

Prosperity Follows Population Increase, Dr. Cronin Assures

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"The home, happy with the laughter of children, is the only true symbol of American prosperity, and declining birth rates will lead to economic chaos."

Prosperity and Population
Speaking on the family as the national unit of economic security, at the Catholic Family Life Conference, the Rev. Dr. John F. Cronin, of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, linked an expanding population to economic security and family limitation, he said, are fostering "a vicious circle of contracted production and employment which might spell economic and political ruin."

"Our present economy," he said, "is predicted upon the ideal of mass production and mass consumption . . . Economic expansion is had most normally when popu-

lation is growing . . . To the extent that a rising standard of living is coupled to such growth in numbers, the expansive effect is multiplied. If, on the contrary, population declines, then production likewise suffers."

Father Cronin speaking of the tendency toward "depression" in industry, said that "society tomorrow may see the happy wedding of rural conservatism and urban progressivism," and "the home, happy with the laughter of children, may again be a symbol of man's highest earthly happiness."

"Thus, the Catholic Church," he concluded, "in urging the law of God in regard to marriage, may be bringing to mankind a new era of domestic peace and tranquility, based upon the solid foundations of the Christian home. The ancient blessing of the patriarchs may again have meaning. Instead of the suicidal spiral toward race destruction and economic chaos, the earth and the fullness thereof will once again be shared among the children of men."

Wins Silver Star



Navy Chaplain Robert J. Cronin, of Glens Falls, N. Y., serving with a Marine outfit in the South Pacific area, who has been awarded the Navy's Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry in action in the Solomon Islands on November 1, General Brewster, Marine Commanding Officer, presented the award recently at impressive ceremonies in New Caledonia, (N.C.W.C.)

Priest From Here Sees 'FDR' At Teheran Meeting

When President Roosevelt reviewed American troops during his recent visit to Teheran, the heart of at least one citizen of New York State jumped with pride.

The Rev. Emmett Murphy, priest of the Diocese of Rochester, and presently serving as an army chaplain with American forces in the Middle East, reports that he was at Teheran when the "Big Three" met there for their historic conference.

"The week that the 'Big Three' were here," writes Father Murphy, "was filled with all kinds of excitement. Actually, I only got in for the review which the President made. He rode his jeep up and down before the soldiers and then made a five-minute speech."

"It was the first time I had seen him since he was Governor of New York State."

"Several of my friends were in on all the sessions, at stenographers but they are very mum about the proceedings," Father Murphy holds the rank of captain.

NAZARETH OFFER ENDS APRIL 1st

The five Nazareth College Deaneary Scholarships established in 1941 for a period of four years in connection with the campaign for the Greater Nazareth College, are offered for the last time this year to Catholic students in each of the five Deanearies of the Rochester Diocese. They are full tuition scholarships, valued at \$300 a year for four years, of \$1,200.

A Deaneary Scholarship will be awarded to the student in each Deaneary having the highest average standing in the Regents examinations through January, 1944, in the following fields: English, History, Mathematics, Modern Language, Latin, Science. Requests for Deaneary Scholarship application blanks should be addressed to the Office of the Dean, Nazareth College, Rochester 10, New York. The completed blank should be accompanied by a recommendation from the Pastor of the applicant and of the principal of her high school, as to character, ability, maturity, and general fitness to pursue a college course. She must have earned on graduating a College Entrance certificate or sixteen units of academic credits required by Nazareth College for entrance. These entrance requirements vary somewhat according to the course in which the student wishes to matriculate. They will be found in our bulletin, a copy of which will be sent on request. Applications should be sent not later than April 1.

Answers Church Is Fascist Charge In Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, P. R.—In answering a charge made by the Protestant publication *Puerto Rico Evangelist* that the Catholic Church is fascist, El Pisco says the paper is merely bowing "anti-Catholic hate" and reminds that "in Italy, Fascism itself is accusing the Church of being anti-Fascist."

Portends White Race's Doom by Degradation Of Christian Home

WINDSOR, Ont.—The "empty cradle" foretells the doom of the white race.

"When Christ raised marriage to the status of a Sacrament, there followed the morality of the Christian home, the highest this world has ever known," observed the Very Rev. Frank R. Wood, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, in his radio address on the Trans-Canada Catholic Hour.

Father Wood pointed out that prior to the advent of Christianity, home life was virtually non-existent and the status of woman was one of degradation. The granting of divorce, he said, is tending in this direction, and giving rise not only to the evil of "legalized orphans," the children of broken homes, but to birth prevention, and the empty cradle.

"If indeed, it is not too late," Father Wood observed, "the falling birthrate of the white race, particularly of the Anglo-Saxon race, must be checked. Otherwise, we shall ultimately meet the fate of Greece and Rome. One does not have to be an expert mathematician to see that. I have spoken so long on this aspect of married life because it is one whose effects will be felt, and felt grievously, by generations yet unborn—and, whether we like it or not, it is ultimately going to change the course of history and the face of the world."

"The Church of Christ," Father Wood concluded, "puts its mark forever upon the union of man and wife, in invoking the blessing of Almighty God upon that symbolic golden band, which is placed upon the finger of the bride by him who promises to be ever true and faithful to her and to the cause for which they have both thrown in their lot: the cause of posterity yet unborn; of mutual trust and fidelity, yet untried; of love not yet tempered by the lapse of time; the cause of all that is worth while in life, my friends, the love of a man and a maid, two souls, henceforth to be united, to have and to hold, and never to be put asunder, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, unto DEATH."

Prayer For Vocations

LAFAYETTE, La.—"I need only remind you that we had no one for ordination last year; we have none for this year," the Most Rev. Jules B. Jeanraud, Bishop of Lafayette, reminded, in his Lenten pastoral letter announcing a novena for vocations. "If God in his great goodness and mercy had not spared the lives of our priests in the ranks, we would be in a desperate plight," he said. "Our Lord tells us, in no uncertain terms, that we must pray if we want God to send laborers into His vineyard."

Hearst Answers 'Gangster Press' Of Soviet Regime

Attacks against Mr. William Randolph Hearst by Moscow's government controlled newspaper *Pravda* were answered by the American publisher in his Sunday *New York Journal-American*.

"Marshal Stalin, in his controlled press, calls me a gangster journalist and a friend of Hitler's," Mr. Hearst wrote. "These accusations have their amusing side, coming from a gentleman who is the head of the Communist press—the only gangster press I know. And who was the closest and dearest friend Hitler had until that traitorous ally betrayed him and threw him over and refused any longer to divide the spoils of war with his eager partner?"

Criticizes Soviet Press
Defending his assertion that the Soviet press was a "gangster press," Mr. Hearst asked:

"Does not the Communist press continually and consistently advocate the Communist principles of defiance of law and order, of the violent overthrow of established government, of the extinction in blood and brutality of the well-to-do classes?"

Referring to his charge that Stalin was a friend of Hitler, he demanded:

"Was not the estimable Marshal Stalin, until recently Hitler's best beloved friend and buddy, his accomplice in the invasion of the Baltic republics, his partner in the rape of Finland, his partner in the plunder of Poland?"

"Is not the genial Marshal—although assuming an air of superior purity and probity since his break with his pal Hitler—still trying to steal Finland and absorb the Baltic republics and re-ravish Poland?"

"A leopard does not change his spots, although deserted by his former hunting companion and dearest friend."

College For India

ERNAKULAM, India.—A new college is being erected by the Syrian Carmelite Fathers at Thevara, in the suburbs of this city, and the college athletic field, named for retiring Dewan Dixon, of the Cochin State, already has been dedicated.

The Bishop's Appointments



MARCH

The Most Rev. Bishop will celebrate Holy Mass daily during Lent, at the Pro-Cathedral at 9:00 A. M., unless others are noted.

3 Friday—St. Patrick—Low Mass, St. Monica's Sodality—9:00 A. M.

St. Joseph—Lenten Sermon—8:00 P. M.

4 Saturday—St. Francis Xavier—Sermon, Novena of Grace—7:45 P. M.

5 Sunday—St. Francis Xavier—Sermon, Novena of Grace—4:00 P. M.

Nazareth College—Closing Exercises, Alumnae Retreat—4:00 P. M.

6 Monday to Sunday, March 12, inclusive—St. Francis Xavier—Novena of Grace—7:45 P. M.

10 Friday—Catholic Women's Club—Lecture—1:30 P. M.

12 Sunday—St. Monica's—Low Mass—Rosary Society—8 A. M.

14 Tuesday—Columbus Civic Centre—Priests' Holy Hour—3:00 P. M.

15 Wednesday—St. Stanislaus—Lenten Sermon—7:30 P. M.

17 Friday—St. Patrick—Pontifical Mass—10:00 A. M.

Powers Hotel—Knights of Equity Dinner—7:00 P. M.

19 Sunday—Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira—Low Mass, Ladies of Charity—9:00 A. M.

St. Andrew's Hall—Rosary Society Dinner—5:00 P. M.

20 Monday—Nazareth Convent, Pittsford—Pontifical Mass—10:00 A. M.

22 Wednesday—St. Stanislaus—Lenten Sermon—7:30 P. M.

24 Friday—St. Joseph—Lenten Sermon—4:00 P. M.

26 Sunday—SS. Peter and Paul's, New York City—First Mass Sermon—11:00 A. M.

29 Wednesday—St. Stanislaus—Lenten Sermon—7:30 P. M.

31 Friday—St. Joseph—Lenten Sermon—4:00 P. M.

Oratorical Contest Nearing Finals

Final elimination contests will be continued next week at Nazareth Academy and Our Lady of Mercy High School to determine contestants who will represent each school in the Bishop's Jubilee Oratorical Contest.

With preliminary elimination contests still in progress, Aquinas Institute next week will announce dates of the final eliminations which will decide the Aquinas representative.

The Bishop's Jubilee Oratorical Contest which is being conducted in all the Catholic high schools of the Diocese is under the joint sponsorship of the Catholic Education Office and the CATHOLIC COURIER.

Final eliminations which will determine the "Nazareth Orator" will be held on Thursday, March 9 at 2:30 P. M. when three contestants will vie for honors.

The contestants and their topics are: Margaret Hart of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, "Postwar Aviation"; David Incevo of Holy Redeemer Parish, "An Enduring Peace Must Be Christian"; and Eawn Scheffel of St. Augustine's Parish, "Women in the Postwar World."

Judges at the Nazareth eliminations will be: Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B. of the English Department of Aquinas Institute; Rev. Patrick J. Flynn of the CATHOLIC COURIER; and Sister Helen Daniel, S.S.J. of the Speech Department of Nazareth College.

Final contest to determine the "Orator" of Our Lady of Mercy High School will be held on Monday, March 6 at 2:15 P. M. in the school auditorium, when six contestants will vie for the honor of representing the Blossom-Houl school.

The six "Mercy" contestants and their topics are: Blaine Kolesnik of St. Andrew's Parish and Jean Branch of St. John the Evangelist Parish, "An Enduring Peace Must Be Christian"; Noreen Carey of Blessed Sacrament Parish and Rose Hufschmier of St. Andrew's Parish, "The Racial Problem"; Jean Schneider of St. Andrew's Parish, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home"; and Margaret Mary Eganey of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, "Our Relations With Latin America."

Judges at the Mercy finals have not yet been announced.

REMEMBER! A LETTER TO YOUR SERVICEMAN

Elmira Catholic High Has Six Competing

Six contestants have been chosen to compete in the Elmira Catholic High School Eliminations for the Bishop's Jubilee Oratorical Contest on March 7.

From the following students, one boy and one girl will be selected to compete in the semi-finals at Auburn on March 20.

Leonard Kojawski, Daniel Wheeland, Robert McGinn, Margaret Braun, Margaret Cropped and Kathleen Milliken.

Two Will Represent Holy Family High

As a result of an elimination contest held recently, Mary Ellen Nolan and Robert Morgan, both of the senior class, were selected to represent Holy Family High School in the semi-finals of the Diocesan Oratorical Contest to be held in Holy Family Auditorium, Mar. 20. These two students will compete with representatives from De Sales High School of Geneva and Elmira Catholic High School for the honor of being selected to take part in the finals to be held in Rochester.

Mary Ellen Nolan has chosen as her topic the important question of what will happen "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." She will discuss at length the prospects of education and employment for our returning soldiers after the great battle is won. "Our Relations with Latin America" will be the theme to be discussed by Robert Morgan, bringing to light the importance of this country's friendliness and cooperation with the neighbors to the south.

Serving Navy Men

Fleet Clubs are the latest American Field Cross service opened in the European Theatre of Operation. There have always been a scattering of Navy men in the Red Cross Clubs in the British Isles, but now the Fleet Club has several clubs at sea, but is being served by able canvas which tagged "Electricity"