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MEETING WAR NEEDS. The Rev. J. H. O'Leary, C.S.B., principal of Aquinas Institute (right) and Carl Zimmer, engineer, are inspecting the process of hooking up the Aquinas heating plant to provide heat for the Basilian Fathers residence, west of the school. A pipeline has been installed. The new heating system takes the place of the old oil heating unit in the former Nazareth College building now housing the Basilian Fathers.

Full Knowledge of N.C.W.C. Held Catholic Women Need

WASHINGTON—The National Catholic Welfare Conference expresses "the effort and the desire on the part of the Bishops of the United States to coordinate nationally im-

portant Catholic work," the Rt. Rev. Magr Michael J. Ready, General Secretary of the N.C.W.C., told the Board of Directors and National Committee chairmen of the National Council of Catholic Women at the opening session of the Council's first institute.

(Among Catholic women leaders attending was Mrs. Michael H. Keogh, vice chairman, of the School of Social Service Committee.)

"It is necessary that you our leaders should be the first to know the work of the Conference as a whole and the workings of the committees of the Council," Monsignor Ready said. "Unless you do know, you cannot possibly give the type of leadership and representation that is necessary in the establishment, and particularly in the spread of the work of Catholic coordination among the lay groups of the United States."

It is essential, he added, that the functions of the various departments and bureaus of the N.C.W.C. be known "in the individual communities and Dioceses, if we are going to make strong this whole Catholic work that we are called upon to do."

"This is a great country," Monsignor Ready continued. "It is a large country. The opportunities for the Church in the United States are, I believe, greater than in any other country. The institutions under which we live offer us the fullest freedom to promote Catholic work."

If there were a strong federation in each Diocese to follow the program and suggestions from headquarters the work of the N.C.W.C. would be more far reaching and successful, Monsignor Ready said. He appealed especially to the officers and chairmen of the National Council of Catholic Women "to study the moral implications of legislation for example, and to keep their local committees fully informed."

Among the important movements he called upon them to watch are daytime care of children of working mothers, the whole question of women's rights, and other changes in social life growing out of the war. "Become leaders in this work," he urged, "so as to preserve the religious and moral well-being of all."

Since the purpose of the Institute is preparation for better guidance and more pertinent leadership of Catholic women during the present, and more catastrophic, it was considered fitting that the opening ceremonies yesterday were held at the National Catholic School of Social Service, successor to the emergency training school known

workers of the National Catholic War Council were prepared for war work in 1918.

The special significance of the National Catholic School of Social Service was discussed by Miss Agnes G. Regan, Assistant Director of the School and former Executive Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Miss Regan said: "Now that we are involved in a much greater and more terrible war we have evidence of the fact that out of that first world war grew two institutions of incalculable value, the National Catholic Welfare Conference which, at the suggestion of Pope Benedict XV, was organized to carry on in time of peace, and especially in the great reconstruction period, for the National Catholic War Council; and in a smaller degree, but no less important in the light of the present situation, the National Catholic School of Social Service, an instrument in the hands of God for developing Catholic activity in the particular field of social service."

"I wonder if it occurs to many of us," Miss Regan asked, "that the reorganization and the maintenance of a graduate school was in itself a herculean task? And yet this work was given to the National Council of Catholic Women in addition to the greater task of organizing the Council itself which had just come into being."

How well the School and the "pioneer women of the Council have fulfilled their obligations was revealed in an address by the Rev. Lucian L. Lauerman, present Director of the N.C.S.S.S. He spoke in detail of the curriculum available to students in the social service field, and the "worthwhile 21-year tradition" of the School, but emphasized even more the importance of graduates "trained in Catholic social principles" who are bringing these principles into the communities in which they work and, frequently, for the first time Catholic women should be proud, he added, that this important mission was entrusted to them by the Bishops.

Father Edward J. Gracey, Catholic chaplain of Ft. Meyer, Va., proposed three definite tasks for members of the Women's Council to take care of the wives and sweethearts left behind by the men in service, to discourage hasty marriages and to assist the Chaplains Aid Association.

To keep up the morale of wives and sweethearts is to contribute to keeping up the morale of the men in service, Chaplain Gracey said, adding that to discourage hasty

LUTHER BURBANK'S NEPHEW RECEIVED INTO CHURCH

NEW YORK.—Adrian Burbank, artist, author and nephew of the late Luther Burbank, was received into the Catholic Faith on the Feast of the Assumption. He was baptized by the Rev. James M. Gilis, C.S.P., Rector of The Catholic World, at the Paulist Fathers Church here. Father Gilis was assisted by Rev. Joseph Cantillon, S.J., of St. Ignace's Church.

Mr. Burbank lived in Central America for some time and later wrote and illustrated "Guatemalan Profile," "Mexican Friends" and "The Cedar Tree."

Mr. Burbank followed the previous war. To keep the chaplains supplied with prayer books, romances and other devotional articles is to preserve the faith, he said. He stressed the fact that the men who apply for religious articles are apt to be men who had become lax in their religious duties in civil life and have sought the chaplain's aid in a serious desire to return to the fold.

Notre Dame's First Alumni Club Established In Mexico

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Work has been received at the University of Notre Dame that the first alumni club of the university in Mexico has been organized in Mexico City by the Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien, C.S.C., a Notre Dame professor who is there conducting research.

The university has several hundred Mexican alumni. A meeting was held at the American Club in Mexico City and a committee was formed to organize clubs throughout the Republic.

Edward Trumbull, Secretary of the Cultural Relations Department of the American Embassy, commended the plan to organize the alumni of Notre Dame living in Mexico as an important step in

furthering the cultural relations between the United States and Mexico.

"The Mexican alumni of Notre Dame university," Mr. Trumbull said, "will be an easy ambassador of good will between the United States and Latin America."

Notre Dame alumni clubs will be formed in Guadalajara, Pinar del Rio and Monterrey. An unusually large number of Mexican students will return with Father O'Brien in September, including Father O'Brien, who is in charge of the Holy Mass of the former President of Mexico.

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