Loyola Enrolls 2,711

Chicago — (NC) — Loyola University summer school enrollment climbed 60 per cent over the previous all-time record with a total of 2,711 students registered, school officials have announced.

Sodality of Our Lady

The SSCA Program

By REV. ROY B. MORPHY
Diocesan Director for Sodalities

"A lot of little things make up morale." So the advertising man has urged us in these uncertain days. But those little things must be carefully chosen, for accumulated, they make a few big things. Morale is a matter of self-confidence and confidence in God. It is a firm hope and strong reasons for hope. It is courage in the present day crisis rising out of a conviction that we have a will to do right and that the peace and security we are seeking are worth striving for. It is love of nation and its ideals, not sentimental and emotional, but reasonable and intelligent.

And though in the great program of national and international peace and security the Sodality's Summer Schools of Catholic Action may seem "little things" — what's eight or nine thousand people when we're thinking of the world; what's a tuition fee of ten dollars when we're thinking of budgets and loans running into the hundred billions? — to us the SSCAs are compounded of the important things that make for morale and courage and strength. And the important things, the really vital things that make for spirit in our fight for peace and security are written deep into the heart of this year's program.

The SSCAs are geared to make you and your Sodalists better Americans; they show the relationship of religion to national confidence. They work for the creation of that sincere and Christlike social spirit which must be enkindled now if it is to be the bright flame of peace and opportunity for all nations in the years to come.

Program Said Hopeful

We are more than hopeful this year about the SSCA. We believe that we are serving our nation and the cause of peace and security in presenting them and in asking all who can to attend. We believe that we are offering a program this year that is as modern as the atom bomb itself, but as ancient as the answer of Christ to the needs of today.

There is an answer to the atom as modern as the cross-State super-highway project, as ancient as the human race. Father Daniel Lord, S.J., will lead a discussion of that answer given in one word by Jesus Christ, used by a few men and women with tremendous results, neglected by most of the followers of the Saviour and rejected by the mass of mankind as utterly impractical. Once it was impractical to talk of harnessing the atom. There is no reason why this far greater power cannot be harnessed too.

Although there will be a special course in this and its spirit will permeate the entire SSCA program, yet there will be many other courses covering numerous other subjects and projects.

Training to Pattern

One of the main tasks of your Sodality is the training and formation of a Sodalist according to the Sodality pattern. Father Roger Lyons, S.J., co-organizer of Sodality work with Father Lord, will make in his course on "The Real Sodalist" a study of that pattern. What are the distinguishing traits of a Sodalist of Our Lady? How to make yourself a real Sodalist. Sodality techniques for the formation of its Sodalists. Only a "Real Sodality" can produce a "Real Sodalist." Father Lyons will propose a program for attaining both objectives. Further he will consider the ways and means for putting new life into some of the vital committees of a Sodality. He will describe their importance to the Sodality as an organization and to the Sodalist as an individual. This course will present those things which seek to perpetuate the true spirit of the Sodality.

While it may seem of less importance, Miss Dorothy Willmann's course on the Sodality program for 1946-47 is extremely helpful to Sodality Directors and leaders. This Sodality hour will be devoted to developing this coming year's program with stress placed on the content material and methods of activating it. Miss Willmann, an expert in Sodality organizational methods, will also direct her course to those who are faced with the vital need of presenting the Sodality ideals, methods of organization and spirit to the incoming members of a Sodality. She will present an interesting though comprehensive study of the new "Magna Charta" for Sodalists — the Holy Father's address of 1945.

Marriage Course Offered

There will be a special course for those interested in Cana Conferences. These evening, afternoon, or one day get-togethers of husbands and wives for discussion and meditation on the theory and practice of married happiness are becoming ever more popular and needful. Father Edward Dowling, S.J., in his own inimitable manner will present the history of the movement, the arrangements for a Cana Conference and the topics discussed.

For those who deal with children in elementary schools there will be an excellent course by Father Aloysius Heeg, S.J., showing how to organize and conduct a Sodality in elementary schools. The use of parliamentary law and the secrets of successful publicity in a Sodality will be explained and studied in Father Herbert Walker's always heavily-attended courses. A new approach to the use of the radio in Sodality organization will be offered by Father Leo Wobido, S.J., who will give actual demonstrations in his classes.

There are many more courses which are taught by a host of outstanding Catholic Youth Leaders of the Queen's Staff. All offer an intensive training in Catholic Leadership. Catholics, young and old, Sodalists or not, will find the Summer School of Catholic Action one of the finest experiences of their lives. It will strengthen their faith, deepen their loyalty to the Church, and present them with a program of things to do through their own lives and through the various organizations with which they may be connected.

Press Award

Florence Haskield of Minneapolis, graduate of the College of St. Catherine, who has been awarded the 1946 Catholic Digest $750 scholarship for advance study in journalism at Marquette University, Milwaukee. The award was made for outstanding achievements in Catholic publications work. (NC Photos.)

I Chose Freedom

By Victor Kravchenko

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new enterprise in Stalinsk, Siberia, planned to produce 170,000 tons of steel pipe yearly. Molotov himself had stressed the importance of the Siberian undertaking. To have my name thus linked with an industrial giant singled out for attention by Molotov — and inferentially therefore by Stalin as well—instantly threw a halo of glory around my head. It meant that I had "arrived," that I was in the upper brackets of the economic and political aristocracy. Friends and acquaintances who had shunned me during the difficult purge years suddenly recalled that they knew me.

After four days by train, accompanied by my chief engineer, Gerardov, I reached Stalinsk. For miles around I saw structures in various stages of progress. Already over 150,000 people crowded into a town that had housed perhaps 30,000 a few years earlier. In addition Stalinsk drew heavily on forced labor, some 8,000 slaves being available in nearby concentration colonies.

Conditions for undertaking the pipe-rolling project here were not merely difficult or unfavorable, they were utterly impossible. The factories already in progress were stymied by shortages of wood, cement, brick, fuel. When we saw the site where our factory was to be erected, we were horrified. It was a huge naked stretch of muddy river front a considerable distance from town, without electric or gas lines, without railroad tracks or a trolley line, without so much as a negotiable road. Most serious of all, the terrain was wholly unsuitable for a metallurgical establishment. Gerardov and I looked at one another and shrugged our shoulders in disbelief.

How in the world had so many engineers and commissions approved the site and the plans? Who had hoodwinked the Commissariat and the Central Committee? Who had permitted the outlay of millions of rubles in advance planning for an undertaking clearly doomed to failure?

Tells Moscow

We did not know the answers. But we did know that it would be tantamount to suicide for us to undertake the work. Equipped with photographs, charts and other materials, we returned to Moscow. It was a heartrending task I faced — to unsell the government on a widely ballyhooed enterprise which had the imprimatur of the highest authorities and involved the reputations, perhaps the freedom, of scores of big and little officials whose bureaucratic indifference or technical illiteracy was at the bottom of the inept project.

My report to Merkulov and his staff, including Kozhevnikov, had the force of an earthquake. Everyone stared in stupefaction. All of them, it was evident to me, thought only how to extricate themselves from what might snowball into a political catastrophe. In the end a solution was found: a perfectly typical Soviet solution, one, that is, which saved face for officialdom and concealed the gigantic mistake from wider circles.

At Kemerovo, about 160 miles from Stalinsk, also on the Tom, another important industrial center was under development. At the time the project was planned, this place too had been mentioned as a possible site for this pipe-rolling factory. Galvanized by fear, the bureaucratic machine now went into high gear and soon all the enthusiasm pumped up for Stalinsk was being efficiently diverted to Kemerovo. And thus it transpired, in the confusion which seems inevitable in planning on so large a scale, that my appointment to Stalinsk catapulted me into Kemerovo.

Fortunately Kemerovo proved entirely satisfactory.

Next week: While Europe Fights — Russia is stunned by Hitler-Stalin Pact.

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Work Starts on Church Honoring Navy Chaplain

Dubuque, Iowa — (RNS) — Excavation has begun at Loras Catholic College here for the new Memorial Collegiate Church of Christ the King, a gift from the 30 priests of the archdiocese of Dubuque, in memory of Father Aloysius Schmitt, first Catholic chaplain killed in World War II.

Father Schmitt lost his life at Pearl Harbor. At the time of volunteering in the U. S. Navy as a chaplain, Father Schmitt was an assistant pastor at St. [illegible] Church, Dubuque.

Canadian Missioner Leaves For Peru on 40-Foot Boat

Montreal, Que. — (NC) — The Very Rev. Damase Laberge, O.F.M., Prefect Apostolic of the Mission of St. Joseph for up the Amazon River in Peru, has set sail for his new mission aboard a 40-foot launch recently acquired.

He will attempt to make the entire 7,000-mile trip on the boat. Father Laberge's departure coincided with the first anniversary of the setting up of the Mission of St. Joseph on the Amazon, which was confided to French Canadian members of the Franciscan Order.

Last December an advance guard of Franciscans made for the South American mission aboard a former landing barge acquired from the Canadian Armed Forces. The barge was carried aboard a freighter from New York to Belem, Brazil, and then proceeded to the mission under its own power.

The launch having a speed of 10 knots, has for its destination Iquitos in Peru, 2,500 miles up the Amazon River. Beyond being the only means of transportation from one part of his mission to another, the boat will also serve as Father Laberge's residence. The mission territory comprises the lands of the river's four great tributaries. Its dense tropical forests are without roads, leaving rivers as the only means of communication. Accompanying Father Laberge are two priests, a Brother and a layman.

Cardinal at Requiem Mass

New York — (NC) — Cardinal Spellman presided in Holy Rosary Church at the Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Msgr. Vincent J. Arcese, founder and for 50 years pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Forestburg, New York. Msgr. Arcese died on July 6 after a brief illness. He was 77 years old.

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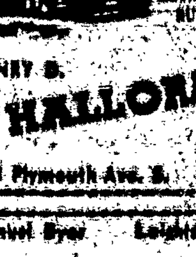

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