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OSTENSORIUM FROM MEN at Crown Field, Salem, Idaho. It is presented to Chaplain William J. Coyner (left) former Rochester Diocese priest. Presenting gift are Capt. Patrick Doyle; Capt. John Donovan and S. Sgt. Leo Morgenson, assistant to Chaplain Coyner. (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 Committee 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 17 and 30 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 industry 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. Meintzen, 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, not aid, the war effort."

Mr. Meintzen'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 H. R. 1742 in the House, the National War Service Act, introduced by Mr. Ansell (Mr. Wadsworth in the Senate) 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 particularly.

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Msgr. Sheen Returns For Second Lecture In Auburn, June 11

By MARSHALL HANSON

Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen of the Catholic University of America, will deliver a lecture in Auburn on Friday evening, June 11, at 8:15 o'clock in East High School Auditorium.

The lecture will be entitled "The Faith of Our Times" and is under the sponsorship of the Laymen's Chapter of St. Mary's Church, assisted by a large group of prominent laymen.

The Monsignor is so strongly acquainted with the town, when he visited Auburn last May in lecture on "Religion in a World at War." Monsignor Sheen expressed himself as greatly pleased with his Auburn audience and of his enjoyable visit with them after the lecture. The Monsignor is beloved by all. He is the type of person whom one never forgets for he is altogether delightful.

He is a Christianlike priest and one of the modern world's greatest philosophers. His sincerity and simplicity endear him to his listeners and he bears his burden modestly. Perhaps the best example of his simplicity is the story of the little altar boy who after serving the Monsignor's Mass asked: "Who was the strange priest who said 'Hush this morning'?"

First "Hush" Speaker
We who have been listening to Monsignor Sheen's radio addresses over a period of years have forgotten when he first began to gain world recognition. It is a simple story and interesting to read. Almost thirteen years ago the Catholic Laymen of the United States decided to begin a radio program and were looking for a speaker. Some of the older men were tremendously respected, but they lacked something. Some of the younger were eloquent but untried.

A fellow with an inspiration suggested the name of Fulton Sheen who three years before had won the Cardinal Merkle prize for philosophy. G. K. Chesterton had written the Introduction to his treatise and the young preacher had been a success in America and in London. He was sound but rife and he was eloquent. His studies at Louvain and in Rome had given him a philosophic turn of mind and he knew how to express his ideas so that the ordinary individual could understand him.

Monsignor Sheen was invited to become the first speaker on the Catholic Hour Program and has begun the career of the young priest who is called one of the great voices of unity in the United States.

Monsignor Sheen says: "All life is enthusiastic. It is the very nature of life to be enthusiastic. Life is something to be lived with gusto and vitality and enthusiasm. It must be dynamic. There is a bit of the hero in Monsignor Sheen as there is in all churches. In addition to teaching classes at the Catholic University of America he travels constantly and delivers each year a series of lectures on the national book-up, 'Daily Holy Hour.'

He doesn't spare himself. He cuts through the practice in the Monsignor's own book, 'Faithful Years to his daily Holy Hour.' He says the need of a 'spiritual effort' in the crisis as well as a 'military effort' is emphasized because

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Auburn K. of C. Tops War Bond Quota With Total Of \$71,250

AUBURN—Auburn Council No. 207, Knights of Columbus reported that the campaign for War Stamps and Bonds just closed was a big success due to the deep personal interest taken by the members.

The report showed that the quota set for the local council was \$18,000, with final results showing \$71,250. This included both purchases made by members and public sales by committee and members.

Robert Hanson, chairman of the committee, in thanking the members for their cooperation asked "How can we lose this war with the citizens and organizations so solidly behind the nation?" The council members took special pride in the fact that fully fifty per cent of the total subscribed was composed of purchases made by members of the organization.

Grand Knight George B. Hanson is awaiting the results of the \$25,000,000 War Bond drive sponsored by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Hanson's committee was composed of John J. Hyland, Frank J. Lesch, Clarence T. Hoey, Charles M. Geherin, Hugh R. Kimball and T. Joseph Coffey.

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. Keane, Bishop of Rochester, and former director of St. Cecilia's School was honorary chairman of the benefit reception of which James E. Corcoran, 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.

Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever; the scepter of Thy Kingdom is a scepter of uprightness. Psalm 44, 7.



NEW N.C.W.C. AID — 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.

You have been the best mother I believe the best woman in the world.—Dr. Johnson.

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 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.



K. C. Near 32 Marks Mark In Bond Drive

NEW HAVEN — The Knights of Columbus War Bond Council conducted during President's Day from May 22 to April 24, has needed the \$25,000,000 goal and the returns still are incomplete. "Knights of Columbus News," published here, reveals.

The total up to May 4 was announced at \$31,815,300, but full returns will not be available until the end of this month. The returns thus far revealed that 28 jurisdictions set up for the campaign had exceeded their individual quotas.

Public School Named For Late Bishop

BOGOTA — A public school at Medellin has been named in memory of the Most Rev. Francisco Cristobal Toro, the Bishop of Antioquia who died last November. The Most Rev. Joaquin Garcia Benitez, Archbishop of Medellin, presided at the ceremony which was attended by civil authorities and Delegates from the Department of Antioquia.

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 at least a week to obtain outside moral and religious instruction providing parents or guardians have given their consent in writing.