

SODALITY AFFILIATIONS IN WORLD EXCEED 69,000

ST. LOUIS. Statistics from towns which have reached the Queen's Work here, national Sodality secretariat, by way of Lisbon, show the total of affiliated Sodalities in the world at the first of 1942 was 68,700. The total is well over 69,000 now, however, as Sodalities from America alone, in the past year, would achieve that.

"Despite the war," the annual report said, "239 new Sodalities were erected in Europe. Brazil again was very high on the list, with 160 new Sodalities."

Librarian Enlists

Atchison, Kan. From the post of Librarian at Abbey Library of St. Benedict's College here, the Rev. Boniface E. Mott, O.S.B., has gone to Camp Hood, Tex., where he has assumed duties as first lieutenant and chaplain in the Army Air Force.

Students Consider Post-War Plans At Nazareth Sessions

By Doris A. Dunlea

Discussions were continued this week in underclassmen meetings concerned with post-war planning on the basis of the Papal Peace Program. The upperclassmen presented a review of original war songs as highlights of the weekly Dean's Hour.

For some weeks all classes at Nazareth College have been making a systematic study of planning for peace. An hour a week has been devoted to studying conditions and forces that cause war and to tracing solutions of these elements in our modern world. Major current plans for peace, that have been proposed by American and British statesmen, and the Peace Proposals of Our Holy Father and their interpretation through the Hoover-Gibson studies, the Culbertson Plan, and several others, have been taken into consideration.

At present the students are forming commissions to work on the various phases of a peace plan and according to their judgment the best points of plans already proposed, and original ideas suggested by the participants, will be considered.

Five students were recently appointed to attend the miniature League of Nations at Hamilton College, at which they represented New Zealand. Their experiences will provide helpful ideas for the present program.

Forum on Post-War

Four student representatives, Ruth Lorenz, Jean Foley, Jean Schantz and Claude Yantor, accompanied by Miss Rita Scott of the

college faculty, will attend a forum at Colgate University on Mar. 26 and 27. The forum will consider post-war problems with interest centered in Clarence Streit's *Union Now*, the Culbertson Plan, and barriers to post-war peace.

Sodality Conference

Mary Jane Hendrick and Mary Hoan, seniors, recently attended the preliminary meeting of the Western New York Sodality Conference, at Canisius College, to complete plans for the annual Conference to be held at Kleinhans' Music Hall, Buffalo, on Apr. 4. The Rev. Vincent P. McCorry, Sodality Moderator of Canisius College, is in charge of the Conference.

The topic, which will be considered by over 2,000 Catholic high school and college students, is *Catholic Youth Prepares for Peace*. Father Lyons, S.J., and Father LeBuffe, S.J., will lead the discussion.

Heads Flying Nurses



Lieutenant Catherine R. Grogan, A. N. C. of St. Peter's parish, Columbus, Ohio, who headed the first unit of 25 Army nurses, "Flying Angels of Mercy," to arrive in North Africa. They will serve on hospital planes, evacuating casualties from the front lines to hospital bases, protected by fighter plane escorts. Lieutenant Grogan has four brothers in the armed forces. (N.G.W.C.)

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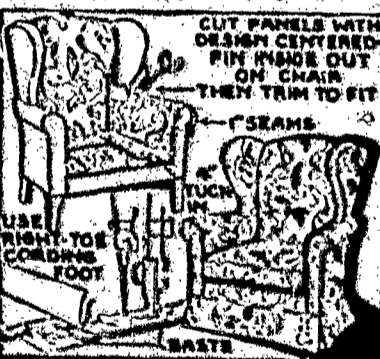
BROOKLYN. — The scholarship of students enrolled from the Little Flower House of Providence for Colored Children at Wading River, L. I., at Port Jefferson High School, was commended highly in a letter received by the Rev. Raymond J. Campion, rector of the Institute and pastor of St. Peter Claver's Church here, from Earl Vandermeulen, principal of the high school.

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Mrs. Fred De Muth, President of the Cornring Deanery Council, N. C. C. W., reports everyone busy with war work.

As one of her activities, she has a group of office girls working one night every other week at the Red Cross Rooms.

It has been called to your attention that the Equal Rights Amendment is again before Congress. Already the Sub-Committees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees have reported the measure favorably to both Houses of Congress.

We gave you last week some clear-cut objections to this amendment, as presented by Miss Linna Brasette, Field Secretary for the Social Action Department, N. C. W. C. and Consultant of the N. C. C. W. Committee on Industrial Problems.

A letter received from Miss Mary Anderson, Director of the Women's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor, calls our attention to the need of maintaining labor standards necessary to women's health along with war production.

The following Resolutions embodying these standards were unanimously adopted at a recent Conference on the Employment of Women in War Time, called by the Secretary of Labor.

Whereas millions of women are being employed in industry today and millions more must be employed in the coming year if adequate materials to meet the needs of our armed forces are to be produced; and

Whereas the maximum output of women workers depends upon the maintenance of their efficiency and health; and

Whereas statistics show that sickness rates are much higher for women workers than for men; and

Whereas experience has proved that long hours and unwholesome working conditions constitute the main cause of sickness and absenteeism; and

Whereas this conference of commissioners and officials of State Labor Departments and the District of Columbia meeting together in Washington for two days, Mar. 11 and 12, 1942, has considered means by which the employment in war and civilian industries may most effectively be utilized; and

Whereas representatives of the War and Navy Departments attending these meetings have testified to the necessity of maintaining reasonable hour standards incorporated in existing State legislation and have asked only that exceptions be made in emergencies created by the urgency of the war effort; Therefore be it

Resolved, that this conference go on record as continuing to endorse the standards of hours of employment, which have been consistently adopted by conferences during the past year between State labor commissioners and representatives of the U. S. Department of Labor.

Navy and other Federal agencies, namely: The State laws and regulations embracing the following basic principles should be preserved except where modification may be necessary during the war period to insure maximum production:

- 1.—A maximum 48-hour week.
- 2.—An 8-hour day.
- 3.—One day of rest in seven.
- 4.—Adequate rest and meal periods.
- 5.—Adaptation of hours of work and working conditions to the age and sex of the worker, except that there must be no relaxation or modification of standards governing the employment of minors under 16.
- 6.—Proper safeguards for health and safety.
- 7.—The same wage rates for women as for men.

Whereas the health and well-being of women employed in civilian industries is as essential to our National wartime economy as is that of workers engaged in war industries; and

Whereas long hours and poor working conditions in civilian industries lead to sickness and absenteeism; Therefore be it

Resolved, that peacetime standards of hours and conditions of work be not relaxed in these industries in order to provide convenience, goods, and services for war workers and civilians which in peacetime may be desirable but in time of war are not truly necessary to our well-being; and be it

Resolved further, That if, in order to provide for the basic subsistence needs of war workers and civilians, a relaxation of State labor laws may be necessary, such relaxation be granted only in those areas in which critical labor shortages exist; moreover, be it

Resolved further, That in such areas of extreme labor shortages relaxations be permitted only for the production of goods and services necessary to provide for the basic minimum subsistence needs of war workers and the civilian population, and that definite standards be established for determining the need for such relaxation.

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