

Larger Role Urged For Americas at Havana Conference

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Havana—Establishment of a social order "that will guarantee to the inhabitants of the Americas the free development and perfection of their personality, so that our peoples will develop in a way that will be worthy of the Christian principles they profess" was laid down as a guiding principle by the 87 delegates from 21 nations and colonies of this hemisphere at the conclusion of the second Inter-American Catholic Seminar of Social Studies.

'Democracy' Unit Bared By FBI Chief

New York — (NC) — The tremendous responsibility and great opportunity which the Catholic Youth Organization and other thoroughly American groups have in "meeting the crime problem and preserving the American way of life" from the "evils and corruption of American communism" were emphasized by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in an address here.

The occasion was a dinner of the Board of Directors of the Archdiocesan branch of the CYO at which Cardinal-designate Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, presented Mr. Hoover with the organization's Club of Champions medal.

In his address Mr. Hoover said he was grateful that CYO leaders are aware of the threat and on guard against the strategy of the high command of American Communists to infiltrate wherever they can. He said:

"In our country and in our own time, we have seen youth movement arise. It still flourishes. I refer to that high-sounding, idealistic little 'American Youth for Democracy,' which conceals the evils and the corruption of American Communism. This name is but a new one for the former Youth Communist League. It reflects all the sinister purposes of the Communist Party in the United States. It employs the same technique and has the same objective—namely, the conversion of our haven of liberty and freedom of worship as we choose to a Godless, totalitarian State where the adversaries of Democracy can do as they please. Their attacks should be proclaimed from every pulpit and headlined in every newspaper in the land."

Map \$3,000,000 Building Addition at Boys Town

Boys Town, Neb. — (NC) — A \$3,000,000 building expansion program at Father Flanagan's Boys' Home here, to enable the institution to care for 400 boys of high school age and to lower the present 12-year-old entrance requirement so that another unit of 500 boys in all grade school ages can be cared for, has been announced by the institution.

Parish to Mark 45th Year Under One Pastor

With its founder and first pastor, the Rev. Thomas F. Connors, still actively in charge, the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, located on Oxford Street, will complete forty-five years of service to the diocese next November, according to the current parish bulletin.

Previously an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, Father Connors was commissioned by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid to establish the new parish in the year 1901 in a section then sparsely settled with Catholics.

The property at the corner of Monroe Avenue and Rutgers Street was purchased from the contributions of the pioneers and the cornerstone was laid in November, 1901.

The following April the com-

While recognizing that the present organization of the world makes States mutually interdependent, the delegates in their concluding statement warned against the danger of economic imperialism and, in order to prevent its effects, favored "strengthening of the economic power of weak countries" and declared the "intensification of the continental solidarity of the labor movements" to be indispensable.

The delegates endorsed the resolutions on social and economic questions, that were passed at Bretton Woods, Caputec and San Francisco as being "in conformity, in general, with Catholic social teaching."

The Seminar was dedicated to the study of Catholic social action in the Americas as a means of resolving the crisis of our civilization, the concluding statement said, expressing the determination of the delegates "to help the Church in its age-old work of salvation, Christianization and civilization."

"We of this Seminar are Catholics and Americans," the statement said. "We are citizens of the new world. Our new world has been physically and spiritually less damaged by the two wars than has Europe. The Americas must now take on more of the burden that Europe in part evily, in part well, has so long borne."

The appointment of so many Cardinals from the Americas "is a sign of the great responsibility that rests upon the Americas in the generations and centuries yet to come," the statement said.

Recognizing "action for charity" as a necessary complement of social action for justice, the statement urged measures to aid the war victims, in accordance with the wishes of the Holy Father, and recommended establishment in all countries, where they are not yet in existence, of war relief councils.

To further the specific aims of Catholic social action, "a special office of the Church in each country" is a "fundamental" need, the statement said. While the type of office and its work will depend upon local circum-

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Mass Jap Conversions Possible



Los Angeles — (NC) — Another affirmation of the reported great opportunity for the spread of the Catholic Faith in present-day Japan has been given here by the Rev. Joseph Spae, missionary priest who has arrived in the United States after war-time internment at Kyoto. If the Church had sufficient priests and material facilities in Japan there would be mass conversions, the 32-year-old Scheut Father asserted. He cited the respect for the Church, due to war-time charity of the Pope, and the disavowal of the emperor's

War orphans stand "inspection" for Marine Pvt. Louis L. Miller, of Brooklyn, N. Y., as Sister Saint Paul of the Angel Guardian Home in Kumamoto, Japan, smiles for her camera-shy charges. Missions his wooden "clackers." Little Joe in the middle seems more interested in the good Sister than the cameraman. Pvt. Miller, who has almost circled the globe in his travel van "never more impressed" than by his visit to the gayly clad, but sober faced, Japanese children. (Marine Corps Photo-Arme).

Papal Delegate To Japs Remains

Tokyo — (NC) — The status of Archbishop Paolo Marella, Apostolic Delegate to Japan, is undisturbed by the order of Gen. Douglas MacArthur suspending all Japanese diplomatic relations with the Vatican and other states. A spokesman for the U. S. Military Government explained that the suspension order of Japanese diplomatic ties with the Holy See followed a State Department interpretation that the status of the Japanese envoy to the Vatican was the same as that of a Japanese diplomatic representative to any neutral State.

divinity as factors making for a more favorable attitude toward Christianity.

Speaking of the mentality of his captors he said: "The Japanese mind is generally objective. Many converts to Catholicism had already embraced Christianity and eventually found their way to the Catholic Church. In one public high school in Kobe the principal offered facilities and other assistance to Catholic missionaries if they would conduct classes in English and religion at his school. This is typical of the growing demand for the truth in Japan."

Referring to the extraordinary marks of esteem accorded to one American priest, Father Spae declared: "Next to General Douglas MacArthur, Father Patrick J. Byrne at the Maryknoll head-

quarters in Kyoto is the number two American in Japan."

He told how Japanese newspapermen went to Father Byrne after the surrender and asked him for a reassuring statement to bolster the morale of the people, who had started an exodus in fear of possible brutality from occupation forces.

"Father Byrne told them there would be no looting or rapine by the American soldiers," the priest said, and when his statement was borne out his reputation among the natives was further solidified.

The Belgian priest said the Japanese people wondered what they saw in their newspapers the picture of the emperor being received by General MacArthur.

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