National L.C.B.A. Head, Known in Diocese, Resigns

Troy, N. Y. — (NC) — The board of supreme trustees of the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association has accepted the resignation of Miss Kate Mahoney, supreme president for 35 years, and has appointed Miss Bertha McKinley, of Erie, Pa., supreme recorder, to fill the office until the national convention in July, it was announced here. Miss Margaret M. Carroll, of Cleveland, supreme trustee for a number of years, was appointed to succeed Miss McKinley.

Miss Kate Mahoney is widely known in the Rochester diocese. She has been closely associated with Mrs. Anna L. Ryan of Rochester, supreme trustee, and the late Mrs. Cora McFarlin who was also a supreme trustee, and has been here for L. C. B. A. events.

"Miss Mahoney has been a wizard of finance," Mrs. Ryan stated this week pointing out that when the Troy Catholic laywoman leader took over administration of the L.C.B.A., the assets were $1,000,000 and as she relinquished her duties, they have grown to nearly $30,000,000.

The L.C.B.A. convened in Rochester in July 1933 and Miss Mahoney presided and was reelected supreme president. She was also in Rochester on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the branches in the Diocese of Rochester and attended Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Oct. 29, 1939, commemorating the Jubilee.

Prestige of the L.C.B.A. down through the years has been greatly enhanced by Miss Mahoney's leadership, Mrs. Ryan told the COURIER JOURNAL this week. A dinner honoring the retiring national leader was held Thursday at Henry Hudson Hotel in Troy.

KNOW IT?

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1. (a) He mined salt; (b) Requiescant in pace; (c) Bons-Secours Baseline.
2. St. Monica and St. Augustine; St. Therese of the Child Jesus; St. Cecilia, patron of musicians.
3. Sanctuary.
4. When Noah led the animals into the ark before the Deluge.
5. The desert.

Opens Working Girls' Club

Manchester, N. H. — (RNS) — A former USO center owned by Manchester diocese has been converted into a club for working girls of all races and creeds, under the sponsorship of Bishop Matthew F. Brady.

Work Lauded

MISS KATE MAHONEY

Said Rosary on Aircraft Carrier

St. Columbans, Nebr. — Chief Photographer's Mate, Robert E. Sherlock, in a recent article published in the Columban Fathers' magazine, The Far East, tells of a Rosary society that met nightly aboard the great aircraft carrier.

The ship which the Japanese claimed to have sunk on six successive reports, was in the thick of the fighting from the early days of Pearl Harbor. It was once Admiral Halsey's flagship. It saw action at the Marshall Islands, at Wake and Marcus, and culminated its achievements at Okinawa. Its pilots were justly proud of their record: 911 Japanese planes shot down; 71 Japanese vessels sunk.

That the great ship came through all this successfully and victoriously is attributed to the Blessed Mother's protection by the Catholic personnel aboard who gathered each evening to recite the Rosary to the Star of the Sea.

Eire's President Pledges Aid to 'Hungry Neighbors'

Dublin — (NC) — In a Christmas message to his people, President Sean T. O'Kelly of Eire, reminding them that "God has been merciful to us," promised that Eire would help its "hungry and distracted neighbors" as much as possible.

He also asked for prayers that the shaping of destinies of nations and peoples be actuated by justice and charity.

WANTS TROOP NEWS

Washington — (INS) — Senator Edwin C. Johnson (R) of Colorado calls for investigation of army policy, curtailing discharges. "Congress should get on top of this situation. Congress should be told why we are keeping American troops at certain points in the world."

Inside on China Communist War Told by Maryknoller

(CHUNGKING LISTENING POST by Rev. Mark Tennien, M.M., as reviewed by John Gorlie.)

"On posts of the Cross" is the title of the first section of Father Tennien's engrossing two-hundred pages of an easy-to-read autobiography of a Catholic priest in China during the war years. He was a Maryknoll missioner but he writes rarely of his own experiences and those of other black-clad Americans from New York, Vermont, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts defying the Japanese invaders in the interests of the Chinese people and downed American fliers alike.

General Joseph W. Stilwell certainly was right when he said of "Chungking Listening Post": "If you like people who have courage and live only for unselfish service to others, you will enjoy reading Father Tennien's book." You will like Father Feeney who bluffed the Japanese military into permitting him to flee occupied Hongkong merely because he was "an American of Irish extraction." You will smile at the priest who got funds into Japanese-occupied China by changing the American dollars donated at home by Mrs. Murphy first into Chinese national currency, then into Chinese pigs which he personally herded across the lines past Japanese sentries there to sell them for enemy dollars and thus keep the bishop and his native flock alive.

Upon Father Tennien fell the burden of maintaining scattered Maryknoll activities during the war. From Chungking he handled their funds, mastering the complexities of inflation, and, as he confesses, "many deeds were done in the dark of the moon—many schemes were devised to outwit the unsuspecting sons of the emperor," despite the $10,000 which the Japanese army put upon his head.

Father Tennien was not content to sit in Chungking. He roamed from the borders of Tibet, where he gossiped with a Living Buddha, to Lanchow, where he was dined by the Soviet consul and toasted the United Nations instead of Joseph Stalin, to the border of Indo-China and over the "hump" past Mount Everest.

He tells of the bombing and deliberate burning of Catholic missions by the Japanese. And he includes at length the story related to him of the torture and persecution by Soviet agents and their Chinese puppets in Chinese Turkestan of a Scotch Protestant missionary and a German Catholic priest. This section he titles "Betrayal from the North."

In contrast with the splurge of books by Americans damning Chiang Kaishek's Nationalist government and praising China's Communists, Father Tennien writes in opposite vein. Other Americans have described the 10,000-mile trek of the Reds as a glorious episode, but Father Tennien says "the march of destruction and pillage ended in 1936 when Mao Tse-tung, the Communist party leader, and Red General Chu Teh set up a Chinese Soviet Republic in the northern part of Shensi province." He tells further how Chungking's Minister of War, General Ho Ying-chin, showed him "documented proof of how every promise made in 1937 (by the Chinese Reds) had been broken."

On the hotly debated issue of Chinese Nationalists versus the Reds, Father Tennien remarks: "There were those who called Chiang's government dictatorial and reactionary, but observers of long residence, familiar with the intricacies of Chinese resurgence, could see no substitute for the authoritarian Chungking regime."

Surely no one can deny Father Tennien his right to speak so decisively in light of his travels and long years in China devoted to the Christian cause.

New French Cardinal Defends Education

Paris — (RNS) — Speaking in public for the first time since his nomination as a Cardinal, Archbishop Clement Emile Roques of Rennes touched briefly upon the question of church schools in France for which state subsidies were withdrawn last summer.

Stressing freedom of education, he said: "One cannot conceive that freedom of education can be threatened or even simply contested, for it is essential, and if one attacks it, the whole edifice of our liberties starts to fall down. There can be no question of taking from families the right to give their children the education they judge best."

New York — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has designated "Christian Zeal Toward Infidels" as his mission intention for the month of February.

A HANDWRITTEN BIBLE

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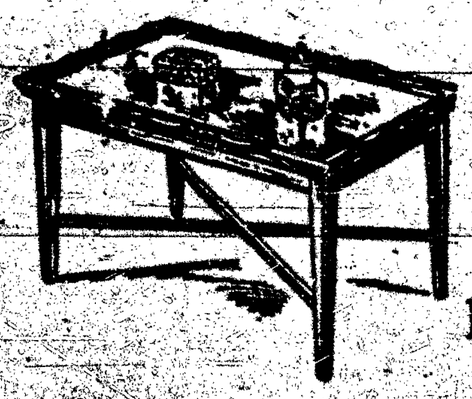

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