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OSTENSORIUM FROM MEN at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, is presented to Chaplain William J. Cayner (left) former Rochester diocese priest. Presenting gift are Capt. Patrick Doyle; Corp. John Donovan and S/Sgt. Leo Morgenstern, assistant to Chaplain Cayner. (Official Photo, U. S. Army Air Forces)

Compulsory Work Draft Meets Opposition From National Catholic Board

DECLARES MEASURE MORALE DESTROYER, WAR EFFORT CURB

WASHINGTON (NC) — Vigorously opposing the proposed "National War Service Act," which would employ Selective Service practices to draft men and women for compulsory labor in war industries, the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference has had letters sent in its behalf to the Committees on Military Affairs in the Senate and House of Representatives.

The measure in question, sometimes called the Austin-Wadsworth Bill, would utilize the present Selective Service registry of men between the ages of 18 and 65 years, and also compel the registration of women between the ages of 18 and 50. Under its terms, the President could first call for volunteers among the registered men and women to fill a shortage of workers in a war industries field, and, this failing, could transfer workers compulsorily to fill the need.

Saying that he writes "at the direction" of the N. C. W. C. Administrative Board, William F. Montavon, Director of the N.C.W.C. Legal Department, declares in the letters to the two Congressional Committees, that the proposed measure "would destroy national morale and weaken, he said, the war effort."

Mr. Montavon's letter to the two Committees is as follows:

"By direction of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference I am addressing to you this statement in opposition to S. 666 (H. R. 1742 in the House), the National War Service Act, introduced by Mr. Austin (Mr. Wadsworth in the House) and now before your Committee.

"This bill is to be cited as the 'National War Service Act.'

"The bill states the principle that 'an obligation rests upon every person, to render such personal service in aid of the war effort as he or she may be deemed best fitted to perform.' The bill would authorize certain necessary and appropriate exceptions as defined or authorized in this bill.

"Certainly some effort should be made to coordinate and systematize the enrollment and placement of workers in the service of the war effort. This is true particular-

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Area Churches Play Leading Role In 'American Day' Rites

Churches of the Rochester area will take part in the "I Am An American Day" ceremonies Sunday culminating in the third annual community rally at the Eastman Theater Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

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The Rev. Charles J. Hyland, pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church and chaplain of the Monroe County American Legion and the 51st Regiment, New York State Guard, will be one of the three principal speakers at the Eastman rally.

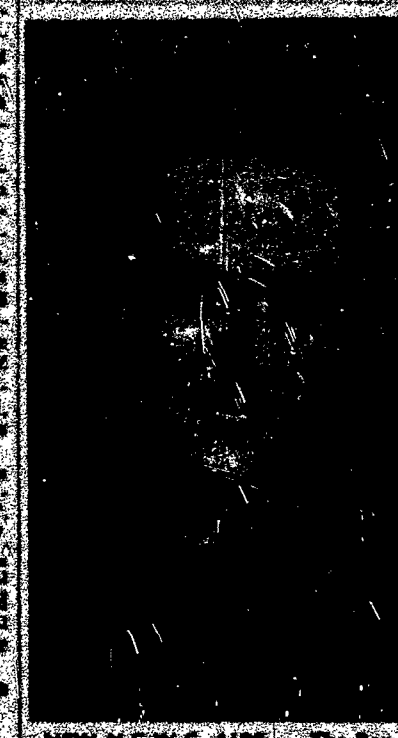
He will discuss the Responsibilities of American Citizenship in light of the past. The Rev. Justin W. Nixon of the Colgate Rochester Divinity School and Rabbi Henry Fisher are the other speakers. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, Vicar General of the Rochester Diocese, will deliver the invocation at the rally.

Aquinas Band To Play

The Aquinas Institute Band will occupy the Eastman Theater stage during a portion of the program. Under the baton of Raymond J. Hasenauer, the band will play an overture of patriotic airs. The band also will render the National Anthem and play Herbert's Pan-American. Arrangements for the band's participation in the program were made by the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, Associate Superintendent of Diocesan Schools and a member of the Executive Committee.

The observance of "I Am An American Day" will be marked by varied exercises in the area churches. The significance of the day will be the theme of many of the sermons.

Features of the Eastman Theater rally will include the mass induction of WAACs, a song-fest by the WAVES and selections by the sixty-voice chorus of the All Churches. A cordial invitation is extended to all Catholics to attend the rally. There is no admission charge and no tickets are needed.



NEW N.C.W.C. AIDE — The Rev. James Lawler, of Chicago, who was appointed an Assistant General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, in Washington, by the N.C.W.C. Administrative Board at its Spring meeting.

Honor Jackie Shea At Memorial Benefit

NEW YORK — Jackie Shea and his mother, Mrs. John J. Shea, were guests of honor on May 7 at a reception in the Hotel Commodore for the benefit of the new St. Cecilia School Annex in this city which is soon to be dedicated as the Commander John J. Shea Memorial.

It was to Jackie that Commander Shea wrote his now famous letter advising the boy to "be a good Catholic and you can't help being a good American" shortly before he was lost with the aircraft carrier Wasp last year. The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, and former director of St. Cecilia's School was honorary chairman of the benefit reception of which James E. Corrigan, member of the State Industrial Commission and President of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems, was general chairman.

The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, decided to name the school for Commander Shea.

Rochester has gone over the top on War Bond, Red Cross and all other drives. The Community Chest Drive is now on. Let's keep up the "Driving Spirit" and put this one over. GIVE! Aunt Jemima's Kake Shoppe, 318 Monroe Ave. Monroe 865.—Adv.

Catholic Agencies Share In Chest's $2,193,352 Budget

Catholic War Relief organizations and Catholic philanthropic agencies in Rochester will share in the $2,193,352 budget of the Community and War Chest.

The War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference will receive $12,080. Rochester Catholic Charities is one of the largest of the local beneficiaries, with an appropriation of $82,310.57. This is over $3,000 larger than the 1942 appropriation, in recognition of the greater volume of service the agency has been called upon to perform as a result of wartime conditions. While it is true that improved employment conditions have lessened relief requirements, this and other Chest-supported family agencies give aid, in most instances, in solving family problems where the need for relief is not a factor; that is, where counsel and skilled case-work service is required rather than financial assistance.

St. Mary's Hospital and St. Joseph's Villa have both moved into new buildings in the past year, and will be able to render an even higher quality of service than formerly. The hospital has been granted $22,945.62. This is a decrease from the 1942 figure; St. Mary's, and other hospitals, have cared for a greater volume of patients than in the past, with consequent greater revenues from paying patients, and the greater efficiency of operation in the new building probably will also be reflected in reduced deficits. St. Joseph's Villa is to receive $35,250.

St. Ann's Home for the Aged will receive $20,378.25; Columbus Youth Association, $13,375.94; Charles Settlement House, $9,986.82; Genesee Institute, $13,941.47; and St. Elizabeth Guild House, $3,415.48.

The total appropriations to all of the Rochester agencies will be $1,213,511.95, while War Relief and war-related units are listed in the budget for $365,881.40.

General Campaign Chairman Bernard E. Finucane reports that many givers, large and small, were increasing their giving in the early stages of the campaign that began Monday, May 10th, to run until May 17th. If this trend continues, there are good indications that the campaign will reach its goal of $193,352.01—and the needs of all of the Rochester agencies serving the community's health and welfare, and of all the war-related organizations serving men in uniform and aiding our war-stricken Allies, will be fully met.

Community Chest Mass At Cathedral

With His Excellency, Bishop Kearney presiding at the throne, a Solemn High Mass was offered in Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday morning, May 9 for the intention of asking God's blessings on the success of the 1943 Community Chest campaign.

The Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, director of Rochester Catholic Charities.

Dwelling upon Christian love of neighbor, the Rev. Arthur E. Ratigan preached the sermon on the needs met by Community Chest giving.

Assistant Priest was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns; Deacons of Honor, the Rev. Edward M. Lyons and the Rev. John S. Randall; Deacon, the Rev. Joseph E. Vogt; Subdeacon, the Rev. Michael Wurzer; Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. John T. Callahan.

At the conclusion of the Mass, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney voiced an appeal for Catholic cooperation in the campaign. The Bishop also paid tribute to mothers, especially those who have sons and daughters in service. A "Mother's Day" tribute included the placing of a wreath of roses on the altar by two altar boys.

Cathedral Men's Choir directed by Raymond J. Hasenauer sang the Mass.

Charities Jubilee

CHICAGO—The Catholic Charities of Chicago was organized 25 years ago this month by the late Cardinal Mundelein. This was the occasion for a meeting which emphasized that fact last week.

Geneva Parish House First Leased Under NHA Plan

GENEVA — The first lease signed in Geneva under the publicly-financed conversion program covers the St. Stephen's parish house at 538 South Main street which will be converted into five small apartments each to be rented to war workers, the National Housing Agency announced on Monday. The lease was signed April 28 by Rev. William H. McPadden, pastor of the church.

The conversion of the Main St. property will be accomplished by the NHA. Under this set-up, a property owner leases his structure to the U. S. Government for a period of seven years. The government is represented by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, which prepares the plans for the conversion subject to the owner's approval. The lease is entered into between the parties, calling for the assumption by the government of taxes, mortgage payments, carrying charges, the cost of the conversion, etc., and the payment of a new rent to the owner.

This rent, will vary in each case, it is said, depending upon the cost of alteration and the other charges against an individual property. Provision of new units by this method, as contrasted with the construction of new houses results in a saving of critical materials, time, labor, and money.

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NEW HAVEN — The Knights of Columbus War Bond campaign, conducted during Founders' Month from Mar. 29 to Apr. 28, has exceeded the $20,000,000 goal and the returns still are incomplete, "Knights of Columbus News," publisher here, reveals.

The total up to May 4, when announced as $21,416,000, but full returns will not be available until the end of this month. The returns thus far revealed that 36 jurisdictions set up for the campaign had exceeded their individual quotas.

California Senate Passes Religious Instruction Bill

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The California Senate, after two hours of debate, passed the McMillan bill which permits school boards to allow children to be absent an hour a week to obtain outside moral and religious instruction providing parents or guardians have given their consent in writing.