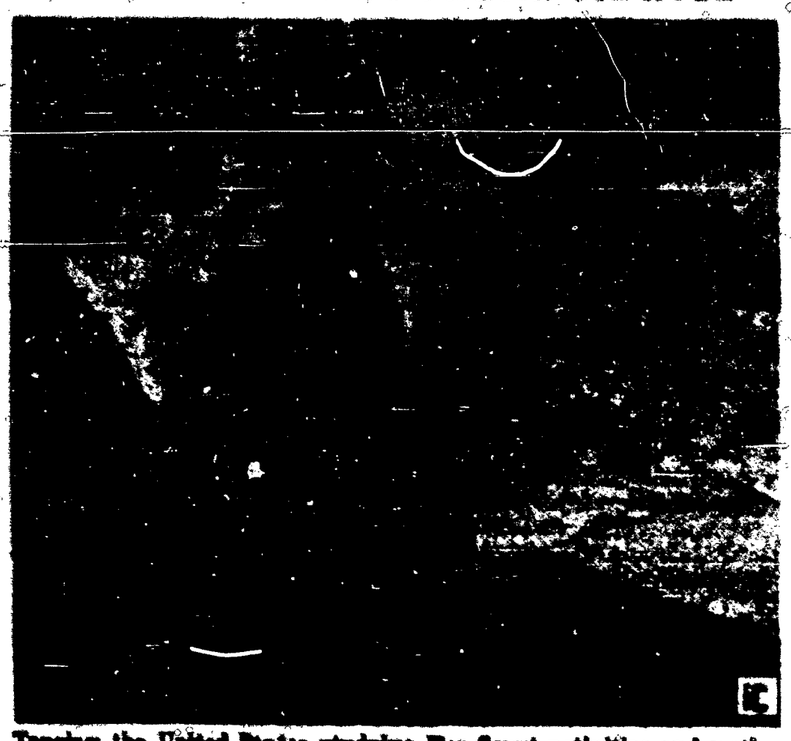
Archbishop Cites Education Flaw

Omaha (NC) — The weakness of American educational systems lies in their lack of a sound philosophy of education, Archbishop James Hugh Ryan of Omaha said in an address at the annual Creighton University Founders' Day dinner here.

Archbishop Ryan, who is Episcopal Chairman of the N.C.W.C. Education Department, advocated an "examination of conscience" by all universities to determine whether or not they are fulfilling what he called the four aims of education to teach men to think effectively; to enable them to communicate their thoughts properly; to give them the facility to make relevant judgments, based on facts; to instruct men how to discriminate among values.

Education in the post-war world should place emphasis on general culture, rather than on mere technical knowledge, Archbishop Ryan declared, adding: "This emphasis on general cultural knowledge, which is the foundation for more specialized training, does not preclude experiment or scientific research."

SCOUT LEADER FROM FRANCE



Touring the United States studying Boy Scout activities and methods are Dr. Charles Cuttat (right), deputy international commissioner of Boy Scouts in France and leader in the Catholic Youth movement there, and his secretary, Rover Scout Roger Rabin, pictured in Kansas City where they visited Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara. (NC Photos)

Speed UNRRA Funds Is Plea to Congress

Washington — (NC) — A recommendation that Congress without further delay appropriate the $1,350,000,000 requested for 1946 so that the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration may continue to carry out its international mandate of mercy by saving war-stricken peoples from death, disease, idleness and despair, has been made by the Post-War World Committee and the Social Welfare Subcommittee of the Catholic Association for International Peace.

The statement declares: "There can be no lasting peace without sound economic and social conditions. It is worse than folly to think that peace can be based on hunger and degradation. The United States emerged from the war relatively untouched — the richest country in the world. An immediate and fundamental obligation to save human life and restore human dignity lies before it."

UNRRA is a new organization, the statement points out, and has made its mistakes, but it also has been thwarted in many of its efforts because of situations over which it has had no control.

"It has done excellent work," the statement holds, "and it is the only body operating all over the world that can cope in any degree with the magnitude of the task. It is our duty as Christians and Americans to help strengthen this organization by full and vigilant cooperation.

The statement points out that more than 30,000,000 persons among the nation's European allies will need shipments of 9,000,000 tons of food this winter if they are to be saved. The people of Greece, Jugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Italy, China and several other nations which have no credit resources will not eat without the help of UNRRA, the statement points out.

In Europe, it continues, 40 percent of the population of Poland are milling back and forth — displaced, homeless and completely destitute.

The war has destroyed means of extracting a living from the land or business by the people of invaded countries, the statement points out, and in realizing the need for implements and raw materials to make a fresh start, UNRRA has sent more than 22,100 head of livestock and 463,414 metric tons of agriculture rehabilitation commodities to war-stricken nations.

"Unless words and plans for peace," the statement concludes, "are implemented by effective action in support of UNRRA's present program and by an adequate method, through UNRRA otherwise, of feeding the starving of ex-enemy nations, the basis for an enduring peace will not be laid in our generation or for a long time to come."

Defend Family Women Told

Boston, Mass. — (NC)—American Catholic women must know Christian family life principles, must understand social and political issues, and must develop a definite program for the building up of family life.

These steps were proposed by the Rev. Charles E. Bermingham, Director of the Youth Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, as prerequisites for converting into practical action the "grand strategy" pointed out by Pope Pius XII to the women "of the city of Rome and of the world." Father Bermingham outlined the program before 300 Sodality members at a dinner meeting here of the Metropolitan County Sodality Union.

"Your talents now and in the future," Father Bermingham warned, "will be limited from the streets, the meeting-halls and from the legislatures and offices of Federal, State and local governments. Your money is not in the deed of all your parish property, but in the pocketbooks of the people. If you want to influence the course of human events, if you want to help build a new world, if you want to help prevent another war, you will have to get busy and legislate in the economic and governmental and social order.

"You are the service of the Catholic Church, and that duty is not limited to the parish. It is the duty of the Catholic Church to be the leaven in the whole lump of society. You are the leaven in the whole lump of society. You are the leaven in the whole lump of society. You are