Attendance At Retreat House Sets Record

PHILADELPHIA — With an attendance of 217 men over the week-end of July 17, an all-time record was established for accommodating men on retreat at St. Joseph's-in-the Hills, according to Captains' Chairman John E. Green.

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Ecumenical Council Is Not Superior To Pope

By George C. Thomas

Several questions regarding the relationship between the Supreme Pontiffs assembled in council should be answered to imprint more clearly the authority of the Vicar of Christ.

An explanation of these corollaries suffices to overcome arguments of those outside the Church who, through misinterpretations, follow false doctrine, and, what is worse, lead others into error.

Of primary importance is this statement: A council, even with the Pope, is not superior to a Pope alone. This is evident, for in both identical undiminished supreme authority and infallibility remain. The power of only the Roman Pontiff is complete and supreme per se and ex se; the Bishops cannot of their own right or by being united with the Holy Father in council add anything to his power.

Furthermore, a council of the Bishops without the Pope is inferior to the Holy Father, as the doctrine on the primacy teaches. The Vatican council ruled: "They stray from the right path of truth who affirm that it is lawful to appeal from the judgments of the Roman Pontiffs to an ecumenical council, as to an authority superior to the Roman Pontiff." Franzelin says that when the Pontifical See is vacant the college of the Bishops is not ecumenical, and there is no subject in which power over the entire Church can reside.

When the Pontifical See is vacant, the Church can neither define new dogmas nor pass decrees that are binding on the universal Church. She does, however, as Herve points out, retain the perennial indefectibility and Spirit of Truth promised her by Christ, and she will remain one and never swerve from traditional faith or communion with the See of Peter by falling universally into heresy or schism.

Without foundation, indeed, are those who refer to the decrees of the Council of Constance to disprove the Church's stand. The council passed the decrees proposed in the Council of Basle, and included the assertion that the council "has its power immediately from Christ, and that everyone, no matter what his state or dignity, even if it be Papal, is bound to obey it in the things that pertain to faith and the extirpation of the said (Great Western) schism" (Denzinger).

In the first place, these decrees did not adhere to conciliar law, for they were issued solely under obedience to Anti-Pope John XXIII, inasmuch as the whole Church was not represented, they were not issued under perfect obedience. Even the council itself did not place these decrees among the decrees of faith, but only among the synodal constitutions.

As for the reactions of others, it is to be noted that Pope Martin V rejected and annulled the decree placing a council over a Pope. St. Anthony and Turrecremata were among the learned men who impugned these decrees, and certainly the attitude of such saintly men would have been different had the decrees been given Papal sanction.

That the decrees referred only to the schism existing in that time, and, also, only to the case of the Pope of the day, who was a doubtful Pope, is evident from the affirmation of the fathers of the council themselves and from the writing of Turrecremata: "The decree of these fathers does not refer to any synod universally, but only to that particular one in whose time there was no one undoubted pastor of the Church." —The Western Catholic.

Ranks Depleted

Buffalo.—Faced with loss of 90 per cent of its members to the armed forces, the Catholic Evidence Guild of Buffalo plans to continue its annual program of street-corner apologetics with the assistance of 40 students of St Bonaventure and Niagara seminaries and 20 diocesan priests.

Depression never comes from God; neither does any thought which makes His service difficult. Bonds and Stamps is the fullest of his financial ability, periodical War Bond drives wouldn't be necessary. It's hard to believe that our government, now engaged in winning a war for our survival, must plead with its citizens to loan it the money to finance that war.

Happy Reunion Enjoyed By Corning Family

CORNING—Mr. and Mrs. William H. Driscoll, 134 Columbia St., enjoyed a happy reunion at their home over the past weekend when their entire family were together for the first time in three years.

First to arrive at his home after more than a year's service with the U. S. Army in the Hawaiian Islands was Tech. Sgt. Adrian Driscoll, who came on Friday noon. He will remain with his parents for five days before leaving to report at Fort Hood, Tex., for Officers' Candidate School.

Cpl. Robert Driscoll of Fort Totten arrived later on Friday and Sister Marie Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Driscoll, who is a member of the Order of the Missionary Servants of The Blessed Trinity, stationed at Long Island City, arrived Saturday.

Mrs. Walter Lee Foland, the former Miss Florence Driscoll, resides at 226 E. First St., Corning, and Miss Alice Driscoll, youngest member of the family, is at home.

CONFIRMS 105 SOLDIERS

San Diego — A Confirmation ceremony for 105 soldiers of Fort Yuma was conducted by the Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of San Diego, at St. Thomas Church at the fort.

With Filipino Troops

Father Austin Hannon, M. M., of Clark Summit, Pa., who has been commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Army Chaplain Corps and assigned to the Second Filipino Regiment of the United States Army, at Camp Cooke, Cal. Before entering the Army, Father Hannon was stationed at the Maryknoll Junior Seminary, Mountain View, Cal. (N.C.W.C.)

Nun On Board

Chicago. — Sister M. Olivia Gowan, O.S.B., Dean of the School of Nursing at the Catholic University of America, was re-elected a director, one of three, by the National League of Nursing Education which met at the Drake Hotel here.

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Air Raid Wardens, The
Alaska Highway
American Empire
Assignment in Britany
Avengers, The
Background To Danger
Billy the Kid in The Renegade
Black Hills Express
Black Raven, The
Blazing Frontier
Blocked Trail, The
Bombardier
Bombers Moon
Border Buckaroos
Border Patrol
Bordertown Gunfighters
Buckskin Frontier
Calling Wild Bill Elliott
Carson City Cyclone
Chatterbox
Clancy St. Boys
Cliff Commander
Coastal Command
Cowboy Commandos
Cowboy In Manhattan
Crime Doctor
Days of Old Cheyenne
Desert Victory
Desperadoes, The
Falcon In Danger, The
False Faces
Fighting Valley
Flying Fortress
Fugitive From Sonora
Gentle Gangster, The
Get Going
Ghost and The Guest, The
Ghost Rider
Gildersleeve's Bad Day
Good Luck, Mr. Yates
Haunted Ranch
Heading For God's Country
Henry Aldrich Swings It
Here To Raid
High Explosive
How's About It?
Human Comedy
Idaho
Land of Hunted Men
Law of the Northwest
Leather Burners, The
Let's Have Fun
Lost Canyon
Man from Thunder River
Man Trap, The
My Friend Flicka
Mysterious Doctor
Navy Comes Through
Nobody's Darling
No Place for a Lady
Outlaw of Pine Ridge
Pilot No. 5
Power of the Press
Prairie Chickens
Pride of the Yankees
Purple V, The
Raiders of San Joaquin
Rangers Take Over
Rewards with Beverly
Riding of the Rio Grande
Robin Hood of the Range
Salutaire Squad
Saint Meets The Tiger, The
Salute To The Marines
Santa Fe Scouts
Secrets of the Underground
Shantytown
Silver Spurs
Sky's The Limit
Somewhere In France
Song of Texas
Spitfire
Squadron Leader X
Stranger From Texas
Stranger In Town
Swing Your Partner
They Came To Blow Up America
This Is The Army
Thumbs Up
Thundering Trails
Trail of Terror
Trail Busters
Two-Fisted Justice
Two Tickets To London
Two Weeks To Live
Underground Agent
Victory Through Air Power
Virgin of Guadalupe, The
War Dogs
We Are The Marines
West of the Law
West of Texas
Western Mail
What's Buzzin' Cousin?
Whistling In Dixie
Wild Horse Hustlers
Wolves of the Range
World At War
Yanks Ahoy
Youngest Profession, The

CLASS A—Section 2—Unobjectionable for Adults

Above Suspicion
Action In the North Atlantic
Air Force
Ape Man, The
Appointment In Berlin
Batman
Beyond the Blue Horizon
Bowery at Night
Casablanca
China
City Without Men
Corregidor
Crash Dive
Criminal Investigator
Danger, Women At Work
Dawn on the Great Divide
Dixie
Dr. Gillespie's Criminal Case
Edge of Darkness
Falcon Strikes Back, The
Fighting Devil Dogs
Five Graves To Cairo
Follies Girl
Gals, Inc.
Good Morning Judge
Girls In Chains
Heaven Can Wait
Hitler—Dead or Alive
Hitler's Madman
I Dood It
I Escaped From the Gestapo
Isle of Forgotten Sins
Jitterbugs
Ladies Day
Last Will of Dr. Mabuse, The
Leopard Man, The
Life of Simon Bolivar, The
Man of Courage
Manila Calling
Margin for Error
Marvels of the Bull Ring
Meanest Man in the World
Mexican Spitfire's Blessed Event
Mr. Big
Mr. Lucky
Moon Is Down, The
Next of Kin, The
Over My Dead Body
Payoff
Petticoat Larceny
Police Bullets
Powers Girls
Prelude To War
Presenting Lily Mars
Queen of Broadway
Redhead from Manhattan
Salute for Three
Secret Enemies
Seven Miles from Alcatraz
Shadow of a Doubt
She Has What It Takes
Silent Witness
Someone To Remember
So Proudly We Hail
Stand By for Action
Stormy Weather
Submarine Base
Sunday Punch
Swing Shift Maisie
Tahiti Honey
Tarzan
Taxi Mister
Terror House
That Other Woman
This Above All
Time To Kill
Today, I Hang
Two Senoritas From Chicago
Voice of Terror
X Marks the Spot
You Can't Beat the Law
You Can't Escape Forever

CLASS B—Objectionable in Part

All By Myself
Best Foot Forward
Cabin in the Sky
Captive Wild Woman
Coney Island
Constant Nymph, The
DuBarry Was A Lady
First Comes Courage
Flight for Freedom
Flying With Music
Follow The Band
For Whom the Bell Tolls
Heart of a Nation, The
Hello, Frisco, Hello
Hi Diddle Diddle
Keeper of the Flame
Lady Has Plans, The
Lady Is Willing, The
Lady of Burlesque
Lucky Jordan
Moon and Sixpence
More the Merrier, The
Mummy's Tomb
My Heart Belongs To Daddy
My Son, the Hero
Navy Blues
Rhythm Parade
Roving Gal
Shanghai Gesture
Something To Shout About
Stage Door Canteen
Sycamore
Woman—They All Kissed the Bride
Three Girls About Town
Three Hearts for Julia
Time to the Sun
Two-Faced Woman
Vengeance of the West
White Savage
Wings Over The Pacific
Wife Takes A Flyer, The
Young and Willing

CLASS C—Condemned

Confessions of A Vice Baron
Damaged Goods
Dust to Dust
Gaycreek
Fighting the White Slave Trade
City of Sin
Girl from Monbo's
Lash of the Penitentes
Marriage Forbidden
Miss Mankiller
No Greater Sin
Passion Island
Pope Joan
Rocket Madness
Sad Sack (French)
Sinful Daughters
Stolen Paradise
Time for the Sun