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Wartime Restrictions Cause Postponement of Centenary Observances At Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Observance of its centenary year by the University of Notre Dame has been halted midway, to be completed after the war.

The Very Rev. Hugh O'Donnell, C.S.C., president of the University, in making the announcement said:

"Recognizing the rising tide of physical problems confronting us and those who had planned to share the observance with us, and in keeping with the recent request of the Office of Defense Transportation, the University of Notre Dame has postponed until after the war the various meetings, symposia and other activities that were originally a part of our centennial program.

"The University observed its diamond jubilee in the early months of World War I, before the exigencies of that war effort had reached the point of curtailment comparable to that of the present. The move now, however, is not without precedent. In 1893, scheduled for the observance of the golden jubilee, several deaths, including that of our founder, Rev. Edward Sorin, C.S.C., marked what has become known as the 'year of sorrow.' It was not until 1895 that the fiftieth anniversary of the founding was formally observed.

"We have enjoyed already a spiritual observance of the historic occasion. The centenary schoolyear was opened in September, 1942, with students participating in the Solemn Mass of the Holy Ghost. And on Nov. 28, anniversary date of Father Sorin's arrival at Notre

Dame, Bishop Noll celebrated a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving and Monsignor Fulton Sheen delivered an eloquent sermon, which radio and reprints have carried to the thousands of friends of Notre Dame throughout the nation; afterwards Bishop Ritter blessed two plaques commemorating the occasion and Our Superior General read at the Founder's monument the Centenary prayer. We shall postpone the academic and cultural events until the time, which we hope will be soon, when the scholars, statesmen, churchmen, alumni and friends originally envisioned can come to the campus of Notre Dame for the various functions that will comprise a major contribution to the life of America.

Events to which Father O'Donnell referred and which are included in the decision to postpone are an outstanding week in September of this year which was to have featured a symposium on post-war problems involving leading scholars and statesmen of the country, coupled with a series of religious ceremonies which would have assembled leaders of Hierarchy and clergy on the campus.

Immorality Threatens Future of Americans

WASHINGTON (NC) — Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has asked all police organizations to assume the added burden of an effort "to destroy a trend of immorality which threatens the future of America's homes" on behalf of the youth of the nation.

Mr. Hoover stated he was astounded by his daily observation of "the alarming increase in serious crimes committed by young people." He said that "wartime recklessness is one of the causes of the laxity among youth, but it should not be tolerated as an excuse for the heedless manner in which they are plunging into indecent activities. Actions of a debauch character will not help win the war. They will only serve to retard victory."

He asked each police officer to take on the burden of passing along to the youths on his beat, or in his community, the "deep-seated and time-proved values of righteousness, civic responsibility, high-minded thoughts, good moral conduct and clean, wholesome living."

Catholic Press Needs Diocesan Cooperation

SAN FRANCISCO. — (NC) — Support and reading of the diocesan newspaper "are not to be looked upon as charity, but as a necessary link in the education of every Catholic," the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, declares in a Catholic Press Month letter he has addressed to his priest and people.

"In the midst of a changing world," Archbishop Mitty asserts, "there is the real need to hold fast to the changeless teaching of Christ. This is the prime function of the Catholic Press — to uphold, in season and out of season, the heritage of faith and morals that stamp us with the seal of Christ. The Catholic Press can fulfill its function only to the extent that it receives the loyal support and cooperation of every Catholic in the diocese."



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