

Bishop McEntegart Proposes 4-Point Peace Program

PLATTSBURG (RNS) A four-point peace program based on "international morality and not on power politics, political expediency, or national selfishness" has been suggested by the Most Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart, Bishop of Odessa.

The Bishop said the world organization for peace which the conferees at Dumbarton Oaks are expected to propose must meet four essential tests:

- "1. It must respect the freedom, integrity, and security of all peace-loving nations, large or small.
- "2. It must provide for agencies for settlement of international disputes through courts and other instruments of justice, rather than by arms.
- "3. It must promote trade agreements to insure fair access to the earth's natural riches by all peoples.
- "4. Within the nations, it must strive to guarantee not only just treatment for minority groups but for all men, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and free exercise of religion."

INVEST IN WAR BONDS

Archbishop Spellman Offers Mass in London for Members Of Army Air Corps and Wacs

LONDON (NC) — The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the Armed Forces of the United States, has arrived here from Italy.

The Archbishop is visiting American Catholic chaplains and soldier units overseas. He went first to Rome, then to France, and returned to Rome before coming here.

His Excellency celebrated Mass on Sunday for several hundred members of the air corps and WAC and urged them to pray for a lasting peace with justice. The congregation sat on rough wooden bomb crates in a huge hangar. The Archbishop offered Mass on an altar set up on a trailer used to haul salvaged parts of wrecked planes.

Follows Army into France, Offers Mass

ROME (NC) On a recent visit to the American and French forces in southern France, the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the Armed Forces of the United States, passed through areas won from the Germans only a few hours before. On one occasion he offered Mass in a French house

while German shells from batteries in Toulon fell in the surrounding fields.

According to word received here, Robert Murphy, American Minister to North Africa, French officers and soldiers, and Chaplain William J. Moran, a priest of the San Francisco Archdiocese, were among those present. The Mass was served by the Rev. Ralph Smith, Army Chaplain from the San Antonio Archdiocese.

As His Excellency, accompanied by Father Tyssen, S.J. of France, Mr. Murphy and Chaplain Moran flew to France, fighting was going on 1,000 feet beneath them. As they reached the French coast flashes from the big guns enabled them to observe Allied ships still pouring steel into German defenses inland.

The party landed on a newly-constructed air strip and Archbishop Spellman donned G.I. garb for an immediate trip forward. He offered his first Mass in France that afternoon. The Mass was attended by French civilian and Allied soldiers. The Archbishop spoke in English and Mr. Murphy translated his remarks in French for the benefit of the populace.

ROME (NC) Inaugurating another part of his extensive program in visiting American troops, held hospitals and various military establishments, the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the U. S. Armed Forces, was off again last week for a new theater of operations.

The Military Vicar returned to Italy only a few days before from a visit to American and French troops, who participated in the invasion of Southern France.

His Excellency followed an intensive program which took him to widely separated American air bases and replacement depots, where 10,000 troops attended a Field Mass which he offered.

The Archbishop was impressed deeply by his trip to Southern France during which he covered virtually all of the Mediterranean Coast held by the Allies and even penetrated deep into the interior to offer Mass and visit troops.

It was of interest to the Archbishop that he met some troops in France who had attended his Masses in Italy on the eve of their departure for the invasion. On his return from France, he crossed Italy from the west to the east and back and also covered considerable distance both in the North and South of Italy.

OPA Asks Housewives To Complain More

The OPA wants people, housewives particularly, to complain more. Mrs. Ruth Hitchcock, who has been a price aide connected with the local OPA office since May, says that "if housewives were more price conscious and would report price ceiling violations promptly, we would hear fewer black market whisperings and rumors."

Mrs. Hitchcock calls on seven of the 26 War Price and Rationing Boards in the Buffalo District, in an effort to help the boards solve the price problems that come up without taking them to the headquarters office. The difficulties that must be taken to headquarters also reports for action.

Volunteer price assistants to call on merchants, explain new price regulations and help them to comply with the law on price ceilings are being sought by every War Price and Rationing Board in the district.

Everywhere

The Catholic Church teaches that the true Church of Christ must be universal and spread all over the known world, not confined to any one race, nationality, or language. It must preach the Gospel everywhere, at all times. Mark 16-15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "Going therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," Matt. 28, 19.

God himself does not need our gifts, yet we owe Him everything, and we must use everything for the praise and honor and glory.

BLAME SCHOOL ROLL DROP ON DEPRESSION ERA DECLINE IN BIRTHS, MARRIAGES

MONTREAL (NC) — A decrease of 15,000 in the number of children who attended Catholic schools of Montreal during the school year 1943-44 as compared with the year 1939-

40, was traced back a decade by health office officials and blamed on the sharp decline in both marriages and births during the depression era.

Trefle Boulanger, Director of Studies of the Montreal Catholic School Commission, reported the attendance in the schools during the 1943-44 term was 200,000 while in the 1939-40 year the attendance was 215,000.

The explanation of the decline came from Dr. Adelard Giroux, city medical health officer, and Dr. Antoine Valois, of the statistical branch of the city health office. They said that the cause of the school attendance decrease could be traced back ten years to the depression era when the number of marriages and of births decreased. They pointed out that marriages, which were 8.45 per 1,000 population in 1929, dwindled to 6.9 in 1932, and that births, which were

recorded at 24.32 per 1,000 population in 1929, fell to 19.1 in 1936.

The health office officials also pointed out that since the war there has been an increase in both marriages and births and that from 1946 until at least 1952, school attendance figures should show an increase.

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