

Area Newman Clubs Hear Call to Fight Communism

Geneva — Two hundred fifty delegates to the Regional Conference of the Central New York Province of Newman Clubs held in Geneva Saturday and Sunday pledged themselves to support "a constructive program of Catholic Action" to combat "the tremendous growth in secular and materialistic philosophy throughout the world as exemplified by Communism."

This was the strongest of 10 resolutions approved by the representatives of all Catholic students in secular colleges and universities of the area. Other proposals discussed and approved contained an endorsement of the Stratton Bill for the immigration of the homeless displaced persons and a firm demand that credit courses in religion be established in secular colleges and universities, because of "the crying need for religious faith through religious knowledge."

Discussion sessions on Saturday and business meeting on Sunday complemented a full schedule of inspiring addresses by student leaders and invited guests who included His Excellency, Bishop James E. Keane, the Rev. James Keller, M.M., founder of the national-wide Christopher Movement and the Rev. John A. Reddington, assistant pastor of St. Francis De Sales Church, Geneva.

FATHER REDDINGTON was the principal speaker at the Saturday evening banquet of the delegates held in Club 86. He analyzed the menace of Communism and declared that spiritual reform will be the sole hope of the world in the months to come. "In our hearts we know that a military victory over Russia would still leave the world sick," Father Reddington declared. "Communism is but one festering indication of a poisonous materialism which war can only intensify and never cure. For as long as men judge what is good

and true only by material benefits it can bring them... there must be many another crisis such as the one we face today, and no amount of appeal to mere decency and propriety will deter them from attaining what they consider their sole source of happiness."

Father Reddington then recalled the apparitions of the Blessed Mother at Fatima and her warnings to the world to be awakened to a sense of spiritual values. He referred to her commands of "prayer and penance" as absolute necessities for the spiritual rehabilitation of the world.

A student panel discussion on "The Newman Club Province" was the theme of the morning. The Central New York province of colleges with Newman Clubs covers an area from Albany to Buffalo.

Joseph Trainor of Hobart College, talking on "Division of Provinces" suggested a breakdown of the provinces of this state into seven regions centering around the larger cities to allow more efficient work.

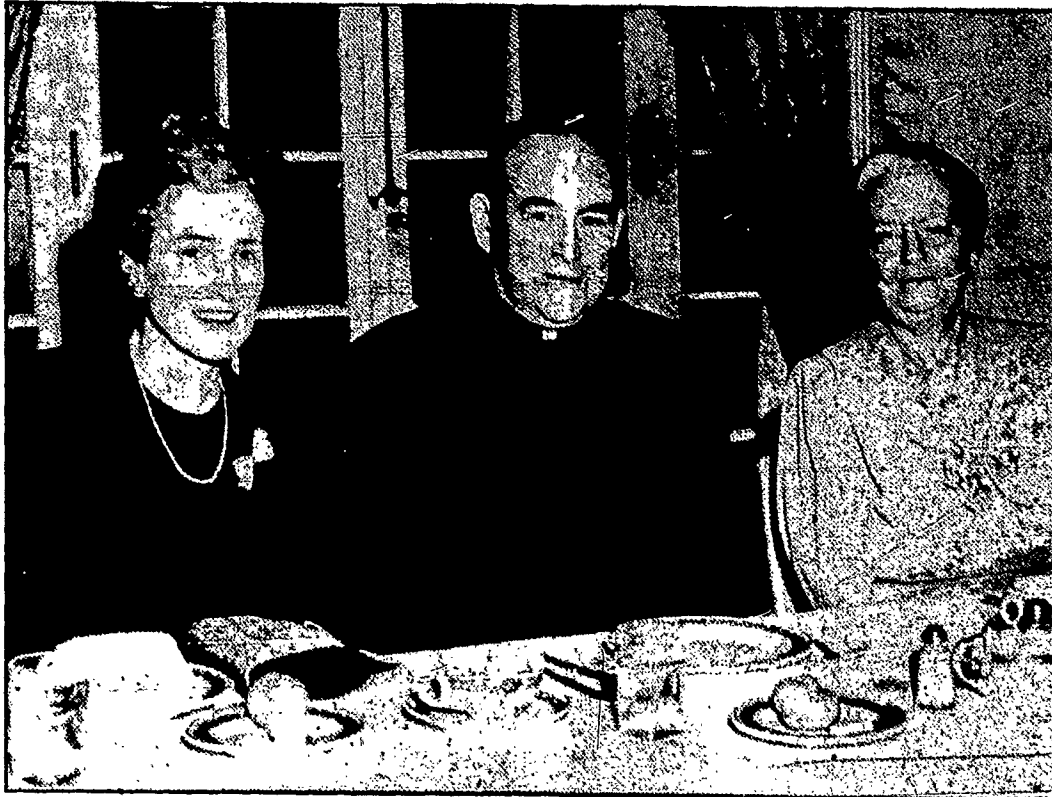
INDIVIDUAL NEWMAN club work was discussed by Miss Iris Mazekien of William Smith college, who suggested the establishment of a speakers' bureau as projected at the colleges of the Seneca. Invited speakers to be made available to all Newman groups. "The Province Newspaper" was discussed by Donald Miller of Sampson college.

During the afternoon sessions three college chaplains discussed the objectives of Newman Club work.

The Rev. Donald M. Cleary of Cornell University, former national chaplain of all Newman Club federations, stressed the necessity of panel discussions on the college campus to air current national and international issues for the clear understanding of students. Publicity by bulletins about Newman Club work.

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As Women's Club Honors Moderator



At the annual dinner at which members of Rochester's Catholic Women's Club pay tribute to their spiritual moderator, His Excellency Bishop Kearney, the Bishop is shown with Mrs. Louis A. Whalen, club president (right) and Mrs. William J. Maloy, dinner chairman (left). Dinner, which drew a large attendance, was at the Rochester Club.

State Convention Here Charted By County CWV

Rochester will submit two candidates thus far for the election to the New York State Department of the Catholic War Veterans, Past County Commander, DeWain F. Feller will be supported for the position of trustee on the basis of his work here in Monroe County. Fred Pistorius is being backed by his Holy Rosary Post for the position of State Welfare officer. Pistorius is the past welfare officer of his Post and was also a candidate for County Commander in the October election.

Feller is the general chairman of the State Convention which comes to Rochester on May 6, 7, 8. Powers Hotel will be convention headquarters and the sessions will get underway on Thursday evening with the presentation of a citation to Frank

E. Gannett. Paul L. Murphy, State Commander, said Mr. Gannett was chosen because of his efforts "to better acquaint Americans with the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights, and his efforts to combat juvenile delinquency."

The notables who have been invited to the Thursday night session include Governor Thomas E. Dewey; Representative Kenneth B. Keating; Thomas A. Murray, State AFL president; General Howard Fuller, head of the Regional Office, Veterans Administration; Adolf Berle, former undersecretary of state; Robert F. Wagner Jr., chairman of the City Planning Committee of New York City.

Friday's session will open at ten A. M. at the Powers Hotel. It will include resolutions on the most important current problems. Nominations for State officers will be made Friday evening.

Saturday's sessions will open at 9:30 A. M. with a parade from the Powers Hotel to St. Joseph's Church. Mass will be at 10 A. M. by the Rev. Edward A. Giblin with His Excellency Bishop Kearney presiding. Election of State officers will be held Saturday afternoon and the banquet at 6:30 at the Powers, with Bishop Kearney as the main speaker. Will bring the sessions to a close.

Vocation Novena Set

The Annual Vocation Novena in honor of the Infant of Prague will begin at Old St. Mary's Church, Washington Park on Tuesday, April 27 and will be held in conjunction with the Perpetual Novena in honor of the Infant of Prague at Old St. Mary's.

The Vocation Novena to be conducted by the Rev. Francis Hester, assistant pastor of the church, will start at 8 p. m. Tuesday in the upstairs church and will continue until Tuesday, June 22.

An invitation to young high school and college graduates who are contemplating the religious life is extended by Father Hester and he also asks couples who are planning to marry this summer to make the Novena.

As a result of this annual Novena, Father Hester reports there have been vocations to the religious life by young people who participated.

Verein To Mark 93rd Anniversary

Ninety-third anniversary of the Catholic Central Verein of America will be celebrated by the local branches of the Verein and the Catholic Women's Union with a program Saturday, Apr. 24 at 8 p. m. in St. Andrew's church hall.

Arrangements are completed for the Founder's Day Party. William Roeger, chairman, and Mrs. Joseph F. Aman, president of the women's branch, report. Refreshments and dancing will be features of this celebration. All members and friends are invited. Tickets may be obtained from members at the door.

Police, Firemen Holy Name Men Set Breakfasts

Communion Masses for the uniformed members of the Rochester Firemen's Holy Name Society and the Rochester Police Holy Name Society were scheduled this week.

The firemen will hold their Communion Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, May 2, with the police attending their annual affair on the following Sunday, May 9.

The firefighters' Mass in St. Joseph's Church will be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney at 7:30 a. m. The Bishop will preach at the Mass and attend the breakfast.

MEETING AT FIRE headquarters, North St. at University Ave., at 7 a. m., the 275 blue-clad firemen will march in formation to the Church.

The breakfast will follow at Seneca Hotel where the speaker will be the Rev. Patrick J. Hyrini, editor of the Catholic Courier Journal and diocesan Holy Name Society director, William A. Lang, assistant to the president, Rochester Transit Corporation, will be toastmaster.

Honor guests will include Mayor Samuel B. Dicker, Vice Mayor Frank E. Van Lare; Public Safety Commissioner Thomas C. Woods. Entertainment at the breakfast will be handled by Edward Brown.

Arrangements are in charge of Chairman Deputy Chief James Murray, assisted by Arthur Koedel, Battalion Chief Edward Adams, Edward Meyer, Raymond Schleyer, Peter Mahon and captain Joseph Belick.

With an extra week the police have time to round out details for their Mass. His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Mass in St. Joseph's Church to which the policemen will go from the Elks Club, Clinton Ave. South where they will assemble at 8:10 a. m.

Assisting the Bishop in the Mass will be the Very Rev. Magr. John S. Randall, chaplain of the Police Holy Name group.

Breakfast will follow in Hotel Seneca. Arrangements are being directed by Patrolman William (Ace) Gullod, president of the society.

Fennell On Refugee Aid Committee in Shanghai

James F. (SI) Fennell, Rochester layman, administrative assistant to the Catholic Welfare Committee of China and representative of War Relief Services, N. Y. C. W. C., has been elected vice chairman of the coordinating committee for 30,000 foreign refugees in Shanghai.

The committee is composed of representatives from such welfare agencies as the International Relief Organization, American Advisory Committee, Friends' Service Unit, China Relief Mission and the Mennonite Committee, as well as the Catholic Welfare Committee.

Bishop Praises Work of Catholic Women's Club

A group of 240 members of the Catholic Women's Club gathered Monday evening to pay tribute to Bishop James E. Keane, their spiritual moderator, at a dinner in the Rochester Club ballroom.

Bishop Kearney expressed his appreciation for the faithful support of the Club and other Catholic Women's groups in every diocesan project, particularly the recent St. John Fisher College campaign.

He had a special word of praise and gratitude for the work of the Very Rev. Magr. John S. Randall and the Rev. Hugh Haffey, C.S.B., organizers of the college campaign.

Tracing the growth of Faith in a Catholic, the Bishop described how the soul progresses through the various stages of grace beginning with Baptism. He urged the women to join him in reciting the Rosary on May 1 when he broadcasts the prayers over Station WHAM from 5 to 5:30 p. m. for world peace and the conversion of Russia.

Scottish Guild To Open Social Nights Saturday

St. Margaret of Scotland Guild will inaugurate the first of a series of social evenings this Saturday (April 24) starting at 8 P. M. in Bauman and Baynes Hall on Driving Park Avenue. Members of the Guild are invited to bring their friends. Refreshments will be served.

'Work Shop' to Feature NCCW Meeting in Auburn

Program of the quarterly meeting of the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women to be held Sunday, Apr. 25 in Auburn was announced this week by Mrs. Richard Kalb, diocesan president.

All sessions of the meeting will be held in the Hotel Osborne from 2:30 to 8 p. m.

Rev. Donald A. Cleary, Catholic chaplain at Cornell University and moderator of its Newman Club, and the Rev. Albert J. Shannon, diocesan moderator of the DCCW, will be the principal speakers at the dinner.

First session, the closed board meeting, will be held from 2:30 to 3:15 p. m., with all diocesan presidents presenting a brief outline of activities accomplished and planned.

SCHEDULED FROM 3:15 to 4 p. m. is the "Work Shop" when all diocesan moderators, officers and chairmen will be instructed in their duties by the diocesan moderator, officers and chairmen. The "Shop" has been underway for the past six weeks under Father Shannon's direction.

The panel discussion, "Woman's Place in Society," is open to all Catholic women. Prepared by the Auburn Diocesan Speakers Bureau under direction of the Rev. E. Leo McCormann, the panel will present: "Her Duties," Mrs. Charles Cusack; "Her Purposes," Mrs. John O'Toole; "Her Efforts," Mrs. Thomas Ditton; "What Can You Do?," Miss Gertrude Cora. Theme of the discussion will be the Pope's directives to women.

Mrs. Kalb will preside at the dinner which will be served at 5:30 p. m. in the Osborne dining room.

Members of the dinner committee are: Invitations to clergy, Mrs. Louise W. Morris; program, Miss Irene Cooper; hostesses, Mrs. John C. O'Toole and Miss Isabelle Goss; tables, Mrs. George M. Frank; tickets, Mrs. Fred J. Amann; coffee, Mrs. Charles E. Gehring. A display of model shrines will

be shown in the reception room of the hotel under Miss Mary Monahan, member of the Auburn Diocesan committee for Shrines in the Home. A book display under the supervision of Mrs. L. Harvey Clark, secretary, chairman of the Library and Literature Committee, has also been arranged.

Travel Aide Reports On Europe Tour

Persons planning to take the European Catholic Shrine Tour, which will be conducted this summer under the direction of the Very Rev. Magr. James E. McAniff, chancellor of the Rochester Diocese, will find that transportation facilities throughout Europe are back to pre-war standards and in some cases better. It was reported this week by Curtis C. Potter, Rochester sales manager for American Airlines, returned recently from Europe with the report that U. S. tourists will meet with a highly satisfactory pattern of service. Potter stopped at London, Amsterdam and other places which will be visited by the tour, to complete arrangements. Europe is looking for a big tourist season this year, he said, and airlines, railroads and bus companies are expanding their services in anticipation.

Space is still available on the Catholic Shrine Tour and anyone interested is urged to apply soon. It was stated that with Newell Ginnell, president of Catholic Travel Agency, who is cooperating with American Airlines in sponsoring the month-long journey.

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