

ON GUARD

The GM-UAW Pact Worker's Need. The Living Wage.

By REV. P. J. FLYNN

The strike scheduled this weekend by General Motors' 225,000 United Automobile Workers...

UNDER A NEW two-year wage pact General Motors will grant its vast army of workers an immediate 11 cent an hour increase...

THIS ADJUSTABLE cost-of-living agreement has hit the automobile industry...

It is something new. It is historic because it marks a moral approach to the wage question...

By tying its wage scale to the cost-of-living index General Motors recognizes realistically a fact often ignored in the past...

Even the New York Times, which has some misgivings about the GM-UAW adjustable cost-of-living agreement...

IMMEDIATE REACTION of labor men to the historic agreement is that they have won an "ideological victory"...

For a long time labor men, particularly the CIO leaders, have been waving cost of living reports under the noses of their employers...

CATHOLIC SOCIAL experts are optimistic about the new GM-UAW pact because they see in recognition of the Catholic doctrine of the living wage as taught by Pope Leo XIII and Pius XI...

As expressed by these Pontiffs the prime consideration in determining the just and living wage is the needs of the worker and his family...

Normally speaking a worker has only one way of obtaining the necessities of life for himself and his family...

THE GM-UAW pact is a courageous experiment despite any flaws that may appear in the actual operation of this agreement...

It is the dawn of a new day in the history of industrial relations in this country...

Last Week's ABC 27,654 Paid Circulation

State Ban Urged On Released-Time By Education Unit

New York — Repeal of State Department of Education regulations favoring released-time religious education was urged here by the Public Education Association.

Honored



BISHOP KEARNEY

DEGREE SET FOR BISHOP

Canisius College of Buffalo will confer an honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree upon His Excellency Bishop Kearney at the college's commencement exercises Sunday, June 13.

The announcement was made today by the Very Rev. Raymond Schouten, S.J., president of Canisius.

Bishop Kearney will also deliver the Commencement address at the annual graduation exercises awarding college diplomas to 289 Canisius students.

His Excellency Bishop John F. O'Hara of Buffalo will preside and award the diplomas.

Founded and conducted by the Jesuit Fathers, Canisius College is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in the State of New York.

150,000 Communions For Abp. Stepinac

Brooklyn (C.N.C.) School children and adults of the New York metropolitan area offered 150,000 Holy Communions as a spiritual bouquet for the imprisoned Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac of Zagreb on the occasion of the prelate's 70th birthday...

Courier Cited In Mundt Debate

The Catholic Courier-Journal figured in the Congressional debate which preceded House passage of the Mundt-Nixon anti-communist bill by an overwhelming vote.

Representatives Charles E. Kersten of Wisconsin and Kenneth B. Keating of Rochester both cited the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn for his editorial in the Courier-Journal supporting the measure. Keating added that the New York State Convention of the Catholic War Veterans had also approved the proposed legislation and complimented both Father Flynn and the CWV. Under extension of remarks Congressman Keating included in the Congressional Record the complete text of Father Flynn's editorial from the May 13th issue of the Courier-Journal.

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4 Priests, Ordained in 1898, To Mark Golden Jubilees



MSGR. G. V. BURNS



MSGR. E. A. RAWLINSON

Two hundred years of priestly service to the Diocese of Rochester!

This is the combined record of four priests — all members of the St. Bernard's Seminary Class of 1898 — who will observe their golden jubilees in the priesthood on June 11th.

The jubilarians, who were ordained priests in Old St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, June 11, 1898, by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid are:

RT. REV. MSGR. GEORGE V. BURNS, pastor of the Pro-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Rochester.

RT. REV. MSGR. THOMAS F. CONNORS, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester.

REV. JAMES B. KEENAN, retired, who resides at St. Ann's Home, Rochester.

RT. REV. MSGR. EDMUND A. RAWLINSON, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Corning.

These four priests together with Monsignor A. M. Danter of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are the only living members of the St. Bernard's Class of 1898 which included thirteen members and was the sixth class ordained from the Rochester seminary.

It is the first time in the history of the diocese that four priests have gained the notable achievement of reaching fifty years of active service in the priesthood.

They are also among the oldest living alumni of St. Bernard's. Only two other alumni, both members of the Class of 1897, excel their enviable record. They are Monsignor Edward O. Hervey of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and the Rev. Michael C. Wall, pastor of St. Mary's, Canandaigua, N. Y.

Both Monsignor Burns and Monsignor Connors are founders of their respective parishes and most of their priestly careers have been identified with the development of the vast city parishes which they now direct.

Monsignor Connors has spent all but two of his fifty years in the priesthood at Blessed Sacrament which he was appointed to establish in 1901 by Bishop McQuaid. Monsignor Burns was named a domestic prelate in 1931 by Pope Pius XI. Monsignor Rawlinson and Monsignor Danter were made domestic prelates last October by Pope Pius XII and invested with the robes of their special dignity by Bishop Kearney in ceremonies at the Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral.

Last November Bishop Kearney visited St. Patrick's Church, Corning, to honor Monsignor Rawlinson who at that time celebrated his jubilee observance and joined it with a parish celebration marking his elevation as a domestic prelate.

Monsignor Rawlinson plans to mark June 11th, annual anniversary of his ordination, quietly following celebration of Mass on that date he will leave for Washington to attend the ordination of a young man of his parish.

BISHOP KEARNEY will also honor the other three jubilarians by assisting at thanksgiving Masses commemorating the golden jubilee of their ordinations.

He will preside and preach at the Solemn Jubilee Masses as follows:

At St. Ann's Home, Wednesday, June 9, at 9 a. m. (celebrant will be Father Keenan)

Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Friday, June 11 at 9:30 a. m. (Continued on Page 6)

K. of C. Delegates Open State Meet; To Pledge DP Aid

Cooperation with the National Catholic Resettlement program on displaced persons continued intelligent opposition to secularism and Communism and advancement of Catholic education will be among the concerns of New York State Council, Knights of Columbus opening the 55th annual convention in Rochester, Friday and Saturday.

This was the prediction of State Deputy William E. Burke of Utica at the Hotel Seneca headquarters of the state knights, last night.

Burke received word of his appointment as Supreme Director to fill unexpired term of Judge Michael F. Walsh.

Representing 75,000 Knights of Columbus in New York State, the 500 delegates will meet in sessions at the Seneca.

WITH PATRIOTISM as one of their principles the knights will set to fight against godlessness and to work to keep this a God-fearing nation.

Gratified by the response of Catholic youth to scholarships offered for Catholic colleges by New York State Council, the convention will be asked to double the amount allowed for scholarships available by competitive examination, Burke said.

Due to increased work entailed in the secretarial duties of formation of a state council office will be acted upon.

The knights will repeat their call for release of Archbishop Stepinac and other European priests and religious in control of forces behind the Iron Curtain. Prayers will be offered for all priests and religious martyred at the hands of a ruthless Soviet regime, the state head of the knights declared.

FORMAL OPENING of the convention will be the Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Friday, scheduled for 9:30 a. m. The Mass will be preceded by a street parade from the Seneca to St. Joseph's.

Celebrant of the Mass will be the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C. of Buffalo with His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, former state chaplain presiding at the throne. Sermon will be preached by the Very Rev. Magr. Walter A. "Uncle" state chaplain, of Hagenbuch, Superior, Secretary of the Holy Lamb of New Haven, a papal knight will occupy a place in the sanctuary.

Civic reception will follow the church services with Mayor Samuel B. Dickert, extending the city's welcome and Grand Knight John J. Kinney, the host council.

MARKING AN innovation in state conventions, the Bishop of Rochester will hold a reception for the delegates at the episcopal residence, 947 East Ave., from 7 to 9 p. m., Friday.

A convention hall, Friday night, and state dinner Saturday, both at Hotel Seneca are scheduled for delegates and guests. His Excellency, Bishop Kearney and State Deputy Burke will speak at the state banquet with Supreme Court Justice William F. Love as toastmaster.

Bishop Kearney's address at the Saturday evening banquet will be transcribed and broadcast on Rochester Station WNET (1280 kc.) at 10:50 a. m. on Sunday mornings.

With District Deputies Henry L. Meininger and Philip A. Sansonia of New York in charge, a third degree will be conferred tonight (Thursday) on a class in Columbus Civic Center.

Visiting ladies will be entertained by Rochester Auxiliary headed by Mrs. Raymond L. Nary, Thursday night at Blessed Sacrament, Friday noon at Columbus Civic Center and on a bus tour of the city, Saturday.

Arrangements for the convention were directed by General Chairman Ralph F. Murphy with District Deputy Francis T. Toomey in charge of hotel reservations.

Catholic Press Seen As Great U. S. Apollis

New York — (NC) — Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell, Auxiliary of New York and national director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, lauded the Catholic Press as "the great apostle of the Church" in this country, in an address at the Eastern Regional meeting of the Catholic Press Association.

CHRIST'S TOMB UNDATED

Jerusalem (NC) The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, principal Christian shrine within the wall of embattled Jerusalem, has so far escaped damage, in the increasingly severe warfare, but the nearby house of Notre Dame de France has suffered severely in bombing attacks.

The building of the Apostolic Delegation, the Benedictine Dormition Abbey and the Franciscan Cenacle chapel, in the Mount Zion area south of the city, are reported to have been shined themselves in at least, last night.

According to a radio report, troops of the Arab Legion operating in one of the heaviest battles of the battle for Jerusalem, the Jewish machine gun post, Notre Dame Hospice and Dormition Abbey, were shined last night.

The entrance to the Notre Dame Hospice has been destroyed, but the mosaic plaque of Our Lady over the entrance is undamaged amidst the wreckage.

Beatification Studied For Polish Priest

Rome (RNS) — The Congregation of Rites is to discuss the beatification of the venerable Father, Cyril of Pskov, a Polish Franciscan priest, who died in 1741. His cause for ultimate canonization was set in 1772, interrupted in 1789, and reopened about 20 years ago.

Mary's Statue for Rochester Blessed at Fatima Ceremonies Which Drew 500,000 Pilgrims

Fatima, Portugal (RNS) — Nearly half a million pilgrims took part in the ceremonies at Our Lady's shrine here commemorating the 31st anniversary of the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin to three Portuguese children. About 60,000 Communions were distributed to the crowds in the great saucer-shaped sanctuary.

The processions about Father Sergius and the other Catholic priests were apparently intended to create a false impression that the Catholic clergy in Bulgaria is cooperating with the Communist regime.

Last Song Dedicated To Lady of Guadalupe

Mexico City (NC) — As his life drew to a close, Maestro Manuel M. Ponce, one of Mexico's most popular composers, dedicated his last sparks of artistic inspiration to the Lady of Guadalupe and gave a song titled "Prayer" which was rendered in the Basilica of Mexico's Patroness on the day before his death. He was 62 years old.

Attention Brides — Ask for a free booklet on planning your wedding. Call Blanchard Florist, 38 Lake Ave., Main 1886—Daily deliveries to all sections, including hospitals.—(Adv.)

CENACLE NUNS HERE JUNE 4

Religious of Our Lady of the Cenacle will take formal possession of their new Rochester convent and retreat house, for women on the West of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday, June 4.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will welcome the Sisters to their new retreat house, situated on the corner of East Avenue and Oxford Street, and bless the occasion with celebration of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE REVEREND MOTHER Murphy will represent the Sisters, a cloistered community, at the ceremony of possession. Also present will be members of the Rochester Circle of International Federation of Catholic Alumnae.

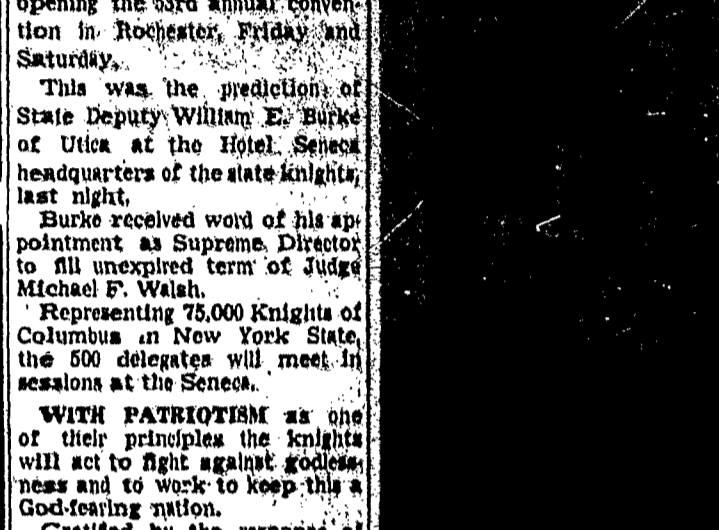
The Religious of the Cenacle conduct preached and private retreats for women and also instruct children and adults in Christian Doctrine.

The Sisters will come to Rochester from New York City where they conduct a Cenacle or retreat house on Riverside Drive. Invited to establish themselves in Rochester, the Sisters will take over one of the city's best known East Avenue homes, the former Todd mansion which was deeded to the diocese by the late Mrs. North Conway Todd three months before her death in February of this year.

Alterations necessary for transforming the 30-room home into a convent and retreat house have been in process during recent weeks.

German Churches Studied Berlin (RNS) — Problems related to the reconstruction of churches destroyed and damaged during the war will be taken up at the German Congress on Church Buildings.

Preacher



MSGR. W. A. PONCKE

LOCAL FILM BAN UPHELD

The Court of Appeals has unanimously upheld the right of New York State to ban motion pictures as indecent and harmful to the community.

By its ruling last week the high court held that city officials have the power to censor and ban movies offered for local exhibition which it found obscene or otherwise objectionable.

THE APPELLATE COURT rendered the decision in a case involving the banning of "The Outlaw" in New York City in October, 1946.

The ruling repudiated a formal statement handed down in Rochester on Nov. 8, 1947, by Supreme Court Justice Earl S. Warren which restrained Rochester police officials from enforcing an order banning the film, "Forever Amber" from public exhibition.

Immediately after viewing the movie already condemned by the Legion of Decency and criticized by Bishop James E. Kearney as "a glorification of immorality," Commissioner of Public Safety Thomas C. Woods issued a city ban against the film. "He termed it "indecent, immoral and particularly harmful to the impressionable youth of the community."

When the theater management protested, the court ruled that the city had no right to interfere with any film approved by the state, but restraining the police action, Justice Warren insisted that the power of the state to license any film supersedes and nullifies all local laws and ordinances to the contrary.

IN AUBURN AND GENEVA, city officials acting at the instigation of clergy, lay people of all denominations, prevailed on theater owners, to cancel scheduled showings of the film. But after the decision of Justice Warren, the movie was shown.

In an open letter to Francis P. Spaulding, State Commissioner of Education, the Courier-Journal on Nov. 6, 1947, questioned the judgment of the Education Department in licensing such dangerous films as "Forever Amber," "The Outlaw," and "Duel in the Sun."

Claiming that such approval clearly contravened State Education law which forbade "obscene, indecent and immoral" films, the Courier-Journal insisted that the State Board of Review should act.

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New Column Set For Teen-Agers

Are you in the teen-age? Are you on the team? Start your own column. Write for the "Teen-Agers" column. Write for the "Teen-Agers" column. Write for the "Teen-Agers" column.