

American Catholics Must Show World Way To Social Justice

DETROIT—(N. C.)—The work which has been accomplished by clergy and lay leaders in the Archdiocese of Detroit toward the training of labor in Catholic social principles was described to members of the Inter-American Seminar on Social Studies at sessions held here Sept. 5.

First of His Race



Chaplain J. Walter Bowman, Lieut. U. S. A., a member of the Society of the Divine Word, who is the first colored chaplain of the Catholic Faith in the Army. Father Bowman was formerly stationed at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lafayette, La. He is attending the Army Chaplains School at Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass. (N.C.W.C.)

War Service Affects Church Choir; Young Boys Being Enrolled

COTTONPORT, La. — Even music has been affected by the war. Inroads made by the armed service on the choir of St. Mary's Church is being met by recruiting boys from 7 to 14 years old who are being trained to take their places with the regular choir. The Rev. John Girard, pastor, who organized the male choir ten years ago to conform to the prescriptions of Mons. Froprie receives letters from all parts of the world from former members of the choir, telling of their participation in Catholic services. They have sung at Pearl Harbor, in Australia, in Ireland, on maneuvers and at sea.

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Non-Catholic Columnist Lauds Church

RICHMOND, Va.—The Catholic Church will inevitably survive this war, says a prominent non-Catholic columnist in an editorial in the Richmond Evening Dispatch.

The Rev. Mr. Leonard wrote, "The Catholic Church has lived long enough to see practically every nation of Europe a democracy and a monarchy, and she has seen some of them change more than once. She has seen a king's head cut off in England and in France and in other countries."

What a long procession of kings and monarchs she has seen march past!

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Discuss War and Education



Rev. Dr. George Johnson, Director of the Department of Education, National Catholic Welfare Conference, and James M. Lenth, national head of Civilian Defense, meet at American University in Washington, during the session of the National Institute of Education and the War, sponsored by the United States Office of Education. Dr. Johnson presided at one of the sessions. (N.C.W.C.)

Tribute Paid Labor For War Sacrifices By Priest-Economist

NEW YORK.—(N. C.)—A tribute to labor for its part in the war effort is being paid by the National Council of Catholic Men in a special issue of the "Catholic Hour" magazine.

The "Catholic Hour" is broadcast each Sunday and the first issue of the National Broadcasting Company and is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men.

Telling labor that "you have done well in your service of the country," Father Cronin said that while no single group may take credit for the miracle of production, labor has had a preeminent part in the victory of the Allies.

"In this war," he said, "labor has refused an important sacrifice asked of it. On the contrary it has often been the first to produce measures which permit hundreds of thousands of workers."

Assuring that it would be a duty to take if we were to "win" the glory of the post-war, Father Cronin said victory is only "the first step" and that beyond it lies "the vision of a world peopled by millions ready to start their work in the ever renewed struggle for the kingdom of God upon earth."

The war, he said, "has been a God-given opportunity for a different group to practice the spirit of cooperation and common sense which will make tomorrow's world 'worth living in.'"

NOTE DAME, Ind.—One hundred and twenty-eight University of Notre Dame students received degrees at the first fall commencement in the history of the university last night. Twenty-five of them are foreign-born.

The commencement address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Cahoy, O.S.A., vice-chancellor of the Ave Maria, The Very Rev. Hugh O'Donnell, C.S.C., President of the University, presided over the ceremony.

Windsor, Ont.—The schools of our land are harboring a democracy as never before, and gradually being fitted as to education to the likes of Harry F. Kelly, president of the Notre Dame Alumni and Athletic Association, Secretary of the "Old Boys" of Assumption College here, at their commencement.

Permanent Military Service Seen By Fr. Gannon; Admits Error In Pre-War Views

NEW YORK.—(N. C.)—Predicting that military service will be permanent in American life and declaring that he would be surprised if this country ever disarms again, the Very Rev. Robert I. Gannon, R.I., President of Fordham University, on Monday asserted that President Roosevelt was right and that he and others were wrong a year ago when they held that "this was not our war."

Father Gannon spoke at the Mass of the Holy Ghost attended by 1,200 students of the university. He said he believed the year-time accelerated programs in American colleges are "here to stay."

"Of the stand of those who felt a year ago that America should keep out of the war, Father Gannon said: 'We protested violently when we saw our President, as we used to put it, 'spelling for a fight,' dragging us step by step into an endless and dreadful war which no enemy wished to declare.'"

"Today it is humiliating, but many of us are ready to stand up in shouting and confess that we were wrong and he was right. It was our war from the first. If he had listened to us, China, Russia and Great Britain would never be prostrate and we should be facing our zero hour alone and unprepared. As it is, our staunchly supported allies are far from prostrate and their immense courage, backed up at last by the full power of the United States, will make this a long war with good news at the end."

Following looked to be faced after the war, he said, "will take us great an army as any offensive campaign, and closing up the wreckage, physical, mental and moral, at home and abroad will require a large armed force for at least another generation. That is why I think acceleration is here to stay."

"We shall have to reserve a group out of our crowded young Americans for military service and acceleration of the college program is the easiest if not the best way to provide for it."

To catch your mind's eye, a man and a woman share a world of joy and understanding in the new relationship that makes happiness. (Helen Mont.) Independent.



"In all units there is uniformity as to the requirements for membership—which is limited to Catholics who belong to bona fide trade unions."