



KNIGHTS AID CHAPLAINS. Renewing their pledge of last year, New York State Knights of Columbus again donated \$5,000 to the Chaplains' Aid Society. State Deputy Hugh A. Doyle, above, presents check to Bishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C. Military Delegate, first payment on new pledge. With them are Monsignor John J. Casey, Secretary to Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, Military Vicar and Rev. Robert E. McCormick, Chancellor of the Military Ordinariate (NCWC photo).

# War Aims Emphasized In Bishops' Statement Held Morale Builder

By Elmer Murphy  
WASHINGTON, (NC)—In their recently-issued statement on Victory and Peace, the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States focused attention upon the fact that America's interest in the present world-struggle is not one of aggression but one which in the President's own words rests on an extremely high and worthy plane.

A proper understanding of our high ideals, it is pointed out, not only will save lives, time and effort in Africa, but will have a direct and beneficial effect in France and in other places in Europe as well as in Asia.

spirit of justice, of democracy and of tolerance, by men who have their eyes on the stars, but their feet on the ground."

The Undersecretary said "Our Free World must be founded on the Four Freedoms—freedom of speech—freedom of religion—and freedom from want and freedom from fear." "I do not believe," he added, "that the first two freedoms of speech and of religion can ever be assured to mankind, so long as want and war are permitted to ravage the earth. Freedom of speech and of religion need only protection; they require only relief from oppression. Freedom from want—the assurance of peace; and freedom from want—the assurance of individual personal security, require all of the implementation which the genius of man can devise through effective forms of international co-operation."

The Catholic Bishops included in their statement the words which President Roosevelt addressed to them following Pearl Harbor in response to their impressive pledge of cooperation and wholehearted support. "We shall win this war," the President said, "and in victory, we shall seek not vengeance, but the establishment of an international order in which the spirit of Christ shall rule the hearts of men and of nations."

Observers here see these restatements of United States war aims, based upon such an impressive declaration by the President, not only as beneficial to our own morale but perhaps even more important in allaying any suspicions that Axis propagandists might plant in the minds of neutral nations. This is held to be a particularly important point now with a large force of American troops in North Africa.

# Archbishop Mooney Reports on NCWC Progress for Nation's Welfare

WASHINGTON, (NC)—The Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, was again chosen Chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, when the members of the Hierarchy chosen to constitute this group organized last week.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hierarchy of the United States, held at the Catholic University of America, here, elected six Archbishops and four Bishops to form the Administrative Board for the ensuing year.

years, have merited our concern." "We have protested all such tendencies at this time especially," he declared, "when the full resources of our institutions (both in personnel and in service) are at the disposal of the Government to help win the war."

Inter-American Seminar Cited  
Archbishop Mooney said of the Inter-American Seminar on Social Studies, sponsored by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, that it "made a notable contribution, not only to a better understanding among nationals of many American Republics, but especially to a strengthening of Catholic ties in the crisis which faces the Church throughout the world."

War Problems Facing Schools  
The progress of the war has had direct repercussions upon education, the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati and Episcopal Chairman of the Department, reported.

The 1940 survey of Catholic colleges and schools was released and showed that a total of 2,584,481 students enrolled in 10,459 Catholic schools of all classifications, the report added. The Archbishop said these statistics, compared with 1938, show a loss of 17,997, or seven-tenth per cent, in the total number of students.

The Archbishop said "the various new tax proposals of the Treasury Department were of such character," and that "these tendencies of the Treasury Department...

# Bring Out Catholic Publication To Fight Secular 'Comic Books'

ST. PAUL, N. C.—In an effort to counteract the flood of secular "comic" publications, the Catholic Guild, project here devoted to providing religion teaching aids, has inaugurated "Tops," monthly eight-page publication presenting in illustrated colored form historical material dealing with the Catholic Church and her leaders.

The first issue of "Tops" shows in a series of strip drawings the struggle the life and death of St. Maurice, or Maurinus, leader of the famed Theban Legion who defied his Emperor and was martyred rather than accept his Christian beliefs. Other features planned for the near future deal with Father Damien, Apostle to the Lepers of Molokai, and St. Stephen.

The publishers in announcing "Tops," deny the flood of secular "comic books" as an "insidious peril" against American children. "Tops," built on the definite heroism of Christians whose courage and daring were turned into exemplary channels, they state, "is the one outstanding remedy for the perils. In defense of the faith and morals of Christian American youth, 'Tops' fights fire with fire."

The Catholic Guild is located at 123 East Tenth Street, this city.

WASHINGTON.—At the request of Senator James M. East of New York, the sermon preached by the Most Rev. Edwin V. Moore, Bishop of Kansas City, at the national convention of the Central Verein of America and National Catholic Women's Union was published in the Congressional Record.

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