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Asks 'Fundamentals Of Industry' Course In State High Schools

BUFFALO (NC)—Establishment in the high schools of the State of a course in "Fundamentals of Industry" as a part of the third and fourth year curricula has been proposed by the Rev. William J. Kelley, of Buffalo, a member of the New York State Labor Relations Board.

Father Kelley, who recently was appointed to the Board, succeeded the Rev. Dr. John P. Holland, who resigned as its chairman at the end of last year to resume parish duties in this city.

"By expanding boys and girls in the fundamental principles of our industrial economy," Father Kelley said, "we will have equipped them to evaluate the declarations coming from either side—industry or labor. These fundamental principles should be ingrained in youngsters before they inherit the prejudices of either side."

One of the greatest needs today, he said, is intelligent public opinion based on calm and judicious sifting of facts. "Judgment," Father Kelley added, "means the possession of certain facts as the basis for a conclusion. It is my conviction that there are plenty of men of good will both in industry and labor. However, one of the greatest weaknesses both sides must endeavor to correct is the preconceived opinion that those on the opposite side must of necessity be enemies. Mere tolerance of each other does not equal intelligent industrial relations based on intelligent cooperation."

SEEK TO REPEAL STATE LAW BARRING HASTY MARRIAGES

SACRAMENTO—Legislation has been introduced to repeal the California law which makes it mandatory that there be a three-day interval between the time that marriage licenses are applied for and issued.

Assemblyman Gardiner Johnson, author of the repealer, indicated that more recent regulations which make premarital medical examinations necessary would sufficiently care for evils of too-hasty marriages which the three-day interval had been designed to avert. The Assembly Judiciary committee has already sent the repealer to the lower house with a "do pass" recommendation.

Italy Leaders Permit Retreats In English For Prisoners of War

VATICAN CITY—Italian military authorities have agreed at the request of the Holy See, to allow the preaching of a series of Easter duty retreats in the English language to all English-speaking prisoners of war in Italy by the Irish Jesuit, Father John Hanman, who for the past several years has been visiting Christian Brothers' communities throughout the world.

In view of the large number of camps, it is expected that the preaching of the retreats will require a period of two months.



In Belgium alone there are more than 130 secret newspapers published in French or Flemish. The National Front for Liberation has published 6 monthly papers totaling 44,000 copies. Sixty-three



thousand pamphlets against the employment of Belgian workers in Germany have been distributed. Each section of the country has its own "anti-Nazi" newspaper. But Himmler's firing squads exact their price.

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WAACs Aid Soldiers Even In Ft. Washington Choir; One Represents Diocese

By Katharine McKlover (Staff Writer, N.C.W.C. News Service)

WASHINGTON—When Corporal Peter Re began to organize a choir at Ft. Washington, he did not know that it would turn out to be a mixed choir. But he welcomes the idea, just as the officers and enlisted men at the Fort have welcomed the first group of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps to be stationed there.

The Rev. Vincent Mooney, C.C.C., Captain and Catholic chaplain at this post—which, incidentally was the first military post of Monsignor William F. Arnold, Brigadier General and the present Chief of Army Chaplains—reports 20 WAACs among the 124 WAACs in the company, 14 of whom have joined Corporal Re's choir.

The Diocese of Washington is represented among the 20 Catholic WAACs by Virginia Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cody Walker, 666 Greenwood Ave., Washington, and prominent in St. Ann's circles, who entered the service in December last year.

The newly-built chapel, which will be officially inaugurated on April 4, has a very good organ; and Corporal Re is an excellent organist. The chapel has been built in the center of a grove of evergreens, and its interior—equipped for Catholic and non-Catholic services—is attractively finished in knotty pine.

Chosen by George Washington, although selected by George Washington in 1798 as the site of a fort for the defense of Washington, and built in 1808, Fort

Washington has been inactive during most of its existence. It is still very quiet within the walls of the Old Fort which was designed by Major L'Enfant, the French Catholic engineer who drew the plans for the Capital City; but everywhere else there is activity and much building.

Since January, 1943, it has served as the site of the Adjutant General's School where officers, efficient mechanics and enlisted personnel are trained in administrative procedures, classification techniques, machine records and the postal service.

Several WAACs are attending the school individually, but the Company of WAACs commanded by Second Officer Dorothy A. Tompkins of Etherville, Va., arrived on March 2 from the training center at Dayton, Tenn., and got right down to work.

The WAACs are quartered in a former men's barrack which has been completely done over with a few changes. "What sort of changes?" we asked. The principal additions, we learned, as we followed Officer Tompkins and Top Sergeant Lucinda Fitch of Fort Wayne, Ind., on their morning inspection tour, were a laundry and a beauty parlor, the latter opening off the recreation room and labeled "WAVE for the WAACs."

This company of WAACs is composed of an unusually good-looking group of women, but the assembled reporters could not decide whether credit for this should go to the heavy parlor or to beautiful living uniform neatness and good posture enforced by military discipline. Another indication of the "feminine touch" was the gaily figured curtains which some WAACs, off duty, were stitching. These are to be hung in the reception and dining rooms. The sleeping quarters are strictly military, and rows of two-tier beds are primly aligned.

Regular Rations
Mess Officer Eva Morrison of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., said that the WAACs draw the same rations as other members of the armed forces, but the WAAC mess officer may vary the menu and do a little bartering with the post supply officer. For example, the supply officer is glad to allow her extra fruit and vegetables in lieu of meat which is more in demand by male contingents. Also, because the majority of the Auxiliaries prefer it, the WAACs at Ft. Washington have their main meal in the evening and lunch at noon, and "more salad" is the popular demand. The WAACs have not had to send their kitchen personnel to cooks and bakers schools; most of them got their experience at home.

Some 20 of the Ft. Washington WAACs are detailed to "keeping house" for the Company, but they have regular hours and shifts and must drill the same as those on other duties. What do the others do? Anything that can release a man for active duty, the only trouble is that there are not enough WAACs.

The WAACs are driving all the staff cars at Ft. Washington and each driver is responsible for servicing her car, keeping it clean and making minor repairs. The girls who drive trucks—and this is one of the most popular assignments—must add loading and unloading to the other duties.

These WAACs are not raw recruits. They received their basic military training before being sent to Ft. Washington. Most of them had training in civilian life for the tasks they are now performing, although wherever possible they are given a choice as to whether they shall continue in their usual line of work or try another.

At present the company strength, authorized at 152, is not complete and therefore all assignments have not been made. The plan calls for one WAAC clerical worker in the Chaplain's office but none has been appointed as yet. But indirectly the presence in camp of the WAACs is aiding the Chaplain, who report increased attendance at religious services.

Catholic WAACs at Ft. Washington represent nine Archdioceses and 15 Dioceses. Brooklyn leads the Diocese with four and Boston Archdiocese with three.



A PILOT HIMSELF. Chaplain Eugene F. McCahay, Chicago, about to board bomber at San Angelo, Texas, Army Air Field, where he serves at Bombardier School. (NC Photo).

WISCONSIN PRIEST PRISONER OF JAPANESE IN PHILIPPINES

TWIN LAKES, Wis. The Rev. Mathias Zerfas, formerly assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, Fond du Lac, and now a U. S. Army chaplain, is a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippine Islands. His father, Edward Zerfas, of this city, has been informed by the War Department. Father Zerfas holds the rank of captain.

The priest served with the American troops who made the heroic stand on Bataan when the Japanese stormed the Philippines. He had been mentioned in dispatches for gallantry and devotion to duty, and shared in a citation awarded his regiment.

Boys Town War Effort Stressed on Radio

BOYS TOWN, Neb.—Father Flanagan's Boys Town was saluted Mar. 27 on the Columbia Broadcasting System's "The Spirit of 1943" radio program, which was carried on a book-up of 121 stations throughout the country, and stressed the juvenile community's war effort.

Highlight of the broadcast was the actual swearing in James Ross, 19-year-old Hawaiian-born former Mayor of Boys Town, in the U. S. Marine Corps.

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