

'Dark Ages' Were Bright, Medieval Unit Head Says

CATHOLIC STANDARD — The head of the medieval unit of the University of Toledo, Dr. Charles E. Hartman, has been investigating the period which preceded to find the civilization of that period.

Close the fact that "we just don't know" about the early history of

Europe, he says, because the people

were too engrossed in politics,

Mr. Hartman, however, claims, at least from his historical point of view, that Christians were the ones who believed that "We are destined to be great."

He adds: "We are prepared to make and mighty efforts to pre-

serve X and to pass it on to our posterity."

Father Cuddy explained that the work of the Institute will be primarily research, but the library of medieval sources is all the support. An important "source of history," he added, has come in the form of the "Medieval Manuscript" of the "Book of Hours" of the Archdiocese of New York, which was recently purchased by the Archdiocese of New York.

The high school senior's winning entry was on "America's Foreign Policy as Set Forth in Washington's Farewell Address and in the Monroe Doctrine."

"Yes," he added, "there were no signs to warn the world of Christians' existence, so we must depend on ourselves and separation among the nations who were overthrown. These were the conditions which gave the foundation of States and

Toronto School Denied

Witnesses for Meeting

TORONTO — By a vote of 15 to 8 the Toronto Board of Education has refused to admit witnesses to its meeting of the Knights of Columbus.

Recalling that the United States was one of the signatories of the Crimmins Conference where it was promised to have "free and unfettered elections," in Poland, the resolution calls on "the President and the Congress of the United States to live up to the pledges made to Poland that no government be recognized that does not fully carry out the injunction made at the Crimmins Conference."

In addition
to church and
military bases

As 37 St. Paul Students Closed Retreat



These St. Paulson College students, mostly just out of service, made a closed retreat over the Feb. 1-2 weekend at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva. In first row are Mr. P. Ralph Borch, the Rev. Paul J. Cuddy, Sampson Chaplain; Rev. Augustine Aylward, CSSR.; Retreat Master; Rev. Thomas Tobin, CSSR., Retreat Assistant and Mr. Edward Mullen, cheerleader. Dioceses are: 2nd row, Richard Siedewald (third from left); 3rd row, Harold Crowley, Matthew Brasted; 5th row, Walter Argus, fourth from left; 7th row, Robert Fisher, Norman Ladd, Edward Belkirk, third, fourth and fifth; 8th row, Joseph Alarie and Donald Corrigan, (seventh and eighth).

37 Sampson Students Make Closed Retreat

SAMPSON — With nine Rochester students among 37 participating, the first Closed Retreat for Sampson College of the Associated Colleges of Upper New York was held at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House in Geneva.

Conducting the Sampson retreat were the Rev. Augustine Aylward, CSSR., and the Rev. Thomas Tobin, CSSR. Arranging this spiritual exercise for Sampson students, mostly ex-service, was the Rev. Paul J. Cuddy, Catholic Student Pastor at Sampson, a priest of Rochester.

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The exercises were conducted at the diocesan retreat house on Seneca Lake operated by the Redemptorist Fathers under the patronage of His Excellency Bishop Kenney.

Of the 37 who made the Retreat, 34 were ex-service men with only one having attended a closed retreat previously. None of the others were familiar with the Retreat Movement.

Students from Rochester diocese at the retreat and their parishes were Rochester, Richard Siedewald, St. Andrew; Harold Crowley, Blessed Sacrament; Robert Fisher, Norman Ladd, Edward Belkirk, Joseph Alarie, all of St. Monica's; Ovid Waller Argus, Holy Cross; and Miss Donald Corrigan, St. Joseph's.

Edward S. Mullen, faculty member at Sampson and spokesman for the retreatants expressed these sentiments: "To withdraw from routine work and to live for a while in a religious atmosphere gave us perspective which would be difficult to get elsewhere. The silence, the meditation and the prayers in common brought a wonderful tranquility and peace of mind. We hope other students and faculty members will have the experience which we had."

Change Seen in Greek Attitude Toward Church

BROOKLYN — (NC) — Papal relief for the transaktion of Greece and the wartime and postwar social work of Greeks of the Roman Catholic faith of the Greek elite has changed the attitude of predominantly Orthodox Greeks toward the Catholic minority, according to word received here from a former British editor now living in Athens.

The editor, Alan Betta Holtz, who was with the Niche Standard, reports that the old habit of considering Roman Catholics as aliens, even though they were born and reared in Greece, has given way to a new and widespread feeling of good will.

Latin American Countries Honor Archbishops

BOGOTÁ, Colombia — (NC) — The national government of Colombia in a special decree paid honor to the Prelate of Colombia, the Most Rev. Msgr. Isidro Pardo, Archbishop of Bogotá and Auxiliary to the Patriarchal Throne, on the occasion of his golden jubilee.

Other Latin American countries have paid honor to the Most Rev. Msgr. Carlos Caro, Bishop of Tarija, Archbishop of Quito, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination. By the National Constituent Assembly: Dr. María Valasco Iberri, President of the Republic, and the Mayor of Quito.

Vienna Boys' Choir Touring Europe

Vienna — (NC) — Twenty-two young Vienna, members of Vienna's famous Boys' Choir, are now on tour of European countries as Austria's unofficial ambassadors of good will. Their itinerary covers the British occupation zone of Germany, Portugal, Great Britain, and Sweden. Recently recognized by Father Schmidt, 60-year-old Roman Catholic priest, the Boys' Choir comprises two perfect groups of 22 singers each. Before it was taken over by a Nazi "music exerciser" seven years ago, the choir made a world tour, which included the United States, and established an international reputation for its fine singing.

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