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Calls on Catholics To Work for Full Rights to Negroes

WASHINGTON (NC) — The teachings of the Catholic Church stand for the full, unqualified equality of the Negro with every other human being, declared the Rev. Dr. Francis J. Connell, C.S.B., R., associate professor of moral theology of Catholic University of America, at the first formal meeting of the Catholic Interracial Council here. "All Catholics," he said, "should work for the day when the Negro will be granted the fullness of his natural and civil rights in our land."

Dr. Connell outlined the Catholic doctrine of natural rights and concluded: "Although these basic rights are sometimes linked in this country with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, it should be understood that they are prior to and independent of these documents, which are merely expressions of a guarantee by government that these natural rights shall be protected."

"That is the main point of distinction between our land and a nation under a totalitarian form of government," he said. "Over and above natural and civil rights there are supernatural rights. Through the merits of Jesus Christ the right to the supernatural life has been restored," he continued, "and all men without exception, whatever their color or race, have a right to the merits of Christ. He died for all; the graces of His redemption are for all; the Sacraments whereby His grace is distributed are for all; all without exception are summoned to be members of His One True church."

"The chief business of the Catholic Interracial Council is to eradicate the shameful blot on American justice and decency by the discrimination against Negroes that is so widespread and so deep-rooted in our land," he concluded.

REPRESENTATION OF PONTIFF AT PEACE TABLE URGED BY LIVERPOOL ARCHBISHOP

LONDON (NC) — A strong appeal urging that the Holy Father be represented at any forthcoming world peace conference is made in a letter by the Most Rev. Richard Downey, Archbishop of Liverpool. The letter was read from the pulpit in all churches of the archdiocese.

"The Holy Father's neutrality and his integrity are beyond question," the Archbishop stated, warning that a hot war must be followed by a hot peace.

"It has been repeatedly pointed out by shrewd observers," the letter continued, "that the Pope as the independent and neutral exponent of a moral and religious ordering of the world ought to be represented at any forthcoming world peace conference. As head of that Church which is steadily universal, commanding universal allegiance, from members of all nations, he is better equipped than any other leader of individual States."

Help to Parents

We are painfully slow in getting into operation the parish credit union, the Maternity Guild, the first Catholic school, even in parishes where it could be done; securing legislation for the day books and free transportation for our Catholic children; all of which would immeasurably help the young mother and father. But...

Youth Progress Drive Tops \$2,000,000 Goal

The drive to raise \$2,000,000 for the Youth Progress Drive is well advanced. The drive is being conducted by the National Council of Catholic Women...

IMMACULATE, Ithaca

Former Ithacan War Prisoner

By BARBARA CLINES
 ITHACA — Mr. and Mrs. Glenn B. Woodruff of Berlin, Calif. former Ithacans, have received the following telegram dated Feb. 7 from their son, Arthur, who has been interned in Koto, Japan, for three years:

"Maintain faith and hope last year of internment, food situation remains unsatisfactory therefore do all possible through Red Cross, send magazines, love to all."

Woodruff was employed in the building of U. S. defenses by the Pomeroy Construction Co. in Guam at the time of his capture in 1942. Since that time his parents have received five messages from him. They have sent as many packages of food and supplies as the Red Cross permitted but Woodruff's messages have implied that he has received none of them up to date.

Mrs. Woodruff is the former Mrs. Florence Conroy of Ithaca. Her husband, Glenn B. Woodruff, was graduated from the College of Civil Engineering of Cornell University in 1936 and was the engineer of design on the San Francisco-Oakland Bridge.

SEVERE NEWS

Second Lieut. John O'Herron, son of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Herron, 212 E. Aurora St., is now stationed in Italy. Lieutenant O'Herron is a navigator on a B-24.

Master Sgt. George King Driscoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Driscoll, of 212 W. Seneca St., is a member of the Signal Corps and attached to the Navy. He is now located in the Philippines and was previously stationed in New Guinea. Sgt. Driscoll has taken part in the invasion of Leyte, Morota, and Lingayen Gulf.

PERSONALS

Announcement has been made of the birth of an infant daughter, Mary Laine, to Mr. and Mrs. James C. Loneragan, 230 N. Aurora St. Mr. Loneragan who recently received an honorable discharge

from the U. S. Army is the son of Mrs. Mary Loneragan, a life long resident of Ithaca.

James and John Clynos, students of Notre Dame University, are spending a short picnic with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Clynos, 20 N. Albany St.

Mrs. Mary A. Clark, 222 E. Main St., has returned to Ithaca after spending several weeks with relatives in New York City.

Miss Margaret Crowley, a student nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Crowley, 400 W. Buffalo St.

Miss Agnes Nolan of the Rhea Nurseries, Home recently spent some time in New York City where she visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Alfred Nolan. The latter, whose



husband is serving overseas with the second force, gave birth to a daughter on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Miss Nancy Morrow has returned to resume studies at Margaret College after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. Morrow, 104 Vesontine Pl.

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What mattered life if wealth were all
 That labor could obtain?
 What mattered dreams (and memories)
 If living were in vain?
 Oh man, there must be something more
 Than merely this domain
 There must be greater lands about
 There must be more than rain.

If grasping fame was happiness
 And winning was the best,
 I'd want to slip from life right now
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