosevelt received Bishop Miguel de Andrea of Buenos Aires, an outstanding member of the Seminar, at the White House and talked with him for half an hour on an extremely busy day. The President knew of Bishop de Andrea and his work, and took occasion not long ago to send a letter expressing his admiration of an address the Bishop gave before a university assembly in Argentina. The Bishop brought to Washington greetings to President Roosevelt from President Castillo of Argentina. The President and the Bishop talked about cultural relations between the Americas.

Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles and Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs Nelson Rockefeller were among the officials who met and talked with the Catholic leaders from Central and South America.

Other Government officials, authorities on various questions attended and addressed sessions of the Seminar by invitation. They were quick and frank to admit that opportunity of addressing such a distinguished group of scholars and leaders is uncommon and appreciated. It was revealed in the course of the Seminar that it is the answer to a long-felt wish and to long-time planning on the part of the Bishops of the United States. The hope has been expressed repeatedly in the Seminar that it will prove but the beginning of a long succession of such interchanges. There even have been suggestions, favorably received, that some permanent organization come out of the present meetings. The impression created in Washington by the Seminar is unanimously favorable.

## Nun Celebrates Jubilee; Served 50 Years As Licensed Engineer

DULUTH.—A nun who held a Minnesota State engineer's license for half a century has just celebrated her diamond jubilee in the Benedictine community at the Villa Sancta Scholastica here. Sister Elizabeth, the jubilarian, together with other members of the community, commemorated with a Mass and renewal of vows the sixtieth anniversary of her religious life.

For 50 of these 60 years in convent life, Sister Elizabeth has been at the present St. Ann's Home. For 50 of these 60 years she has offered to God besides the humble prayers of a devoted soul, the devotion and the prayer there is in steam fitting, plumbing, electrical work and firing furnaces.



OVERSEAS DUTY has called Chaplain Edward J. Watson of the Rochester Diocese who has the rank of Captain. Father Watson, son of Mrs. Joseph Watson of Orange is now in England, it is learned at his home in Orange.

## Canonical Engagement Urged As Substitute For Hasty Marriage

ST LOUIS.—Recalling the hasty marriages of the first World War period—and that many of them were not successful—the initial issue of the new Queen's Work, national Sodality organ published here, urges canonical engagement as a substitute for weddings not well considered.

In its October number the Sodality organ reviews the solemn used formal and solemn engagement, in which a couple pledges its truth before the altar, in the presence of two witnesses and a priest, and deposits a copy of the contract with the pastor of the girl's parish. Serious injury to either party invalidates the contract, which also may be dissolved by mutual agreement. The contract merely pledges the signatories to wed each other at some future date.

The Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, is quoted in the article, as follows: "If they (young man and woman) think their love for each other is eternal—and they believe they can trust each other—why should they not, in the disturbed conditions of today, act more honorably by solemnly engaging themselves in the presence of witnesses—even before the altar—and await in prayer and faith and joy the early day when their vows pledged, they could live their united lives in joy and peace and under God's benediction?"

"This engagement is much more than friendship or unbounded love," the article amplifies. "It is not quite a marriage; so if the fate of war or the change of circumstances makes marriage out of the question for them they can escape. Yet each feels bound to the other. And the Church so considers them."

## Chaplain-Hero Dies

CHICAGO.—The Rev. George T. McCarthy pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church here, who received a Purple Heart decoration as a chaplain in the last World War, has died at St. Francis' Hospital, Evanston, at the age of 46.

and everyone is looking forward to the already considerable good being greatly extended.

# The Bishop's Appointments



SEPTEMBER

- 3 Wednesday—Nursing Academy—Low Mass—1:30 A. M.
- 10 Thursday—Sacred Heart Academy—Low Mass—9:00 A. M.
- 11 Friday—Holy Family High School, Auburn—Low Mass—8:30 A. M.
- 12 Sunday—St. Bernard's Seminary—Ordinations—1:00 A. M. Holy Sepulcher Cemetery—Blessing of the Graves—3:30 P. M.
- 14 Monday—Our Lady of Mercy High School—Low Mass—9:00 A. M. Catholic Women's Club—Opening Membership Drive—8:00 P. M.
- 15 Tuesday—St. Andrew's Seminary—Low Mass—8:00 A. M. Sagamore Hotel—Protestant-Catholic Institute—11:00 A. M.
- 16 Wednesday—Nursing College—Low Mass—1:30 A. M.
- 17 Thursday—Aquinas Institute—Low Mass—9:00 A. M.
- 18 Friday—Aquinas Institute—Low Mass, Teachers Institute—10:15 A. M.
- 19 Saturday—St. Bernard's Seminary—Ordinations—1:00 A. M.
- 20 Sunday—Villanova, Pa.—Customary Celebration, Villanova College—9:00 A. M.
- 21 Monday—St. Patrick's, Dulak—Low Mass, Dulak Catholic High School—9:00 A. M.
- 22 Tuesday—St. Stephen's, Geneva—Low Mass, Dulak Institute—9:00 A. M.
- 23 Wednesday—Columbus Civic Centre—Low Mass, Niagara University Extension—9:00 A. M.
- 24 Thursday—Mercy Convent—Low Mass—9:00 A. M. St. Ignace, Hornell—St. James Mercy Hospital Graduation Exercises—9:00 P. M.
- 25 Friday—St. Agnes Institute—Low Mass—8:35 A. M.
- 27 Sunday—Yonkers Station, New York—Adrian Holy Name Society Religious-Patriotic Rally—4:00 P. M.

By Order of the Most Reverend Bishop.

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## Eight Peace Aims Urged At Verein Units Session

ST. LOUIS.—An eight-point program of peace aims was voted by the Catholic Central Verein of America and the National Catholic Women's Union in resolutions adopted at the close of their national convention, held jointly at St. Louis.

Pledging their loyalty to the Holy Father, the delegates, who met here under the ecclesiastical patronage of the Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, stated as essential points of a sound peace:

Man's return to God, the restoration of the family to primacy in the social order, reestablishment of friendships between nations, a code of international relations, respect for the integrity of nations, preservation of the rights of minorities, freedom from religious persecution, and the establishment of economic freedom and justice.

Springfield, Ill., was chosen as the site of the 1943 convention.

The delegates condemned incompetent bureaucratic control and inequitable taxation, asserting that "the war is being used to cloak and excuse progressive elimination of members of the middle class." Support was pledged to the wartime rationing program.

The effectiveness of maternity guilds in aiding Catholic mothers and in stemming the nationally harmful effect of birth-control propaganda was discussed at a session of the Women's Union by the Rev. Joseph J. Schagemann, C.S.S.R., of Annapolis, Md.

Father Schagemann read to the delegates part of a letter which he received from Mrs. William N. Berry, of Greensboro, N. C., chosen last spring as the American Methodist of 1942.

"I made use of every opportunity offered me after this honor was conferred on me to defend the doctrine of the Church before audiences of non-Catholics and Catholics," Mrs. Berry wrote. "I maintained that my lucky thirteen children are an eloquent refutation of the folly of propaganda for artificial birth control."

"The maternity guilds have raised a barrier against contraception," Father Schagemann said.

"Now we must extend our activities throughout the nation, especially by extending the virtues of Christian parenthood."

"We accept," he continued, "the challenge of those who plan to make Christianity a national sin. The Apostolic of Catholicism, particularly guide proposes to make the sublime virtues of Christian parenthood, planned by God and Creator, the national glory of our beloved country."

## Plan To Extend Squires Program

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Considerable extension of Columbian Squires activity will be possible under a new plan for parish circles of the Squires, according to an announcement in September Columbian Squires Herald.

The "parish plan," the Mass state has just been authorized by the Executive Committee of the Knights of Columbus, parent organization of the Squires, and provides that local K. of C. Councils may be granted multiple charters for parish Squires units.

The new plan "has been undertaken in order to make the Columbian Squire program and its benefits available to a larger number of Catholic boys and to more effectively coordinate the efforts of the Knights of Columbus with the Catholic Youth Organization now operating in 150,000." The announcement states.

## CYO Vacation Schools Set Record

NEW YORK.—The success of the first season of the "CYO Hockeher Camp" was outlined today in a report to the Board of Directors of the Catholic Youth Organization of the Archdiocese of New York, by Daniel P. Higgins, CYO President.

More than 700 boys enjoyed a two-week vacation at the camp.