

**ON GUARD**  
An Olive Branch?  
Words But No Deeds.  
Keep Our Powder Dry!

By REV. F. J. FLYNN

Even Hitler had his moments when he talked about peace and waved an olive branch in the air. But as we discovered too late, it was only an act designed to enhance the Nazi dictator's program for conquest.

American statesmen, therefore, can hardly be blamed if they regard the new Stalin-Molotov peace overtures as an invitation to another Munich.

**STALIN AND MOLOTOV** must come forth with something more than vague words if they want to convince us that they are sincerely anxious to resolve the "cold war" between the United States and Soviet Russia.

Against Russia's sudden proposals for two-power peace talks with the United States we have Russia's grim and impressive records of deeds which include violation of international agreements, aggressive conduct against other nations, and obstruction of peace efforts in the United Nations.

In the face of this, the U. S. State Department very wisely and very properly suggests that deeds and not merely words are due from Russia at this stage of the "cold war."

**NOT ONLY ARE** the Russian peace proposals vague but they were presented in a manner which was highly irregular.

By suddenly announcing Soviet acceptance of an alleged American proposal for two-power peace talks, Mr. Molotov was guilty not only of misrepresentation of fact but also of violation of established diplomatic practice between nations.

What is fact in this story? Through our Ambassador in Moscow, General Walter Bedell Smith, the United States frankly informed Molotov of our firm displeasure with Soviet aggression but added that "as far as the United States is concerned, the door is always wide open for full discussion and the composing of our differences."

The "open door" in this sentence was seized upon by Molotov as an invitation although our own Secretary Marshall later denied this intent on our part.

This shrewd Soviet strategy is rather obvious. It is aimed at embarrassing the United States by making her appear ready for compromise and irresolute in the face of Soviet aggression.

It was also aimed at rallying pacifist and appeasement groups at the very moment when the United States government is working to unite democratic forces here and abroad against the totalitarian threat.

**THE SECOND PART** of the new Soviet peace offensive was even more irregular. This was the rather obvious little drama in which Generalissimo Stalin and our own Henry Wallace played the leading roles.

A week ago, Wallace, who is currently the presidential candidate of American Communists, addressed an open letter to Stalin urging a Soviet-American conference to settle the "cold war" and assure "a century of peace."

The next step was not hard to guess. Stalin would reply favorably to the Wallace appeal and to the surprise of nobody that it just what the Soviet leader did.

Monday evening the Moscow radio broadcast Premier Stalin's acceptance of the Wallace proposal as a "ground and fruitful basis" for discussion and settlement of differences between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Stalin like Hitler is never more dangerous than when he talks peace. Communism, as practiced by the men of Moscow, has exploited peace programs with remarkable success.

In his famous encyclical on "Atheistic Communism," Pope Pius XI gave this significant warning: "Aware of the universal desire for peace, the leaders of Communism pretend to be the most zealous promoters and propagandists in the movement for world armistice. Yet at the same time they stir up a class-warfare which causes rivers of blood to flow, and realizing that their system offers no internal guarantee of peace, they have recourse to unlimited armaments."

**LET US KEEP** our powder dry until Soviet Russia backs up her pretensions to peace with deeds of peace. The Wallace-Stalin drama could be a screen for another bloody Pearl Harbor.

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## Boys Town Receives Fr. Flanagan's Body



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### Holy Name Men Get Challenge At Elmira Meet

By ARTHUR P. FARREN

Born to a height of enthusiasm by an inspiring message from the principal speaker, nearly 500 delegates to the 15th annual convention of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union at St. Mary's School Hall, Elmira, returned to their parishes Sunday night determined to revitalize their societies "to meet the challenge of today's world."

**IN WHAT** was described as one of the best meetings of the Holy Name ever held, the delegates:

1 Responded with sustained applause to the plea of Fred A. Muth, executive secretary of the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Holy Name Society, who called upon Holy Name men "to present a united front against the diabolical forces threatening to uproot the Tree of the Cross from its Christian soil."

2 Approved an amendment to the constitution authorizing the Executive Committee to employ an executive secretary and describe his duties.

3 Approved a resolution endorsing "the legislative principles embodied in the Fellows Bill HR 6396" but calling for elimination of the provision that 30 percent of the Displaced Persons of Europe who would be admitted under the bill be charged against future immigration quotas.

4 Approved a resolution urging all parishes to establish a committee to work with the spiritual adviser in the "Conversion Movement" as one of the most excited expressions of the Catholic's apostolate in action.

**MUTH'S ADDRESS**, delivered in ringing tones with forceful emphasis, was the high point of the session. The Milwaukee speaker, who has conducted the Holy Name center office there for eight years, addressed his listeners "to look over the pages of his book to the 19th century when there was a desperate and chaotic situation. Men were denying Christ, hatred of...

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## EYEWITNESS TELLS OF FATIMA MIRACLE

Nassau, N. Y. — (NC) — Looking back after 31 years, this is how Mrs. Mary Allen, a native of the Azores who now resides in St. Mary's parish here, describes the scene at Fatima on October 13, 1917, when she was in the crowd of 60,000 who came to see the last apparition of the Blessed Mother there.

"We were up there in a gully between two hills in the mountains... At noon we tried to see Our Lady, but never did. It was terribly dark, raining, and the ground was muddy.

"And then suddenly the sun seemed to burst out from a terribly cloudy, rainy day! It didn't rain any more. There wasn't a cloud in the sky! It was suddenly a beautiful day! The sun seemed to come like a moon appeared, and the skies brightened.

"The sun came out of the sky like a big spotlight — brighter, brighter and brighter. All everything was clear. Everyone was scared; I was scared, too, when the sun came right down towards us from the sky. I heard people screaming, and praying, and falling on their knees to say an Act of Contrition. Believe me, I was on my knees, too!

"We thought it was the end of the world. Then everybody, it seemed, was shouting: 'The miracle! The miracle! That's what I saw that day at Fatima. Everybody who doubts it would believe if they saw the Miracle of the Sun.'

Mrs. Allen is the mother of Fr. Manuel Spataro, O.F.M., Conv., stationed at St. Anthony-on-Hudson, Bunnelsburg, N. Y. Her sister Edwina, who accompanied her to Fatima in 1917, still lives in Portugal and corresponds with Sister Lucia, the last survivor of the three children to whom Our Lady appeared.

## Six to Be Ordained Seminary's New Site Relocated

Selection of a new site on Buffalo Road just west of Rochester for the proposed St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary was announced today by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Lyons, seminary rector.

Ground will be broken September 18 on the new site located some 200 feet north of the present St. William House on a fifty-acre plot of land now owned by the Seminary. The St. William House is a residence hall for 75 St. Andrew's students living outside of Rochester.

**THE SEPTEMBER 18** date marks the fortieth anniversary of the ordination of the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, who will preside at the ceremonies. First announcement of the plan to honor Bishop Kearney by breaking ground for the new school, on his anniversary day, was made at a recent dinner of the St. Andrew's Lay Fraternity.

During the diocesan-wide campaign in February, 1946, when \$256,668.61 was subscribed in a \$500,000 drive for the new seminary, it was announced that the building would be erected on diocesan property just south of Holy Sepulcher Cemetery on Dewey Avenue. The greater size of the Buffalo Road site and the value of investments already made there in buildings and landscaping prompted the change of plans, Msgr. Lyons said.

In the revised plans the present St. William House will be the Faculty House for the seminary professors and the St. Patrick annex, which now houses a number of students will become the convent. Thus the size and the final cost of the seminary buildings will be greatly reduced from original plans, he explained.

**ST. ANDREW'S** will be 70 years old on September 15. It was founded in 1870 by the first Bishop of Rochester, the Most Rev. Bernard J. McQuinn in a transformed stable behind the Bishop's residence on Frank Street (now North Plymouth Avenue). The seminary moved to a second home 12 years later in a humble building also erected in the rear of the Bishop's House. In 1940 a new and larger seminary was built on Frank Street beside the Chancery Office. This building, best known to the present generation of diocesan priests, also passed from the scene when all the Cathedral properties including the Seminary were sold to the Eastman Kodak Company in 1937.

The present St. Andrew's is established at the corner of North Plymouth and Brown Streets in a building which was originally the old Cathedral High School and later the Cathedral Parish school. There are 104 students taking the six-year preparatory for St. Bernard's Theological Seminary. Forty-nine seminarians are from dioceses other than Rochester.

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## Two Albanian Bishops Slain

Rome — (NC) — Il Quotidiano, Catholic Action daily here, states it has received confirmation of earlier reports of the execution by the Albanian Communist regime of Bishops Francis Ghini of Alessio (Lesh) and George Voini of Sappa, and of the imprisonment for a term of 20 years of Archbishop Nicola Venczo Prenushi of Durazzo.

According to its sources, the paper related, in recent weeks three more priests have been killed and one imprisoned. It adds that this wave of persecution raging under the regime of Enver Hoxha involves not only the death and imprisonment of the clergy but also their subjection to horrible tortures.

The paper lists the three priests killed as Mgr. Nicola Decla of Sappa, and the Revs. Matteo Prenushi and Dujanio Nikit, who it reports were shot on March 11 together with 21 other persons.

Priests and religious have been subjected to the following tortures, the paper declares: amputation in freezing water; long legs, and filled with salt and goats brought in to lick the wounds, beatings, electric shocks, metal helmets containing an imprisoned mouse have been fastened on their heads with a mouse gnawing at the skull in its frenzied efforts to escape.

Before the Communist regime took over Il Quotidiano states, the diocesan clergy numbered about 70. Since then, it reports, 12 have been shot, several imprisoned, some of the strongest forced into the army, three have escaped the country and the remaining are closely watched and forbidden to preach or teach catechism.

**VIENNA BOYS' CHOR**

Vienna — (RNS) — Vienna's famed Boys' Choir, conducted by Father Joseph Schull, has been removed from a concert tour of Turkey where it gave a concert by President Ismet Inonü.

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