

Women Working Seen Factor In Birth Decline

CLEVELAND. — (NC) — War marriages have increased the birth rate, but other war conditions, such as the old one of deaths on the battlefields and the newer one of women in industry, are decreasing it, the 6th annual convention of the American Catholic Sociological Society was told here.

In a session on "The Family," the Rev. Bernard Mulvaney, of the Catholic University of America, declared that the war marriages have increased the birth rate, but it has not risen enough to insure population replacement and problems of decreasing population remain.

"Most significant is the fact there has been an increase in only first and second birth," Father Mulvaney said. "For all other births there has been not only a relative but an absolute decrease. Thus the young women have increased their fertility, but middle-aged and older wives have continued in the old downward fertility trend. The general trend of increased first births has been accentuated by the war. Thus early first births not only offset the decrease in later births but they account for the total upward trend."

Religious Revolution

Father Mulvaney said the widespread substitution of women for men in all fields of employment is an important reason for a great drop in birth rates during and after the war, adding that "it will require nothing short of a religious revolution to bring about a change."

Speaking at the same session, the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmiedeler, O. S. B., Director of the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, cited figures showing that of all married women in the United States, 43 per cent either have no children, or at most one child. Only about one-third, he said, are mothers of a sufficient number of children to sustain the population of the nation.

"A most dreadful and surely discouraging situation confronts us," Dr. Schmiedeler said. "No focus point will avail. Only gigantic efforts will accomplish the task of reconstructing our family that lies ahead."

Declaring the family to be the cornerstone of the social structure, on which depends extensively the condition of society generally, Dr. Schmiedeler said "be what may the outcome of the present war with an external foe, the democracies continue to stand in mortal danger from a foe within."

Christmas ought to submit themselves to the decisions of the Church with child-like simplicity. — St. Ignatius Loyola.

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ARMY-NAVY CHAPLAIN BROTHERS



Meet the Army and Navy chaplain-sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Hanna, of Rochester, N. Y., and nephews of the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, retired Archbishop of San Francisco. Father Bernard C. Hanna, Lieutenant, U. S. N. (left), is stationed at the Naval Chaplains School, Norfolk, Va., and Father Austin B. Hanna, Captain, U. S. A., is at the Army War College, Washington, D. C. Three other Hanna sons are in the armed forces of the country. (N.C.W.C.)

FDR Lauds \$1700 War Bond Buy of Geneva Youth

By Mildred Jennings

GENEVA — Jeremiah Coughlin, who worked all summer and saved his money to buy war bonds, was commended by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a letter of recognition from the White House. He is a senior at De Sales High School and recently purchased seventeen \$100 war bonds in the school campaign.

The letter from President Roosevelt was dictated by Homer W. Anderson, assistant field director of the educational section of the war savings staff of the Treasury Department. It said that the attention of the President had been called to the achievement and stated that Anderson had been instructed to say:

"The President would like me to present you his sincere compliments for the splendid record you have achieved. Your record is one of the finest that have come to our notice. De Sales High School and the City of Geneva should be proud to claim you its citizen."

Young Coughlin worked during the past few summers and saved his money and with a slight contribution from his father he was able to make the recent purchase of \$1,700 worth of bonds. During the summer, he worked at the Naval Training Station construction project at Sampson, N. Y.



Jeremiah Coughlin

Honored By Academy

Mexico City. — The Mexican Academy of History has appointed the Rev. Jose Bravo Ugarte, S.J., to fill the seat left vacant by Carlos Pereyra. La Nacion, organ of the National Action Party, praises the selection of Father Bravo Ugarte.

Lay Group Leaders Issue Call For Post-War Program

WASHINGTON (NC)—A ringing call to work as well as pray for post-war reconstruction that has a sound and enduring foundation was issued here by Wilbert J. O'Neill, of Cleveland, president of the National Council of Catholic Men, and Mrs. Robert A. Angeli, of York, Pa., president of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Bishop To Bless New St. Mary's Hospital; Opening Set Jan. 14

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out follow specifications and no substitutes had to be used.

The new completely fireproofed building has a 200-bed capacity and its operating rooms, rooms for patients and other parts of a modern hospital structure will meet with public acclaim when viewed for the first time.

Thoroughly remodeled was the entire heating plant with new equipment and boilers and connected with the Nurses Home and the old building.

Brought into existence at the time of the Civil War, St. Mary's Hospital on West Ave. has been operated for 45 years by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul whose motherhouse is in New Millsburg, Md. The record attained by the Sisters was brought graphically before the public at the time of the campaign for funds for the hospital one year ago.

Use As Dispensary

The structure on West Ave. will be used for a free dispensary when the new hospital building is occupied.

Ground for the new St. Mary's Hospital on Geneva St. was broken by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, on May 28, 1941, with St. Martina, Dr. Leo F. Simpson, chief of staff, and Frederick J. Weider, president of the board, participating.

Work was begun in June of 1941 and rapid progress has been made in a year filled with many and perplexing problems to the building trades.

The new St. Mary's Hospital, long needed and a dream of the Sisters and of their friends in Rochester for many years is now ready to continue the achievements recorded in its 45-year history.

To everyone who had a part, small or large, in the completion of the new hospital building, Sister Martina extends her sincerest appreciation. The greater work that will be done in St. Mary's will justify all sacrifices made in bringing the dream of the Sisters to a reality.

First Liturgical

San Francisco. — For the first time in the history of this Archdiocese a Liturgical Conference has been held. The conference was under the patronage of the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco.

DO NOT IDENTIFY MEN IN SERVICE

WASHINGTON (NC)—A request that newspapers and relatives of men in the armed service refrain from making known the military or naval units with which the men are attached is contained in a statement issued by the Office of Censorship.

The statement follows:

"On battle fronts every day men risk their lives to discover the location and strength of the military units of the enemy. Yet at home, too many of us are presenting the enemy with information of the same military value.

"There is the information which newspapers and individuals are asked not to tell the enemy.

"DO NOT TELL the names of ships upon which sailors serve.

"DO NOT TELL the troop units in which soldiers serve overseas.

"There is no objection to revealing that Pvt. John Jones is in Australia or that Seaman Tom Brown saw action in the Atlantic, but there is military information which endangers the lives of American fighting men in stating that Pvt. John Jones, 'Company C, 600th Infantry,' is in Australia, or Seaman Tom Brown, 'Aboard the U. S. S. Wisconsin, is in the Atlantic."

The Office of Censorship adds: "We ask editors not to publish these troop identifications, and we ask parents and relatives not to reveal them. Don't give the enemy anything that may lengthen the war."

World To Gain Peace Must Turn To Vatican

BOSTON.—"We will not win the peace unless we praise the Lord and heed His admonitions," David Goldstein, Director of the Catholic Campaigners for Christ, said in addressing members of the Third Order of St. Francis at a meeting here.

"Some power is needed that is above physical power if peace of a permanent nature is ever to bless the world," he said. "It must be a moral, a supra-national power; it must be based upon the principle that caused the Argentinians and Chileans to melt and remold their guns into the Christ of the Andes. Nowhere save in Vatican City can such a power be found."

Dr. Goldstein discussed the Hague Tribunal, the Versailles Treaty and the League of Nations, asserting that "their elimination of the religious forces, especially the Vatican, from their councils was one of the grave mistakes that must be avoided in the future, if we are to win the peace."

Note Centenary

Havana.—The Carmelite Fathers of Havana organized a week of study in honor of the fourth centenary of the birth of their founder, St. John of the Cross. The moral and Thomistic system of theology of St. John of the Cross and various characteristics of his life and work were discussed.

Joining in a statement of "Some Prerequisites and Conditions of Post-War Reconstruction," Mr. O'Neill and Mrs. Angeli say the defeat of totalitarianism will be followed by an international peace only if, in the nations united to defend against totalitarianism, there is developed a spirit of Christian brotherhood which will work for justice and charity and therefore right social order within each nation.

"While we have no illusion about our individual merits or our freedom from the evil tendencies to which human beings are subject," the statement declares, "we have the most profound conviction that the teachings of Christ and His Church provide the true basis for right living which leads to peace on earth and eternal salvation."

"Persons of Self-Denial" The presidents of the NCCM, and the NCCW, say "merit, profession of devotion to Liberty and Democracy, not grounded on faith in God and Love of our Neighbors as brothers under God, are forms of self-delusion or false pretense."

"And," they add, "prayer for peace is pure presumption and if public may also be pure hypocrisy, if it is not accompanied by Good Will, the willingness to sacrifice for the common good. The first step is to set our own house in order. The international order called peace does not arise among nations whose internal affairs, public and private, are in disorder."

"Our prayers for peace must be prayers in action as well as in words," the statement declares. "We must be 'doers of the Word.' Some of us, those in our armed forces especially, are making heroic sacrifices. All of us must do our share and pray and resolve that the spirit of sacrifice induced by war and the dangers of war shall be carried into the ways of peace and remove the one great obstacle to peace which is unbridled selfishness."

"As a prerequisite to a right social order within each nation, which must precede the right international order called peace," the statement continues, "there must be a dominant agreement as to what constitutes sound values, as to what is true success in life, as to what is peace and happiness. "That there may be rightly informed opinion and action in these matters, there must be right education and proper public information."

Pauperization of Youth

"We therefore declare it to be of paramount importance that there shall be an end to the pauperization of education of children and youth, that there must be united opposition to the propaganda for secularization, which looks upon this world as the end of all things."

"We declare that those responsible," says the statement, "must recognize their obligation to use the press, radio and other means of public information to convey to the people truthful information about matters of real importance affecting their conduct and their lives. We consider it an affront to the American people that the instrumentalities which should be used for their information, education and guidance should in a notable degree be degraded to the business of pandering to morbid appetites for what is gross, sensual and scandalous."

"We owe it not only to ourselves but to the proponents of purely materialistic doctrines and remedies, not to mislead them and others by silence into the idea that their views are accepted as sound and represent the dominant public thought."

"We believe that, in the field of industrial relations, there must be proven in practice and acceptance, by those in leadership and authority on both sides, of the principles of justice and charity as the determinants of their conduct."

Great is God alone, and only by drawing near to God can we become great.