

## Catholic Vets Hear Call To Oppose Reds

By EDWARD W. ESSE  
Under the leadership of County Commander DeWalt Feller, the Monroe County delegation of Catholic War Veterans attended the CWV national convention at Cleveland which began last Friday.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Military Vicar of the Armed Forces and Archbishop of New York, flew to Cleveland from Ottawa, Canada, to open the convention. The cardinal's invocation was a prayer for peace in which he viewed gathering war clouds and implored Christ to save mankind.

Cardinal Spellman complimented the CWV on its growth and zeal. He pointed out that every Catholic war veteran should be long to the CWV.

**Patterson Speaks**  
Sharing the rostrum with the cardinal, was Richard C. Patterson, consultant ambassador at the State Department in Washington and former ambassador to Yugoslavia. In a speech which Patterson insisted was off the record, the former envoy described some of his experiences with Marshal Tito, the marshal's subservience to Russian political philosophy and of his conclusion that propaganda is built upon "deceit, disloyalty and trickery."

**Urges Communism Fight**  
Patterson said that "Everybody no matter what his religion or nationality, should join in this fight against Communism."

He paid tribute to the Catholic church "as the strongest bulwark against Communism." He himself is a Methodist. "What we need in America is a voluntary eruption of public opinion which will back us in a fight against this menace of Communism. And I am inclined to believe it is going to be sooner than you think."

**Sorenson Elected**  
Highlighting the convention was the reelection of Max H. Sorenson as national commander. He defeated Frank J. Manley, past commander of New York State.

Among the resolutions passed was one urging the admission of 100,000 displaced persons a year for four years. Another resolution urged that the United States sever all relations with Yugoslavia until Archbishop Stepinac is given freedom by the Tito government.

The final day of the convention which brought to this city some 5,000 delegates from various parts of the country, was begun by a Solemn Pontifical Mass offered in St. John's Cathedral chapel by Bishop Edward F. Hoban of Cleveland. During the Mass Bishop Hoban read a letter from His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, bestowing the Papal blessing on officers and members of the CWV and their families.

The sermon was given by the Rev. Charles J. Blake, of Erie, Pa., who, it was announced during the convention, has been granted permission by Bishop John Mark Gannon of Erie to serve as full-time national chaplain of the CWV free from parish duties and provided with a home in Erie.

## Honored



MISS LINNA E. BRESSETTE

## Miss Bresette Gets Papal Medal

Washington (NC) — The papal medal "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice," awarded by His Holiness Pope Pius XII to Miss Linna E. Bresette, field secretary of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, was presented to her at a reception at the National Catholic School of Social Service here.

The Rev. R. A. McSwain, director of the Social Action Department, presiding at the presentation, paid tribute to the courage and efficiency with which Miss Bresette had labored for nearly a quarter century to spread Catholic social teaching.

Madame Perkins lauded the integrity and intelligence with which Miss Bresette carried on her work and stated that she displayed a "faithfulness beyond the line of duty." Senator McGrath declared that few lay people had taken to heart as much as Miss Bresette the requests of the recent Popes that the Catholic laity take an active part in the social reconstruction of the world.

Miss Bresette was in Rochester this spring to direct the diocesan sessions of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems.

## Archbishop Scores Methodist Action

Omaha, Neb. — (RNS) — The action of the Nebraska Methodist conference in opposing the use of public tax funds for parochial schools was scored by the Most Rev. James H. Ryan, Catholic archbishop of Omaha.

The Catholic prelate said that the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the New Jersey case is consistent both with American history and law. No aid from the state goes directly or indirectly to public schools but is given to the parents of children attending private schools.

## Match Protest Unanswered

New York — (NC) — The Catholic War Veterans are still awaiting an answer to a protest wired by Max H. Sorenson, national commander, to Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, against the civilian distribution of book matches which advise the use of prophylactics as a preventative against venereal disease.

The matches, which are surplus property, were distributed extensively to the services during the war. In his protest, Mr. Sorenson termed the match books "an insult to the American public and a direct affront to our ladies and youth."

## 3 New Saints Proclaimed At Rome Event

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has proclaimed three new saints of the church: Joao de Brito, a Portuguese martyr, who died in India in 1683; Father Giuseppe Cafasso who died in Turin in 1860; and Bernardino Realino, Italian Jesuit who died in 1618.

Tens of thousands, including several thousand pilgrims from Portugal and the Portuguese possessions in Africa and India will witness the colorful ceremonies in St. Peter's Basilica.

Among the pilgrims were hundreds of natives from the Portuguese possessions in Africa and Asia, who had come to Rome to gather with Pedro IV, King of the Congo, who occupied a special seat in the tribune of the apostle of St. Peter's. As a gift for the Holy Father, King Pedro had brought with him two elephant tusks, which he will present in a special audience.

King Pedro, who traces his family back to the Pharaohs of Egypt, gave expression to his great joy in being the first of his family to see the Holy Father face to face.

**Helped Untouchables**  
Joao de Brito was born of a noble family in Portugal. As a youth he served as page at the court. At the age of 15 he entered the Jesuit novitiate and after his ordination went to India as a missionary.

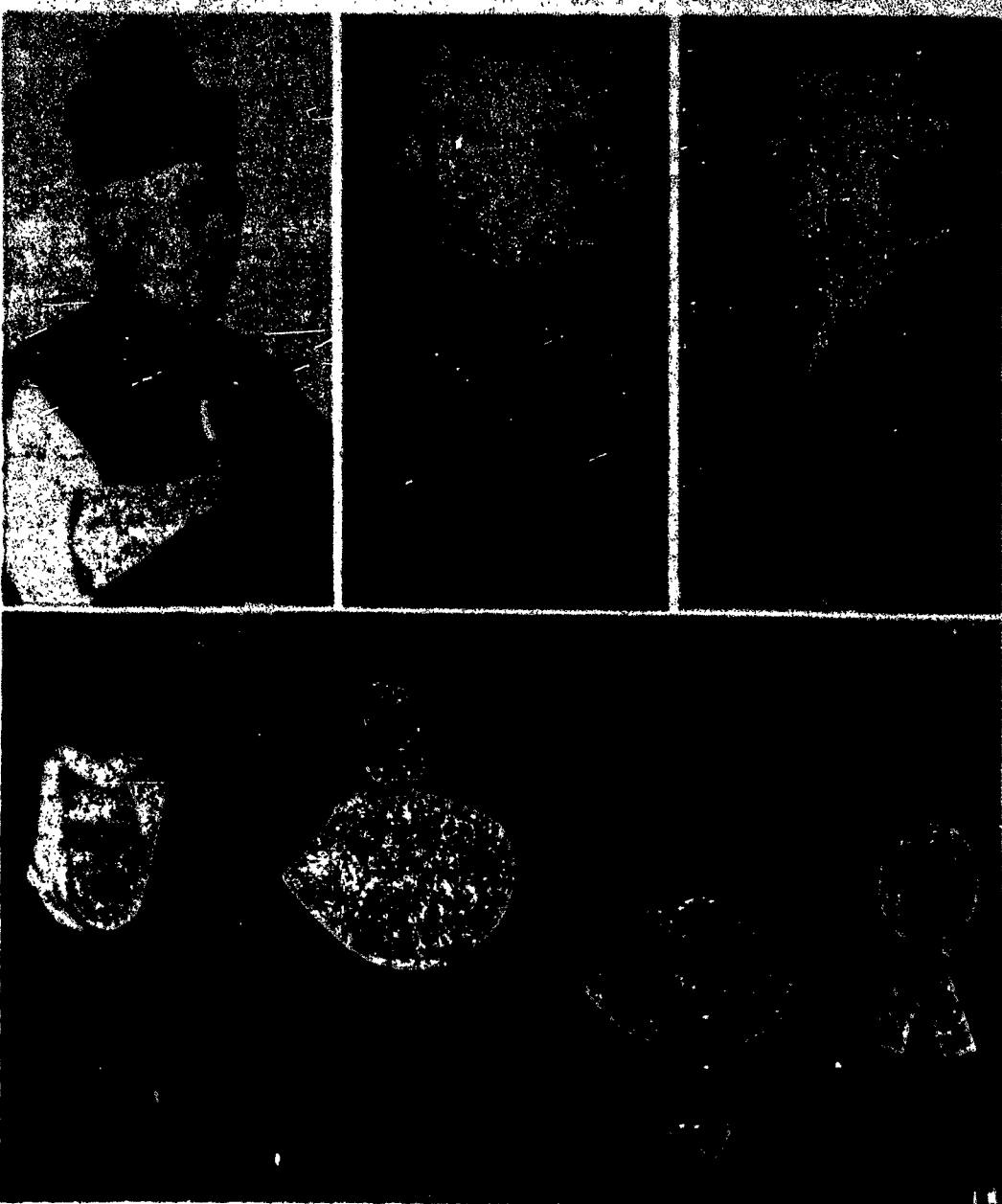
Because of the caste system, he became a regards clothes, food and habits, a member of the Indian paria caste. He worked among the untouchables with tremendous results in baptisms and conversions, thus bringing about a rebirth of Christian life in India. The Portuguese king tried in vain to prevent Father de Brito from coming to India, not only the first time but also the second time when the saint returned to Portugal after some years to care for missionary affairs. His asceticism gave him an open entrance to the highest castes as well as to the untouchables. In 1683, after the most horrible tortures, he died a martyr's death.

Father Cafasso was born in 1811 at Castelnuovo d'Ascoli, birthplace of Don Bosco, who studied in the seminary at Turin under Father Cafasso. Early in life he showed signs of sanctity, so that he was called by his companions "santino," but by others, less favorably inclined, "Cafasso" (Cafasso) and was tormented because he had a raised right shoulder which gave him a somewhat hunched appearance.

Ordained in 1833, he spent his whole priestly life in Turin's "Convitto Ecclesiastico" for the perfection of young priests first as a subject then as an assistant and finally from 1848 to his death in 1860 as head of the institution.

He won fame in fighting Janicism, bringing back the principles of St. Alphonsus and restoring the personal sanctification of the clergy. He was generous to the poor and zealous in the care of souls.

## Delegates From 775 Catholic Hospitals



Among the participants in the 22nd annual convention of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada, held in Boston, last week, were left to right, upper photo: Bishop Karl J. Alter of Toledo, who delivered the opening prayer; Archbishop of Chicago, who is honorary president and spiritual adviser of the association; and from President Harry S. Truman. The cardinal's message was a personal tribute to the contributions made by Father Schwitalla to the association.

## Ill Hospital Head Flies To Convention

Boston — (NC) — From the very valley of the shadow of death, the Rev. Alphonsus M. Schwitalla, S.J., retiring president of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada, journeyed here by airplane and made a dramatic and unexpected appearance at the organization's 22nd annual convention, now in progress.

Father Schwitalla, who also is dean of the medical school at St. Louis University, had been suffering from such a serious illness that less than two weeks ago the Sacrament of Extreme Unction had been administered to him. He was accompanied on the trip here by his physician and two nurses.

Assembled for the first time in Boston, the annual convention was opened with a Solemn Pontifical Mass offered by Archbishop of Boston, Richard J. Cushing. Delegates to the convention represent 775 Catholic hospitals staffed by 22,000 nuns in 40 states and six Canadian provinces, who cared for a total of 1,149,000 patients during the last year.

Later the delegates heard mes-

sages from His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, who is honorary president and spiritual adviser of the association, and from President Harry S. Truman. The cardinal's message was a personal tribute to the contributions made by Father Schwitalla to the association.

Speaking on the theme of religion and the social sciences, Bishop Karl J. Alter of Toledo delivered the sermon at the Mass. He reminded that at no time in life are persons more susceptible to religion than when they are prostrate in sickness.

"If euthanasia, sterilization, artificial contraception or other forms of attack upon human life are speciously advocated in the name of science," Bishop Alter said, "then we are forced to assert that such pretensions invade unjustly the field of morality. These are ethical questions and they are to be answered, not by the findings of the laboratory, nor by the attitudes of so-called social scientists, but by moral principles made known by right reason and divine revelation."

"To invoke the authority of the state in ethical questions," he continued, "leads to a lamentable confusion with respect to the proper functions of church and state. The state has duties toward the common welfare. It must protect the right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness against unjust attack. But it is not the business of the state to invade the field of morality and impose its dictates on conscience. Nor should it attempt to put the stamp of its approval on a particular solution of difficult moral problems. . . . We hold it to be the business of the church, not of the state, to render the verdict in questions of morality."

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## Wide German-Polish Breach Analyzed

Washington (NC) — During the war, the German-Polish breach, according to Ambassador Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of New York, has had an opportunity to study the most difficult, most dangerous and most tragic problems left by the war in Central Europe; the problem of those areas in eastern Germany that are now marked on Polish maps as "reclaimed territories."

The difficulties in the way of reaching a responsible solution of this problem became evident at the Moscow Conference of Foreign Ministers.

In the view of Poland, backed by Soviet Russia, the problem has already been irreversibly "solved" by the decisions taken at the Potsdam Conference of 1945, and both countries flatly rejected all arguments of the western statesmen who sought to show that the Potsdam decisions were not final.

The dangers arising from the Potsdam "solution" for the re-establishment of some semblance of order on the European Continent are obvious in the light of history, geography and economics.

**Light on Tragedy**  
The stark tragedy of the problem is reflected in the miserable lot of millions of German men, women and children, who have been mercilessly driven from the land of their ancestors to make room for millions of Poles uprooted by Russia's conquest of Eastern Poland and by the unspeakable ruthlessness of the Nazis.

There is, however, an additional aspect of the tragedy of this problem which became clear to me after I had occasion to discuss the matter with scores of Poles and Germans representing a wide variety of political views, with churchmen and lay leaders.

Talk is the situation I found on the Polish side: Polish politicians, it is charged, divided on a large number of issues, but in no doubt, a fact that the present Warsaw regime, which claims to be the sole legitimate government of Poland, does not represent the will of the majority.

Its economic policies must be for the good of the majority, its foreign policy must be for the good of the majority, its internal policy must be for the good of the majority.

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