

DCCW Hears Appeal To Aid DPs; McCollum Case Scored

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ed that the "principal job of women today is not how they can be Christian in society but how they can make society Christian."

"You have a great work to do," he told the women. "To give God back His world. In a world that is so secularized, you must reintegrate religion and life. This will be done, he continued, the establishment of a set of prayer and sacrifice, and by basic principles which must be faithfully followed.

A PANEL discussion on "The Present Day Status of Women," which was the convention theme, followed the morning registration. The Rev. Joseph McNamara, spiritual director of the Elmira Deanery Council, presided. Brief talks were given by Miss Marie Weidman, Mrs. Angelo Mastrella and Mrs. Edward Mathis, members of the Rochester Deanery Council Women's Speakers Bureau.

Miss Weidman pointed out that unmarried women "have a definite place in the modern world" by working effectively through such organizations as the Diocesan Council.

Mrs. Mastrella maintained that while women's interests lie primarily in the home, she should be aware also of desperate world problems which can be aided "by saying the Rosary while cooking, cleaning and baby tending." Mrs. Mathis declared that "in a quietness hidden from the eyes of the world, the Holy Family at Nazareth provided the living example of the perfect parent-child relationship, which we who come twenty centuries later must strive to follow."

During the morning session the delegates adopted constitutional revisions which add a new organizational division, the "Home District," and provide for a reduction in the board of directors to approximately 30. The revised constitution goes into effect Sept. 1, 1949.

AMONG RESOLUTIONS adopted at the afternoon meeting was one on education which stated:

"We recommend that the Federal funds for equalization of educational opportunity should be available to both public and non-public schools.

"In an era when secularism has invaded the home, the school, economic life and international affairs, we regret that so unjust a body as the Supreme Court of the United States has placed its stamp of approval on the complete divorce of religion from education in the public school system. In a nation tending to

become non-religious, the school — the very agency which parents have established to help them educate their children — will now wield a completely secularist influence.

"We trust that an ever-increasing widespread public condemnation of the McCollum decision will cause the Supreme Court to recognize the tragic implications of its decision and to reconsider its position in the light of the historic foundation and tradition of our country as a religious nation."

Other resolutions adopted called for greater interest of women in Catholic societies, retreats, the papal peace plan, displaced persons, women's role in international affairs, citizenship, labor legislation, interracial cooperation, Catholic press and radio programs, pre-marital and marital conferences, Resolutions condemning the subversive forces of Communism and the wide distribution of the so-called Kinsey report also were passed.

Mrs. Leo A. Muckle, president of the Rochester Deanery Council, was toastmistress at the luncheon, during which Mrs. Frank T. Curtin, Diocesan Council consultant and newly-elected member of the board of directors of the National Council, extended greetings from officials of the latter group.

The entire assemblage, which crowded the Chamber ballroom, pledged a spiritual bouquet for Bishop Kearney as a birthday gift. His Excellency reached his 64th anniversary on Thursday.

DELEGATES elected the following to the board of directors: From the Rochester Deanery — The Mesdames Kalb, Charles DuRocher, Theodore Florack, Elmer Lortz, Harriet Schuyler, John J. Shapley, John Flaherty, Paul Shannon, Ward Wakefield, the Mesdames Virginia Croston, Mary Rose Maley, Rita Trost and Irene Martin.

From the Auburn Deanery — Mrs. C. E. Caperton and Mrs. George Frank, Corning Deanery — Mrs. Edward C. Schneider and Mrs. Edith Griffin, Elmira Deanery — Mrs. John B. Ronan and Mrs. Prudence McMahon; Geneva Deanery — Miss Helen Van Northwick, Mrs. Joseph McIlroy and Miss Anna J. Whellan; Ithaca District — Mrs. James R. Bedell and Mrs. Lawrence C. Daniels.

Also members of the board are the Council consultant and the presidents of Deanery and District Councils as well as the chairman of the nine Diocesan Council standing committees.

AT A MEETING of the board following the convention, Mrs. Kalb was elected for a second term. Newly elected were Mrs. Charles R. Cowen, recording secretary; Mrs. Theodore P. Florack, treasurer; and Mrs. Harriet Schuyler, assistant treasurer. Mrs. Bedell was re-elected auditor.

Appointments to the offices of corresponding secretary, financial secretary, parliamentarian and historian, and to committee chairmanships, will be made soon, Mrs. Kalb announced.

Parish Marks 100-Yr. History

By ARTHUR P. FARREN

Five generations of history will be recalled this Sunday, Oct. 31, as "The Little White Church on the Hill" — St. Michael's Church, Livonia Center — celebrates its Centenary.

Formal records of the parish date back to 1848, when it was established as a mission of St. Rose's Church, Lima. For a complete chronicle of Catholicism in the area, however, one must turn to the lore of the 16th and 17th centuries, when early Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries said Mass in this area for Indian converts.

ON A MONUMENT on Route 15-A (East Henrietta Road) about two miles north of the village of Lima, may be seen a list of Jesuit Missions for the Seneca Indians, which were established at Boughton Hill, Rochester Junction and Mud Creek. In 1679 the famous Flemish Franciscan, Father Hennepin, first white discoverer of the upper Mississippi River, celebrated Mass in the LaConception Chapel at Rochester Junction.

Almost 200 years later, the history of St. Michael's Church began when the six pioneer Catholic families of John Whalen, B. Colligan, John Meagher, M. Martin, John McGinty and Daniel Whalen moved into the Livonia Center area.

In the early part of 1848 they walked to Lima to assist at Mass, which was celebrated in the copper shop of John Brennan there. Later that year the Lima pastor, Father O'Connor, made Livonia Center a mission. Mass was regularly celebrated for the next nine years in the home of John Whalen.

LEMA PASTORS during this period included Father Kenny, who succeeded Father O'Connor in 1851; Father Welch in 1852; Father Tierney in 1853, and Father Quigley (the elder) in 1853. Added to the parishioners were the families of John B. Kavangh, William Ryan, Robert Moore, William and John Higgins, John Kavanagh, T. Quigley and James Kevin.

Father McGuire assumed charge of the mission in 1857. With monies raised by the few families he purchased a lot and erected a 35 by 40 foot church building. Subsequent pastors were the Reverend Fathers O'Brien (1858), Quigley (1859), F. Clark (1863) and W. A. Gregg (1864).

First resident pastor of St. Michael's was the Rev. Nicholas Byrne. He was appointed June 27, 1871, by Bishop McQuaid, and was given charge of missions at Honeyoe and Conesus as well.

Father Byrne was succeeded in 1875 by the Rev. William Seymour, who moved the church building to its present location and enlarged it. It was dedicated by Bishop McQuaid on Aug. 11, 1877. Father Seymour also erected St. William's Church in Conesus.

During the pastorate of the Rev. T. C. Murphy (1877-84) all debts on church properties in Honeyoe Flats were liquidated. In 1880 he purchased five acres of land and established St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery. During the winter of 1882-83 the parishioners made 21 sheds for sheltering horses while they attended Mass.

FOR 14 YEARS, from 1884 to 1898 St. Michael's was pastored by the Rev. Joseph W. Hendrick, who purchased the cemetery at Honeyoe Flats in 1889. His successor was the Rev. Malachy Garvey (1898-1911), who started raising a building fund for St. Joseph's Church in Livonia.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, LIVONIA CENTER
The Little White Church on the Hill

It was during the administration of the Rev. Michael J. Kreig (1911-15), now pastor of the Church of the Nativity of the B.V.M. (Brookport) that St. Joseph's Church was completed. It was dedicated by Bishop Hickey on March 24, 1912. In 1915 the Rev. Patrick J. Smyth became first resident pastor of the Honeyoe parish, and had as a mission St. William's at Conesus.

The Rev. Emmett F. Magee (now pastor of St. John's Church, Spencerport), pastor of St. Michael's from 1935 to 1941, also made many additional improvements to both the Livonia Center and Honeyoe church properties.

The Rev. Patrick A. Kelly succeeded Father Magee in 1941. He was known for his kindness to the parishioners during the war years. His health forced his retirement on May 22, 1947, and he died of a heart condition on July 23, 1947.

On July 6, 1947, the Rev. John F. Woloch, former U. S. Navy chaplain, was transferred from Holy Family Church, Rochester, and officially assumed his duties as present pastor of St. Michael's.

The Rt. Rev. Magr. Leo R. Pulling, pastor of St. Columba Church, Buffalo, is the only child baptized at St. Michael's Church who was ordained to the priesthood. Four girls entered the sisterhood: Sister Corona Ryan and Sister Joseph Benigna Cannon, Sisters of St. Joseph's; Sister Collette Dunne, Sisters of Mercy, and Sister Mary Gonzaga Erdie (Honeyoe), Sisters of Mercy, Albany Diocese.

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Intellectual Role of Clergy Next Aim of Hungarian Reds

Washington — (NC) — Having secured full control of Hungary's economic and political life, communists are now seeking to dominate also the country's intellectual life—and that mainly by seizing intellectual leadership from the clergy.

This is evident from a report on a two-day Communist party conference broadcast over the Budapest radio and heard here. Among the "chief tasks" outlined for the delegates was the call for a "sharp attack against clericalism" in its general conception of life and also in the field of science.

"We must unmask the hostile character of the falsely neutral, falsely objective ideologies, which turn their backs on the great struggles of humanity," officials told the delegates.

The conference, said the commentator, a Mr. Falutu, vice-president of the Hungarian Central Information Service, "was a striking denial... to the accusation that Marxists, the historic materialists, are dealing with economic or, at the most, political problems, and that they regard intellectual and cultural questions as insignificant and uninteresting."

Speakers at the meeting told of the "dangers menacing the intellectual purity of the party," according to the broadcast, and called for "ceaseless vigilance and struggle" on the part of party members, who were also told: "We should not yield to bourgeois influence, but should know that we can overcome it only in an open ideological struggle."

Canadian Institutions Get Gov't Support

Quebec — (NC) — The Quebec Government has made a grant of \$100,000 to St. Joseph's hospital at Riviere du Loup, Quebec province.

At the same time it was announced that the administrative committee of the Quebec City Council has voted one million dollars towards the ten million dollar Laval University expansion appeal. It will be paid over a period of 20 years in annual installments of \$50,000.

Prelate's Will Warns Against U. S. Betrayal

Chicago — (NC) — An appeal to America not to abandon principle for expediency is contained in the last will and testament of Archbishop Francis J. L. Beckman made public here after his death.

"W O U L D I deemphasize again," the Archbishop said in his will, "the great crime against God and country is the abandonment of principle in favor of expediency. This is the betrayal of America. I fought ever against it as others who love their God and their country must fight."

The prelate's will commends his soul to God, "leaving my body to be buried next to my revered predecessors in the See of Dubuque, as simply and inexpensively as possible."

"I accept my death," the will continues, "in whatever time, place and manner it may come as an act of homage, love, and devotion to my God."

"I ask the priests whom I loved so much to take the occasion of my death to renew their priestly life, ever to live and 'grow in the grace that is in them by the imposition of hands.'"

"I ask the Religious to renew their holy vows and pledge again from their hearts to strive with all their might to become the saints their holy vocation calls for."

"I ASK the faithful of the family of God again to renew on this occasion their holy vows of Baptism, to renounce Satan and all his pomps, to live truly Christian, to live by Faith, Hope and Charity; married people should renew the troth they planted at the altar in Holy Matrimony; I ask our precious youth to strive for the better things and not to be caught by the glamour of the world, not follow its false maxims, but be Christ and saviours of the world."

"Difficult times are ahead—worse than any before—God alone can save us. He will not abandon His own. He will surely triumph; Christ will prevail in the end—but stay close to Him that you may triumph with Him."

Rules Nuns Pay Nebraska Taxes

Lincoln, Neb. — (INS) — Even Roman Catholic nuns who have taken perpetual vows of poverty must pay the state head tax levied on all persons in Nebraska between the ages of 21 and 50.

That opinion was handed down by Deputy Attorney General C. S. Beck, who was questioned by a Scottsbluff, Neb., official. The Scottsbluff questioner asked whether members of the Franciscan Sisters of Penance and Charity were exempt from paying the \$2 tax.

According to Beck, exemption would require a special statute.

A Look at Labor Both Ruled By Reds

The Atomic Energy Commission recently blacklisted CIO unions. The two unions are the United Electrical Workers and the United Public Workers. Both unions are known from coast-to-coast as notoriously dominated by Communists and fellow travelers.

The Commission barred these two unions from atomic plants for security reasons. David Lillenthal, chairman, and his fellow members did not deem it wise to permit union leaders, reputedly Communist, inside atomic plants.

Philip Murray, president of the C.I.O., wrote to the Commission a few days later protesting this "unprecedented action" by the Commission.

He based his protest on four reasons:

1. He did not think it within the public interest for the Commission to deny bargaining rights to workers merely on its own say so.

2. The decision was reached without prior consultation with top CIO officials.

3. The "blacklisting" goes far beyond the requirements of security.

4. The Commission based its action mainly on the failure of the unions to sign the anti-Communist affidavits, whose constitutionality has not yet been determined.

IN ORDER to judge the merits of Mr. Murray's complaint, it is necessary to remember something about the right to organize.

The right to organize belongs to all workers, even those employed in atomic plants. There is nothing inconsistent in giving atomic workers their collective bargaining rights and national security.

However, the right to organize is not an absolute right. It must be brought into harmony with the rights of the nation to security. Therefore, the right to join a Communist union is not in harmony with national interests.

The government, finally, may restrict this right in the interest of the common good.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE CIO

must be studied in the light of these moral considerations:

1. The Atomic Commission is not denying all bargaining rights to atomic workers. It was merely saying that the workers could not have bargaining rights as long as they were represented by Communist unions.

2. The present Administration is friendly to organized labor, and David Lillenthal promoted unionization when he was connected with the TWA. It is likely that the government will grant bargaining rights to non-Communist unions.

3. It is unfortunate that the Commission did not consult the CIO before it made its decision. This was a tactical mistake. Had it done so, Mr. Murray might have proposed the CIO Chemical Workers, which is non-Communist, or perhaps have established an Atomic Workers Organizing Committee in deference to the Commission's legitimate concern for "our" security.

4. Whether the Commission's ban goes beyond the requirements of security remains to be seen. It will only go beyond these requirements if it denies all bargaining rights to atomic workers. Simply to deny their power to Communist union leaders is not an excessive limitation.

5. The Commission merely used the Tate-Hartley affidavit as an excuse. The real reason was its knowledge of the facts in the case. Even Mr. Murray knows that the leaders of the UE and the UPW are Communists, or the closest thing to them.

Mr. Murray refrained from organizing atomic workers during the war because President Roosevelt asked him not to. He exercised restraint at that time. He ought to exercise such restraint now. Instead of chastising the Commission, he ought to take every step to prevent Communist control over our basic industries. We are sure he will do exactly that.

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