

Church's Progress in Indiana Recognized Says Papal Delegate

INDIANAPOLIS (NC)—The erection of the Ecclesiastical Province of Indianapolis "constitutes both a recognition and a reward," His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, declared in an address at a civic reception held here on Monday evening.

Solemn religious ceremonies marking the occasion were held on Tuesday morning in the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul.

Noting the elevation of the See of Indianapolis to Archdiocesan rank and the creation of the Dioceses of Evansville and Lafayette, which with the Diocese of Fort Wayne, constitute the suffragan Sees, Archbishop Cicognani said such recognition and reward is accorded by the Holy See "only after a certain territory has provided ample and lasting evidence of outstanding spiritual and religious progress."

Recognition and Reward
"In the State of Indiana, the last hundred and ten years have witnessed the foundation and the

gradual, remarkable development—under Catholic auspices, it is true, but for the welfare of the entire population—of churches, schools, academies, colleges, hospitals, charitable institutions, and centers of higher education, and culture. Many of these institutions have attained great fame within the State and throughout the entire nation.

"We have only to recall the University of Notre Dame, St. Meinrad's Abbey, St. Joseph's College, St. Mary's College, and the College of St. Mary-of-the-Woods. These establishments represent organizations which are all united to offer to the citizenry of Indiana a noble contribution of religious, moral, and educational value."

200 Attend Silver Tea Held by Sodality

CORNING — About 200 persons were present Sunday afternoon at the annual silver tea given by the Senior Sodality of Our Lady of Good Counsel of St. Mary's Church at the school hall. Much credit for the successful affair was attributed to the Misses Josephine Miller and Florence Wenderlich, co-chairmen.

The program included piano solos by Mrs. Henrietta Nemeth; vocal selections by Mrs. Catherine Hamilton, accompanied by Charles C. Corwin; readings by Mrs. A. Kelsey Carleton; carols by Mrs. Carleton and Francis Lentricchia, accompanied by Mrs. Nemeth.

A feature of the decorations in the hall, which had lighted Christmas trees placed at intervals about it, was a shrine with a statue of the Blessed Virgin holding the Infant Jesus in her arms, flanked by blue votive lights.

The Christmas spirit was reflected in the attractive tea table which had as a centerpiece a Christmas tree. Red and white tapers completed the decorations. Mrs. Sebastian J. Frey and Mrs. Martin T. Shepard poured.

Assisting Miss Miller and Miss Wenderlich were: Miss Mary Hansen, entertainment; Miss Mary Arthur, tea table; the Misses Madeline Stenger, Julia Stenger, Mary Frey, Catherine Barrett, Mary L. Sutton, decorations; the Misses Margaret Schneider, Mary Sweet, Marion Burrell, Ann Gentile, Augusta Louis, Isabelle Crissy; food; the Misses Julia Cronin, president, Rose Cuda, vice-president, Mary Frey, secretary and Mary Yorlo, treasurer, reception.

78th Fatality



Chaplain John F. Monahan, U. S. A., assistant to Maj. Gen. William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains, War Department, who died suddenly in Washington where he had been serving since 1937 as Personnel Officer. A priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, Father Monahan served as an Army Chaplain with American troops in Siberia in World War I. He is the 78th death in the Army Chaplain Corps in the present war. (N.C.W.C.)

Hi-Y State Group Favors Elective Religion Courses

ALBANY, N. Y. (RNS)—Eleven public high school courses in Protestantism, Catholicism, and Judaism, on a five-period weekly basis, with credit given for studies completed, were favored by the New York Hi-Y Assembly at its annual sessions here last week.

Meeting for two days in the chambers of the General Assembly at the State Capitol, delegates from 450 Hi-Y Clubs throughout the state "legislated" on 86 measures introduced during the sessions, approved 57 and rejected 29.

Provisions of the religious education bill approved by the boys and girls of high school age provided that the courses should consist of the history of the respective faiths and their basic principles, and that they "shall be open to all students of any religion," indicating that students could study a religion other than their own.

Copies of all measures passed

will be sent to members of the State Legislature.

Congress is Bulwark

Washington—Sen. Gerald P. Nye (R-N. D.)—I am more and more convinced that it is the Congress of the United States, and particularly the Senate, which stands between the plain people and a future misery and ruin through being dragged into one world war after another.

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Bishops' Statement on Peace is 'Courageous' Says Protestant Paper

CHICAGO (NC)—In an editorial entitled "Catholic Peace Demands," The Christian Century, non-Catholic journal published here, lauds the recent statement of the Catholic Bishops on International Order, and expresses the hope that a similar pronouncement by Protestant church groups "will prove to be as clear, as bold and as searching a voice as this in which the Catholic Bishops have spoken."

"Not for many years," the editorial declares, "has a more searching, more lucid and more courageous pronouncement on a matter of public policy come from an American church group. In these 2,200 words the Catholic Bishops have pierced straight to the heart of the issue confronting the world, and have spoken in precisely the tones that a confused, disheartened and increasingly cynical public needs to hear."

Notwithstanding an "atmosphere of defeatism," the editorial continues, "these Bishops refuse to lose heart or their sense of moral direction" . . . "they take their stand once again on the reality of the moral order, the authority of the moral law, and the possibility and necessity of a peace which will last because it rests on the justice of the moral law."

"This declaration by the American Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church," the editorial concludes, "has come at a fateful hour. Dumbarton Oaks is still in its initial stages. The text of its proposal has still to be completed and what has been made public is open to alteration. With this declaration, the Catholic Bishops disclose one great Christian body courageously discharging its responsibility to pass judgment on this pending proposal in the light of the moral law."

3 Clyde Soldiers Reported Wounded

CLYDE — Three members of St. John's Parish have been wounded in action according to word received here.

They are: Elmer Maize, who attended a country school and Clyde High School, Joseph Lawson, Seneca Falls RFD who was awarded the Purple Heart and received his education at a country school and Seneca Falls High School, and Corp. L. W. Donnelly Sr., Clyde, paratrooper serving in Holland, has been wounded in action for the second time.

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