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LADIES IN SERVICE. Mrs. Joseph Spiegel, Ladies of Charity president received oath of induction; Mrs. William Cooper (center) chairman of U. S. Civilian Service Corps induction; City Manager Ralph Kleber, County War Council Chairman, at ceremonies May 5.



CHAPLAIN GREETED—Home in Elms on Fortough, Chaplain John V. Loughlin, U.S.N. (right) is greeted by Holy Name Society men of St. Patrick's, including Father John A. McNulty, moderator and George Turner, Communion Breakfast chairman.

Catholic Men On Home Front Have Job To Do Says Chaplain Loughlin

"The real hardship of the war is at home, with the families of men in service," declared the Rev. John V. Loughlin, addressing 225 members of St. Patrick's Holy Name Society at the eleventh annual Communion breakfast, in the Mark Twain Hotel on Mother's Day. "I think that is where the real loneliness and suffering is. The heart of the entire country goes out to the mothers of service men, who have lost their sons, or whose sons have been reported wounded or missing in action.

"Catholic men on the home front have a real job to do. The first is to offer their prayers and Holy Communions for the service men; the second, to try to improve conditions at home." He stated that they should try to prevent disturbances at home, or remove the causes of them, "so that the men will be reassured that they will come back to homes that are as good as the ones they left, and which they are defending at the cost of their lives."

Describes Duties

Offering what he termed "an informal report on conditions on the moral front," La. Loughlin described the duties of a chaplain at the Newport Naval Training Base. Men come from all these stations to attend one of the twelve Masses on Sunday and to go to Confession at any time of the day. "I knew the men are good, from their Confessions," said the chaplain. He stated as the reason the oppor-

100 Members of Ladies Of Charity Inducted

"You're in the army now," said Mrs. William M. Cooper, chairman of the U. S. Civilian Service Corps, addressing 100 Ladies of Charity who were inducted into the corps on May 5. Expressing her interest in the scope of the organization as shown in a skit presented by the members, she said, "We are proud to send in the record of your entrance into the corps. . . . You have been working long before Pearl Harbor. Since the war, your work has become a war community service."

Mrs. W. D. Schweske, chairman of civilian mobilization in the War Council reorganized volunteer work in the last war and the present, and Mrs. Milton E. Spiegel, co-chairman of the local corps, gave an explanation of the corps, registration, requirements, records, insignia, and uniforms.

City Manager Ralph D. Kleber, chairman of the County War Council led the ladies in the oath of induction. The Rev. Leo G. Schwab led the opening and closing prayers. Mrs. Daniel Kennedy sang "God Bless America" and the McCannet Anthem.

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 compel 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 define the present Selective Service registry of men between the ages of 17 and 35 years, and also compel the registration of women between the ages of 18 and 55. 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 "in 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, not aid, 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 H. R. 7741 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 particularly

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OTENSORIUM FROM MEN

Given to Chaplain William J. Coyne (left), former Rochester Diocese priest, presenting gift on Capt. Paul D. Smith, Capt. John Brennan and Sgt. Leo Magagnoli, members of Chaplain Coyne's (Official Photo, U. S. Army, A. J. Foye)

CDA Victory Dinner Nets \$3,269 In War Bonds, Stamps

The bond sale at the Catholic Daughters of America Victory Dinner, held at the Mark Twain Hotel on Wednesday, May 5, netted \$3,269 in war bonds and stamps. Miss Jane Wister was in charge of the sale.

Corning C. D. A. Buys \$3,775 In War Bonds

CORNING.—The Corning C. D. A. purchased \$3,775 worth of War Bonds and Stamps in April. In charge of the committee was Mrs. William Miller.

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.

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. Provided with new units by this method, as contracted with the construction of new houses, results in a saving of critical materials, time, labor, and money.

The Rev. John A. McCaffrey, CDA Court chaplain in Rochester, and head of Catholic Charities there, drew a comparison between the fighting front and the home front.

"Reports from the training centers and from combat areas inform us that our young men and women who are doing their heroic share to defend our country are remaining true to their God-given faith. They are putting into practice the message of devotion to God that they learned in their homes, in Church, and in school. Even though it means in many cases a great sacrifice, they are found fulfilling faithfully their religious obligations."

"We who are left to guard the home front should match their zeal. We who have the opportunity to drink deep from the fountain of God's grace should be there in our efforts and then with our prayers. In doing this, not only will we be helping them, but we ourselves will be spiritually renewed. For it is not only victory that we seek, but a victory over evil. It is not only peace that we pray for and that they fight for, but a peace which will be secured by a return to Christian principles of life."

The March of Dimes conducted simultaneously with the canvassing for bond sales reported a 100 per cent return, under the leadership of Miss Mary O'Leary. With 144 members of the CDA, \$18.40 was turned in on the local court's share in the national CDA campaign to raise money for a trailer camp for the Pacific fathers.

Enlists At Fordham
New York.—The Rev. John W. Flynn, S.J., dean of discipline and director of athletics at Fordham University, was named to the Army and left May 13 for his assignment at Camp Cooke, Calif. Father Flynn, ordained in 1922, formerly was director of the Fordham School-Prep. Organization.

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