

# Bill To Oust Federal Aid For Child Care Hit; Offer New One

WASHINGTON (NC)—An amendment to the first deficiency appropriations bill of 1945, by which Government financial aid for privately conducted day nurseries and other child care projects of Catholic and non-government institutions would be eliminated, was withdrawn by its sponsor, U. S. Senator Carl Hayden, of Arizona, after lengthy debate in the Senate apparently had convinced him of its futility.

## Bishop Kearney Aids Comdr. Shea Memorial

NEW YORK—The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, for many years director of Saint Cecilia's School in New York City, has enthusiastically endorsed the plans of the Alumni to conduct a card party for the benefit of the new school building in Saint Cecilia's Parish. This annex to St. Cecilia's School has been designated by His Excellency Archbishop Spellman as the Commander Shea Memorial School.

As an evidence of his interest Bishop Kearney has graciously accepted the position of honorary Chairman of the Alumni Committee who are planning the event.

The Catholic population of Harlem is rapidly growing and the demands for expanded school facilities have been recognized by Archbishop Spellman. He has arranged for the purchase of the building formerly known as the Uptown Talmud Torah and its renovation will be soon under way.

The Alumni bridge for the Commander Shea Memorial will be held at the Commodore Hotel on the evening of Friday, May 7.

## MILLION COPIES OF PRAYER FOR DYING DISTRIBUTED

CHICAGO—In the last six months more than a million leaflets of the Pious Union in Honor of St. Joseph of the Dying, canonically erected in St. Peter's Church here, have been distributed free, going to virtually every State in the Union.

The only requirements for membership in the crusade, it is announced by the Rev. Cuthbert Malone, O.F.M., director of the work, with headquarters at 616 South Clark Street, is the enrollment of Christian and family name, promise of prayers (not under sin) and attendance at a monthly Mass for the dying.

The leaflets, Father Malone said, are sent postage free when ordered in large quantities. Individuals who request only a few copies are asked to send stamped and addressed envelopes.

## Book Club Choice

New York. "Of Books and Men" by Prof. Joseph J. Reilly, is the March selection of the Catholic Book Club. It is published by Julian Messner, Inc., of this city.

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In the present set-up, privately-conducted institutions are given financial aid in the operation of nurseries and child care projects under Lanham Defense Act funds administered through the office of Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Federal Works Administrator. The procedure is along the same lines of a Works Program Administration project, with a sponsor agency for each project undertaken. It was estimated there is now available about \$17,000,000 in Lanham Defense Act funds through which child projects can be executed.

Senator Hayden's amendment would have provided that this work be transferred to the Office of Defense Health and Welfare on the basis of State grant projects. When thrown into the category of State grants, the institutions would virtually be wiped out of the picture insofar as aid is concerned because it is almost universal State policy not to grant financial aid to privately-conducted institutions or organizations.

During the debate, the opposition against the Hayden amendment was led by Senators David I. Walsh, of Massachusetts, and John A. Danaher, of Connecticut. Mr. Danaher contended that approval of the amendment "would provide a triplication of facilities" through the W.P.A., under the Lanham Act, and under the Office of Defense Health and Welfare Service. Mr. Danaher called the Office of Defense Health and Welfare Service "another of those Presidential-directive creations dangling from the loose end of an executive order."

Senator Hayden, after withdrawing his amendment, introduced a bill, which would accomplish the same purpose as provided in his amendment. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Education and Labor.

## Catholics Well Represented In Great Lakes Navy Choir

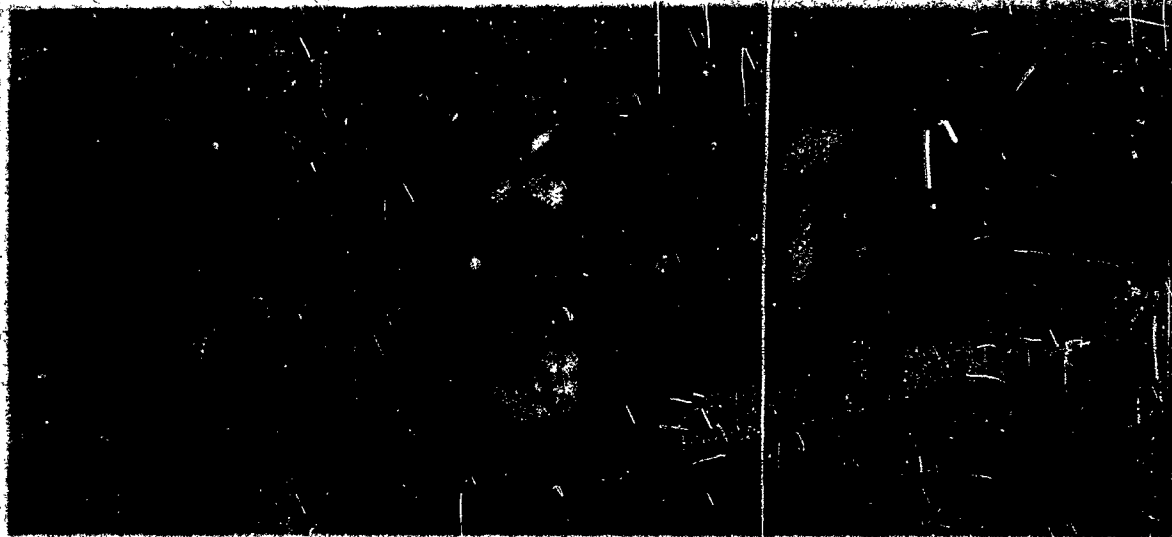
GREAT LAKES, Ill. — With a good representation of Catholics in its personnel, the choir of the U. S. Naval Training Station here is busily engaged in perfecting a number of familiar Mass selections, which probably will be sung at the Easter Mass here. The choir is a feature of the "Meet You, Navy" radio program.

First Class Yeoman Michael Culhane, formerly of St. Stephen's Parish, Minneapolis, is soloist of the group. The choir is working on the following: Kyrie—"Missa Brevis," "Memento Gloria and Credo," "Te Deum Laudamus," "Pater Noster" and "Sanctus and Benedictus"; "Cantata Mass"; "Agnus Dei"; "Ave Verum"; "Miserere" and the "Pater Angelicus." Fr. Frank, the Rev. Donald A. Dillon, a Lieutenant, is the senior Catholic chaplain at the training base.

## Fr. Celsus, Flier, Veteran Of Last War Now Chaplain

ST. BONAVENTURE, N. Y. — The Very Rev. Celsus Wheeler, O.F.M., professor of aeronautics at Bonaventure's College here and guardian of the Monastery, has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the U. S. Army as a chaplain and will leave here tomorrow for his post at Fort Warren, Wyo. Father Wheeler is the first Franciscan Superior in the United States to enter the armed forces during World War II.

Known as the "Flying Superior," Father Wheeler conducted a Civilian Pilot Training program at the college and has turned out 250 men trained in aviation. He also was active in the Civilian Air Patrol and served as a squadron commander of the group. He inter-



NAVY CHURCH WEEKEND was observed at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sunday, where in the presence of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney shown being escorted by two Sampson Naval Training Station men above, Chaplain Eugene B. LeGault, S.J., of Sampson celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and spoke to the civilians of religious training in the Navy. Fourteen Sampson men participated.

## Men In Navy Strong In Faith Pulpit Exchange Demonstrates

With Navy men escorting His Excellency, Bishop Kearney and serving Chaplain Eugene B. LeGault, S.J., at the altar, Sampson Navy Church Weekend was conducted for civilians at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sunday, Mar. 19, where Father LeGault from Sampson Naval Training Station offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the presence of Bishop Kearney.

The "Exchange of Pulpits," suggested by Capt. Harry A. Badi, commandant at Sampson Naval Training Station, brought the Rev. Charles J. Bruton, pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church, to Sampson.

Father Bruton, who, himself, served as an Army Chaplain overseas in the last World War, returned from Sampson deeply impressed with the faith of the Navy men and with their eagerness to serve their country in the Navy. Offers Mass for Sailors

Saturday afternoon, the Rochester pastor heard Confessions for five hours and for another hour on Sunday morning. He offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, twice in the morning at 7:15 and 8:30 A. M., in the large drill hall of Unit C, and at 10 A. M. in "Ship's Company" for the permanent personnel. He reports 1,100 soldiers were present at each Mass.

Five other pastors from Syracuse, Binghamton, Buffalo and other areas in the vicinity served at Sampson, Sunday, taking the place of Navy Chaplains at their home parishes. The Rev. William J. O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Francis deSales, Geneva, officiated in Unit B.

At the Masses, Father Bruton spoke to the Navy men and told them "while we on the home front are having our difficulties, we are meeting them gladly because we know how much you men in the Navy are doing in the work to achieve final victory and to establish a just and lasting peace."

Officers and enlisted men were most courteous to him, Father Bruton said and were "well about everything." He said everyone he met was delighted with the service, glad to be in it and some have evidenced that by signing up for

six years, regardless of the location.

Bishop Kearney At the Cathedral His Excellency Bishop Kearney presided at the episcopal throne. The Bishop of the cathedral was escorted by two bearing the American and Sampson flags which were placed in the sanctuary.

"If the mothers and fathers and their pastors and sisters and all who had the training of these young men in their care could see them as I see them, your hearts would be thrilled and your own faith awakened a great deal."

## Brings U. S. Relief To Japan's Prisoners

WASHINGTON—His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, has been informed by His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, that the Apostolic Delegate to Tokyo, His Excellency the Most Rev. Paul Maralle, recently visited the Japanese concentration camp in which Americans are imprisoned and in the name of His Holiness Pope Pius XII distributed to the prisoners money sent by the Bishops of the United States to the Holy Father for their relief.

Archbishop Maralle reported to Cardinal Maglione that the American prisoners were very grateful to the Holy Father for his paternal solicitude and to the Bishops and faithful of the United States for their generosity and thoughtfulness. His Excellency also reported that the condition of health of the prisoners was good.

## TOO OLD FOR CHAPLAIN DUTY, PRIEST PROVIDES OTHERS WITH 330 CHALICES

CLEVELAND—The Rev. George Luba, O.S.B., is a pleasantly perplexed man these days—and he admits it.

Too advanced in years to undergo active service as a military chaplain, Father Luba decided some time ago the next best thing he could do was to see that chaplains in the services were well equipped. So he set a goal of 300 chalices to be obtained for these in the chaplains' corps.

The goal not only has been attained but surpassed—and Father Luba now is well on his way to doubling his original goal.

"We now have enough funds to buy 330 chalices," Father Luba said, "and I want the people to know that although the goal I set has been reached, if they still want to contribute to this great and good cause I will be happy to handle their funds."

From the way funds have been forthcoming, indications are the people are bent on making Father Luba continue in the work. The fund was launched by Father Luba through the First Catholic Slovak Ladies' Union publication, of which he is editor.

This was the message of Father LeGault as he told of the Catholic young men at Sampson who number 10 per cent of the personnel.

"I assure you it is not only a large number of young men but equally large number of their mothers," the Catholic Chaplain said. The devotion of Navy men and their faithfulness in prayer were mentioned. It is not unusual, the Chaplain stated, to see Navy men saying their Rosaries, carrying their beads around their necks. "If you could look into their hearts you would see the light of faith shining in their eyes," he said.

Father LeGault stated that not one of the boys at the West Point who he met in the South Pacific will say that it was his faith that brought him through the battle and some of those who are at Sampson pray weekly in their quarters and the sisters in the convent for their deep faith and devotion.

Service at the Mass were Father Joseph J. Havelka and Timothy J. Nugue, Assistants to the Bishop with Father Joseph A. Daly and Robert G. Gill. In the altar were Father Thomas A. Mahan, James J. Ryan, Carl A. Wilson, Robert W. French, Albert M. Whelan, Joseph P. McCann, Kenneth Burns, Jack Woodhouse and Michael C. Dix.

A letter from Captain Mack, setting forth the purpose of Navy Weekend, was read by the St. Rev. Major George V. Burns, pastor of the Rev. John T. Callahan, S.J., at the Mass.

Prayer was provided by the Cathedral Men's Choir directed by Raymond J. Macomber. The congregation joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" at the conclusion of the service.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, interviewed Captain LeGault in the Rochester Cathedral after the Mass at the Cathedral.

In answer to questions put by Bishop Kearney, Father LeGault pointed out that the Chaplains' flag is always open to the boys at Sampson. That it Masses are celebrated on Sunday and eight Masses during the week and that he offers two Masses, one in the morning and one in the evening for the boys unable to attend the morning services.

## One of 5 Soldier-Sons Missing In Action

BOMERWORTH, N. H.—Corp. Joseph A. Brown, USA, a graduate of St. Martin's Academy here has been reported missing in action in North Africa.

He is one of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Brown of King's Lane, who are serving in the armed forces. His brothers are Pfc. Raymond Brown, also in North Africa; Pvt. James Brown, stationed in Indiana; Pfc. Lee Brown of Camp Shelby, Miss., and Corp. Joseph Brown, serving in the Army Air Force in North Carolina.

Laymen, plan now to make good work and parish retreat at the Blessed Retreat House, Broomfield, N.H.