

PCA Christmas Cards Denounced

New York. (RNS)—A spokesman for the Knights of Columbus has condemned as "obscene," "blasphemous," and "sacrilegious" six Christmas cards being distributed here by the Progressive Citizens of America.

Matthew F. Kennedy, chairman of the Catholic Affairs Committee of the State R. of C., as called the cards an "atheistic attack against our Christian belief and the thing we hold sacred."

One card showing a nude woman holding a child above her head and entitled "Mother and Child" was attacked by Kennedy as "sacrilegious and obscene." Another, depicting a Negro child with pierced hands and wearing a crown of thorns was also described by Kennedy as sacrilegious. All cards bore a message from Henry A. Wallace which said: "I hear no armies marching I hear only a world crying out for peace."

Paul Strand, chairman of the Art Division of the State Progressive Citizens of America, answered Kennedy's charges by questioning "the depths of Mr. Kennedy's own religious feeling."

Strand said the card showing the nude woman and child "joyously captures the spirit of the holiday." The card bearing the likeness of the Negro youth was defended by Strand as "appropriate to a holiday calling for good will to all men."

Crupi Relected By Geneva Club

Geneva. Joseph Crupi was re-elected president of the American Club on Friday night at the first official meeting in the new home at 131 Castle street.

Other officers also re-elected are: Vice-president Dr. Antonio Grignani, ex-President Ettore D'Uvidio, Auditor Dr. Caesar J. Daugenti, Treasurer Nazareno D'Amico, Financial Secretary Anthony Bruno, Corresponding Secretary Frederick S. Crennon, First Trustee John Carmovale, Second Trustee Joseph Leo, Third Trustee Ross Castigluzo, Fourth Trustee Vincent Cupelli, Fifth Trustee Arnold Felletti, Inside Guard Frank Galgano, Outside Guard Sebastiano D'Amico, Judge Advocate M. Maurice Charchia.

Anthony Bruno, financial secretary, presented a comprehensive review of activities for the year.

Mr. Bruno called attention to the fact that over 100 new members had been admitted to membership during the year. Present membership of the organization is 250.

The club was organized to create friendship, good will and to promote good citizenship," he said. "We have grown from a small group with a membership of 95 to an organized, efficient and well-balanced club of over 200 members and a Ladies' Auxiliary attached with a strong and active membership."

The club recently purchased the former Moose Home at 131 Castle Street.



Urgent Measures Advocated To Curb Famine in Germany

Newark, N. J. (NC)—Urgent measures to alleviate the critical food situation in Germany were advocated by the Rev. Vincent J. Brosnan, assistant executive director of War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference in an address at a German Relief Rally here.

All Germans, not only workers, should receive more than the present daily ration of 1,500 calories, Father Brosnan said. Supplying the Germans with sufficient food would also increase their self respect, permit them to reestablish their economy and thus have a stabilizing effect on the neighboring nations of western Europe, he added.

To bring about an improvement in food packages to private individuals, unless they are relatives or person well known to the recipients of appeals for aid.

The present situation, aggravated by the worst drought in 100 years, is so serious that there is danger of widespread epidemics which might even affect the American troops stationed in Germany or spread to this country's Atlantic seaports, Father Brosnan warned.

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