

Bishop's Mass To Open Nazareth College May Day

In accordance with tradition, students of Nazareth College will present their annual May Day festivities on the East Avenue Campus on Wednesday, May 14. At 8 a. m.

The Reverend Bishop Kearney will celebrate High Mass and will officiate at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament following the student procession to the religious exercises on the campus. Attendance will begin at 8 a. m. with the coronation of the May Queen. The queen, a member of the present senior class, is elected at a secret student ballot on the basis of her Catholic personality and her contributions to the general good of the school.

Following this, the students will present a May Day pageant and at 10 a. m. the May Day luncheon will be held on Thursday, with the seniors taking their final exams. The sophomore class, while the freshmen will enter their big letters, the Junior class.

Honorary chairman will be Mary Margaret Mellick, resident president, while the spiritual

chairman is Anne Brennan, president of the Sodality. Assisting Bishop Kearney, general chairman, are the following committee heads: Ray, Robert; program, Catherine Clark; decorations, Virginia Foy; music, Miss Dittell; refreshments, Ann Daley; property, Peggy Walsh; refreshments, Jean Clark; programs, Jean Reinhardt; invitations, Virginia Foy; flowers, Katherine Fox; processions, Hildegard Heinrich; May Pole Dance, Nancy Rigg; attendants, Mary Ellen Treacott; finances, Miss Hendin, and the chairman, class, cleanup.

GERMAN LIFE 'FRIGHTFUL'

London (NC) — Bishop Edward Kelly of Nottingham, who last October visited western Germany with a party of British clergymen, told a Nottingham meeting that the conditions he saw were "frightful" and that the Germans seemed like "advanced sufferers."

"It was there in October and things were frightful," the bishop said. "What they must have been this winter God alone knows. I fall to see why there has not been a catastrophe."

The bishop, who is an expert on European affairs and Catholic representative on Winston Churchill's United Europe Committee, said he learned that the amount of calories the Germans were then receiving was about sufficient to keep a man alive in bed. After then the Catholics were being reduced to less than half the amount of calories the Germans had been living on 800 calories.

"It is a description of what that means," he added. "When I used to give Holy Communion in German churches it was like giving Holy Communion in a starvation for advanced TB. How the people got to church at all, I cannot say. Women came with their hair and yellow faces. How they stayed at the altar, I cannot say. I have been unable to imagine."

Euthanasia Pamphlet By Noted Doctor Out

"Can We Kill Them Secretly?" by Clement S. Mitchell, Ph.D., associate professor of Sociology and executive secretary of the Sociology Department, St. Louis University, published by the Queen's Work is a 32-page pamphlet which, in the form of a fictional court trial of a father charged with the mercy killing of his defective son, points out the immorality of euthanasia, as well as the impeding of scientific progress which the killing of currently considered "incapable" patients would effect, as well as the loss of confidence in physicians on the part of patients which the practice of mercy killing would engender and the encouragement of savage practices which the mercy-killing philosophy would promote, as was seen in Nazi Germany.

In addition to examples of the nationalization of the right over life and death in Nazi Germany, the author points out analogous practices in more remote history in the following statement: "There are two interesting examples from history that will further illustrate my point. The first one occurred during the French revolution, when all that was needed to eliminate an enemy was the cry 'I accuse' — and the enemy ended on the guillotine. The second example is from early American history when we unjustly accused of witchcraft innocent though innocent and innocent persons and burned them at the stake. It can happen here and now to any of us if mercy killing is permitted."

Bar Becomes Chapel For Use of Indians

Gallup, N. M., (NC) — Bishop Bernard J. Epelago, O. F. M., of Gallup officiated at a Sobriety Pontifical Mass and blessed the new chapel and Catholic center for Indians here. Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne of Santa Fe presided.

The center, which has been the dream of Bishop Epelago for several years, will provide supervised recreational facilities and lodging for transient Indians. The building was formerly a hotel. Its barroom has been converted into a chapel dedicated to Valerian.

Home for Aged Placed

Baltimore (NC) — Receipt by Archbishop Michael J. Curran, of Baltimore and of Washington, of a gift of property for the erection of a Catholic Home for the Aged has been announced by Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence J. Sheehan, of Baltimore and workers of the Archdiocesan Campaign of the Archdiocese. Contrarily to the late Father Charles C. Coleman, member of St. Philip and James parish, donated the property to the Archdiocese, and has also pledged \$10,000 in cash towards the erection of the new home.

At Congress of Catholic College Students



Delegates to the 4th National Congress of the National Federation of Catholic College Students met in Toledo where they heard addresses by their honorary chairman, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, and Bishop Karl J. Alter, of Toledo, host and honorary vice-chairman. Pictured on that occasion, left to right are: Archbishop Cushing, Father O'Meara, University of Notre Dame, retiring president; Robert Shea, St. Bonaventure's College, N. Y.; Suzanne Quinn, Immaculate College, Pa.; and Bishop Alter. (No Photo)

2 WIN BISHOP MEDALS IN SPEECH TEST

Mary Kay Donovan, Nazareth Academy senior, and Daniel Torrey, a senior at St. Andrew's Seminary, shared honors in the finals of the Bishop's Public Speaking Contest Sunday night at Aquinas Institute.

Both emerged winners over a field of contestants from Rochester, Geneva and Elmira. Miss Donovan not only won the medal award and a \$25 savings bond given both winners but also permanent possession of the contest plaque, her school having produced a winner for three successive years.

The young lady's topic was "Pope Plus XII—Keeper of the Light." Torrey spoke on "Archbishop Stepinac—A Modern Martyr."

Competing with them were Edward Constable of DeSales High School, Geneva; Marianne Costello, Our Lady of Mercy High School, Geneva; and Joan Cunningham, Elmira Catholic High School, Elmira.

Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., made the presentation of awards in the absence of Bishop Kearney. Rev. Dr. Charles J. Maloney presided at the contest.

PUBLIC SPEAKING REWARDED



From Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., winners in the Bishop's Public Speaking Contest receive the Bishop's medal. They are Mary Kay Donovan, Nazareth Academy and Daniel Torrey, St. Andrew's Seminary. Contest was sponsored by Catholic Education Office and Catholic Courier Journal.

Japan Church Severs Tie With Moscow Leadership

Tokyo (RNS) — The Russian Orthodox Church in Japan has decided to sever relations with the Moscow Patriarchate and to place itself under the jurisdiction of the Russian Orthodox Church in America. Riju Manabe, general secretary, declared in an interview at the Nicolai Cathedral here.

Manabe described the decision to affiliate with the American Church "an epoch making event in the history of our Church which from its beginning in 1881 until the revolution in Russia has been under the control of bishops sent by Moscow." He said that since the end of the war, the Moscow Patriarchate had demanded time and again through Soviet officials in Japan "that we invite a bishop of the Soviet Church to serve as Bishop of Japan."

"However, we rejected the proposals," Manabe declared. "We believe there can be no freedom of belief in such a Communist and materialistic state as the Soviet Union. The so-called freedom of religion in the Soviet Union, if any, is simply an instrument of the Communist government."

According to official figures, the Japan Orthodox Church has 166 churches, 30 priests, and 13,990 resident members. Ten large and eight small churches suffered damage during the war.

Two chaplains decorated Ottawa (NC) — At an investiture held in Government House here, two Catholic chaplains received decorations for their services overseas from Lord Alexander of Tunis, Governor of Canada. They are the Rev. Robert L. Leach, C.B.E., of Toronto and formerly of St. Thomas School at Houston, Texas, who was the Military Cross for valor under fire, and the Rev. C. E. Bauckey, chief Catholic Chaplain at Army Headquarters in Ottawa, who received Membership of the British Empire Order.

The ceremony took place in the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul here. His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia and uncle of the new Bishop, was consecrator.

Don't Use Sledgehammer Against Labor, Wagner Says

Chicago (NC) — Liberty and social justice cannot exist without each other, Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, declared in accepting the fourth Pope Leo XIII Award of the Social School of Social Studies at the annual dinner of the faculty here. Senator Wagner warned that those who are trying to enact legislation that will take away many of labor's gains under the guise of correcting inequities are "swinging a sledgehammer" instead of wielding a scalpel as they claim.

"Decapitation," he declared, "is not an approved remedy for a headache."

In his citation read by John Vanecko, secretary-treasurer of the United Transport Service Employees of America, which accompanied the presentation, Senator Wagner was praised for treating social progress in the light of the Encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII. His career was reviewed from the time he sponsored a code of laws to protect the rights and lives of working people after the disastrous Triangle Fire in 1911 (where 145 died in a shirtwaist factory fire in New York City) to the Labor Relations Act, the "Magna Carta of Labor," the National Indus-

trial Relations Act, and the Social Security Act. His work for legislation to protect the rights of minority groups, including a Federal anti-lynching bill, the abolition of the poll tax, and the establishment of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission also was cited.

Cause for Hope

In his response, Senator Wagner, a convert to the Catholic Faith, declared that in the face of materialistic forces, the hope of regeneration for the world was "to turn to the guidance of God and to His eternal principles of human conduct which the Catholic Church has ever propagated and asserted."

He said he finds cause for hope in the far-reaching legislation that has been passed in this country.

Quoting the Encyclical on "The Condition of Labor," he said that Pope Leo XIII recognized the right of the working people to organize for their own protection, the right to a living wage and the right to strike.

"His was the larger vision," Senator Wagner said, "that wise legislation be framed to remove the cause of conflict between employer and employee so that strikes would not arise. Many of the social objectives envisaged by Leo XIII have been achieved."

But there is no warrant for smug contentment.

"We see many of our social gains threatened. Selfish forces have seized upon this time of confusion to increase their power and wealth at the expense of the laborer. Under the guise of correcting inequities in the present law, they strike at the very heart of the protections against social and economic injustice that have been so laboriously created over the years."

Guam's 1st Postwar Church Dedicated

Barrigada, Guam (NC) — The first of the 24 postwar permanent Catholic Churches to be rebuilt in the Vicariate Apostolic of the Marianas was dedicated here by Bishop Apollinaris W. Baumgartner, O.F.M., Cap. Vicar Apostolic of the Marianas, with a Pontifical Mass.

The Church was that of St. Vincent Ferrer where the work of restoration from war damage is nearing completion. During the war, all but four of the Catholic churches in the Vicariate suffered extensive damage. Natives have been helping the missionaries in the work of rebuilding and restoration.

In addition to military personnel stationed on Guam, many missionaries and Sisters in the Vicariate attended the ceremonies. Three Sisters of Mary from Berlin were present with 10 postulants.

Priest Volunteers For Lepros Colony

Townsville, Australia (NC, Fides) — The Rev. A. B. Forster, who has been engaged in parish work in Railway Estate, Queensland, has been accepted as chaplain for work among the lepers of Fantome Island. He volunteered for the duty. Bishop Hugh E. Ryan of Townsville has announced.

Previous to his work in Australia, Father Forster has been engaged in missionary work in Palestine. The apparatus of Fantome Island is conducted by the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, but has been without a resident chaplain for some time.

Cardinal Dougherty Consecrates Nephew

Philadelphia (NC) — While America has never before enjoyed "a greater abundance of material and temporal things" its people are "starving because they have been tricked into forgetting that we are not only matter but also and primarily spirit," Bishop George L. Leach of Harrisburg declared in his sermon at the consecration of Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, Auxiliary of Philadelphia.

The ceremony took place in the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul here. His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia and uncle of the new Bishop, was consecrator.

No Medicine, Little Food, Plenty of Misery for DP's

(Written for N. C. W. C. News Service)

Stuttgart, Germany — How would you like to be chief surgeon at a hospital so badly equipped that you had to run out and borrow the surgical instruments each time you operated? Or patronize the corner drug store for medical supplies for your patients — and then with your own money? How would you like to have your patients complain: "Doctor, I'm hungry," and be able to give them no other reply than: "I'm sorry, so am I?"

This is the situation confronting the doctors in charge of four tuberculosis hospitals for DP's near Stuttgart in the U. S. Zone of Germany. The hospitals are staffed by DP doctors and Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. The institutions receive their totally inadequate supplies of food, medicine and linen through UNRRA.

At Bielefeld, the hospital for women, I was shown around by a DP who was once a prominent surgeon in his native Poland. About half his patients are Poles; the remainder are Ukrainians, Balts and Jews. The majority are Catholics. They are all DP's — bona-fide Army-screened, and all victims of Nazi persecution.

An Open Case

The doctor and I visited some of the wards. One pretty blond girl, 22 who looked like a child, was an "open" case. On her arm was tattooed a number, received at a concentration camp at Auschwitz. Her offense had been a minor infraction of the laws regarding the sale of food. Her sister, too, had been imprisoned at the camp and had died of the treatment she had received. Hilda, our 22 year old, had merely contracted tuberculosis.

Her wasted little chest showed the big scar left by the first part of the operation to collapse her lung. Every time the doctor performs an operation of this kind he must borrow the instruments from a nearby German hospital.

The doctor spoke to his patient cheerfully in Polish, but in English he confided to me that she was too weak for the second part of the operation. "I tell her, 'I'm waiting for her to gain strength before I go ahead,' he said. "But all she can do is continue to fall on this diet."

Week's Ration Exhausted

The ill and undernourished looking Sister in charge remarked: "I just don't know what to give them for supper. I've run out of our week's ration from UNRRA." She showed us the list of what had been received for 4 patients — a few pounds of skimmed powdered milk, a little fat and sugar and fruit juices, some flour, a minimum of chocolate and some orzo coffee.

The only medicines they had received that week from UNRRA was 400 vitamin pills — about four for each patient. "If only

Members of the cast include Ann Vogt, who appeared in the Community Players recent production "Dear Ruth," as Pam. Mary Kelly, as Mrs. Murphy, the landlady, and Janet Reiss, as Gloria. Pam's boarding house pals will be played by Maureen McQuillan, Monica Hurley, Mickey Miller, Mary K. O'Sullivan, Lois Deffen, and Norma DePrez.

The male parts in the play will be taken by Robert Hiltchcock, Horvitz Shapelt, Howard Henri, Don Ginegany, Jerry Dennis, and Charles Kiek, most of whom have been active in amateur theatricals.

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