

Queen Rites Draw 100 To St. James Mercy Hospital

Traditional crownings of the May Queen were held at St. James Mercy Hospital, Sunday afternoon, May 26, on the hospital lawn. More than 100 persons attended the ceremony.

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Speakers Heard at Lay Fraternity Dinner



Speaking assembly days at St. Andrew's, these speakers addressed members of the St. Andrew's Lay Fraternity at the group's first Annual Dinner in Sheraton Hotel, Monday Night. His Excellency, Bishop Kohnen, and the Rev. Dr. Bernard Connel, (center), in guest talks were supplemented by Very Rev. Edward St. Lyons, rector, and John T. Rothman, fraternity president (standing).

Reds Hampering Religion In Reich, Spy on Sermons

Berlin—(AP)—Evidence of anti-religious activities inside the German-occupied zone of Germany, which involves the checking of sermons for their "democratic" (Prussian version) content, and the disappearance of many Catholic students, has been disclosed here.

The text of a confidential letter issued by the Socialist Unity Party of Magdeburg to a selected membership was printed in "Peoples Voice," diocesan organ here. The letter appeals to members to "visit churches and find out whether the sermons delivered are of a purely religious character and likely to promote the democratic reconstruction of the nation."

Russian supervision of the Potsdam broadcasting station resulted in the banning of three religious broadcasts, the Catholic and one Protestant, because the subject matter had not met with the approval of the censor. It is noteworthy that no censorship is applied to religious broadcasts in the U. S. zone.

Recent arrests of students in the Russian zone, most of whom are Catholics, also have been disclosed. In Berlin alone, six students, all of them members of Catholic youth organizations, have disappeared. One of them was Manfred Klein, formerly the leader of the diocesan youth group. Last fall a number of Catholic youth leaders were arrested in Dresden and Leipzig. They have not been heard from since.

At Jena, the local authorities have opened in Ernst Thälmann Square with the approval of the Soviet military administration. Haeckel, a member of the faculty of the influential University of Jena, in the last century, was one of the most articulate protagonists of "scientific atheism," based on a misconception of Darwin's writings but fully in line with Marxism.

Bias Charged Against Latins

Washington (AP)—Discrimination against the 10,000,000 Latin Americans in the United States has its roots in economic and racial prejudice, a Catholic priest told the President's Committee on Civil Rights here in a statement.

He said that the committee's "all in its power to bring about a law which would eliminate racial employment practices."

Other recommendations made by the Rev. John J. Brien, of San Antonio, executive secretary of the National Committee for the Spanish Speaking, were: the establishment of a minimum wage of at least 60 cents per hour for unskilled agricultural laborers; clarification of federal laws covering violations of civil rights; more federal housing projects for Spanish speaking persons; and a federal socio-economic survey of the states in which the Spanish speaking are concentrated.

The Rev. R. A. McGowan, director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, outlined the social and economic work of the Catholic Church in the field of race relations in the United States, and submitted several documents to the members of the panel on activities of the Social Action Department in the international field.

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Peter P. Barneski of 258 W. Hudson St., Friday, May 23, 1947. Survived by wife, Mrs. Evelyn Barneski; son, Donald at home; sisters, Anna, Thelma of Morris Run, Pa.; Mrs. Bernard Kephart of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. John Brolesky, Mrs. Michael Baker, Mrs. Paul Affeldt, Mrs. Chester Kouski, Mrs. Walter Price, all of Elmira; brothers, John and Stanley Barneski, both of Morris Run, Pa.; Ambrose Barneski of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Joseph Barneski of Elmira; several nieces and nephews. Body was at the Charles F. Hughes & Son Funeral Home and removed to the home of sister, Mrs. Baker, 218 Bloomer Ave., where funeral was held Monday at 8:15 a. m., and at St. Mary's Church, SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

Priest Address Hornell Class

Hornell—First Holy Communion was received by about 70 children Sunday, May 23, at the 8:30 a. m. Mass at St. Ann's Church. The Sacrament was distributed by the Rev. Andrew T. Dissert, pastor, who celebrated the Mass assisted by the Rev. Joseph G. Gelfell, instructor of the First Communion Class.

Dressed in traditional white, the girls wearing dress-length veils, the communicants approached the altar rail two by two. They received the Blessed Sacrament kneeling at a white bench surmounted by an arch adorned with white sweet peas and green fern. The altar was decorated with large vases of white snapdragons interspersed with red carnations. The red was used to symbolize the Holy Spirit, since Sunday was the Feast of Pentecost.

During Mass Father Gelfell addressed the First Communicants reminding them of the close bond with God which reception of Holy Eucharist brings. At the close of Mass Father Dissert explained the importance of the Blessed Sacrament, adding that success in life might be measured by the number of times each member of the class received Holy Communion. He appealed to members to have a constant devotion to the Mother of God, always remembering to say three Hail Mary's daily. The first three Hail Mary's since their reception of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Dissert said with the class.

Toward the close of Mass the First Communion class recited in unison a prayer of consecration and dedication which Father Gelfell had taught them. Pupils of St. Ann's School who attended the Mass sang "O Lord I Am Not Worthy" while the class received the Holy Eucharist. Each member of the class was presented with a Holy Communion certificate.

N. D. Hears Card. Tisserant

Notre Dame, Ind.—(AP)—The influence of the Vatican in promoting cultural relations between Eastern and Western Europe, was pointed out by His Eminence Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church, in an address to the students and faculty members of the University of Notre Dame.

The Cardinal discussed at length how the Pope continued for several centuries, from 1054 to 1582, to keep their attention fixed on the Eastern part of the Roman empire even after dissent had developed in the Byzantine clergy, and how the Pope helped by their policy to bring about a new merging of Greek with Latin culture, which, he said, gave birth to the Renaissance.

His Eminence was introduced by the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, extended a three-fold welcome on C.S.C. university president, who behalf of the university. As a Catholic institution, he said, the university welcomed a prince of the church as a university. It greeted "a fellow teacher and scholar" and as a patriotic institution it saluted "a member of the Legion of Honor" and a French veteran of World War I who was "deemed worthy of the Cross de Guerre."

Family Grotty, (left) — The outstanding development in social security in Canada during the war years was the introduction of family allowances, Paul Martin, Federal Minister of National Health and Welfare, declared at the annual dinner of the Canadian Welfare Council here.

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