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Secularism Hit By Fr. Flynn In Elmira Talk

The new superstition of secularism which excludes God from human affairs is an Americanism, the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, editor, Catholic Courier Journal told nearly 100 employees and staff members of Elmira State Reformatory and the Elmira Reception Center Sunday.

Father Flynn spoke at the annual Communion Breakfast following Mass celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, Catholic Chaplain at the Reformatory, in St. John Bosco Chapel.

MONSIGNOR LANE, the Rev. John V. Loughlin, Catholic Chaplain at the Reception Center and Col. Leroy Weaver, Elmira Reformatory superintendent were guests with Father Flynn at the breakfast.

Father Flynn congratulated the personnel for identifying religion with their work and profession. "This shows that you know how important God is," he said, "and is in keeping with the respect which Reformatory officials have always shown the work of religion in this institution."

Anecdotes from the lives of Washington and Lincoln were told by Father Flynn to show that the "true American tradition is best reflected by public respect for God and not by the new myth of Godlessness. The attempt to outlaw God from our society is un-American," he charged.

"THERE IS NO use in trying to defend democracy," Father Flynn said, "unless we recognize that man's liberties and rights are given to him by God."

He praised Monsignor Lane for his years of work among Reformatory inmates. The Catholic Chaplain's faith and confidence in God, Father Flynn explained "is the secret of his perseverance and success in dealing with the very difficult problem of human weakness."

"Your faith," Father Flynn told the group, "teaches you that human nature is very weak. Therefore you must always be sympathetic with the downfallen and never grow cynical or discouraged."

"Your faith in God," he added, "also brings to your work a spirit of optimism and hope because you know that God's graces restores the weakest of men."

Reformatory Staff Greet Speaker



Monsignor Francis J. Lane, Catholic Chaplain and Col. Leroy Weaver, superintendent of Elmira Reformatory welcome the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, editor, Catholic Courier Journal as a speaker for annual Communion Breakfast of Catholic personnel of Reformatory and Youth Reception Center, Sunday. Approximately 100 attended.

Altar Group Of Horseheads Hears Editor

Each individual has an obligation to return work and benefits to the community and state in accordance with the advantages he has received.

Stressing the theme of personal responsibility, that was the message given by Cornelius J. Milliken, Elmira Star-Gazette telegraph editor to about 100 members of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church Horseheads at a Communion Breakfast Sunday at Mark Twain Hotel.

CHALLENGING THE materialism and secularism the speaker urged sincere adherence to moral standards acquired through acceptance and practice of religious principles.

Following Milliken's address, Patricia Kearney sang the "Ave Maria" with Mrs. Eleanor Cleveland as piano accompanist. Mrs. Edward Kennedy, society president, was in charge of the program. She was assisted by Mesdames William O. Danaher, Arthur Pelletier, Alfred Vaser and Allan Edwards Sr.



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Two Blind Postulants Enter German Salesian Convent

Munich (NC) - A blind priest is preparing candidates who are also blind for admission to the Salesian Convent at Buerberg, in Upper Bavaria. One of them, formerly was a secretarial worker in Bamberg and born blind. These are the first blind postulants received in this convent since its foundation about 100 years ago.

DURING THE WAR the community had granted hospitality to two blind Sisters, one from a convent at Gleink, Austria, who took part in the choir as well as household duties; the other from Zangberg, Bavaria, who was skilled at the typewriter, musical and particularly gifted in reading at table, besides shaping in household duties.

These blind members should be received in Salesian convents has been a tradition, though not a rule with the Salesian Order. St. Francis de Sales says in his constitution for the order that "not only the healthy and strong, but also the weak, the lame and the blind should be invited to religious life as though to a wedding party of the Divine Bridegroom in order that the household may be filled with guests."

ST. JOAN FRANCES de Chantal referred specifically to this passage when she said in her commentary on the constitution of the Salesian Order that it was the founder's intention "to consider physical handicaps not too much, provided the spirit is well disposed." She pointed out, however, that such candidates should be received in small number only.

The Order was founded in 1610 and comprises nearly 200 convents of Sisters all over the globe.

Officers Named By Aquinas Men Watkins CDA Fete State Leader

James W. Bell of 213 Thorncliffe Drive is the new president of Aquinas Men's Club following election Thursday of last week at the school. Named with him are: E. James Hickey, vice president; J. Allan Doyle, secretary and Frank E. Donnelly, treasurer.

Moderator is the Rev. Hugh Haffey, C.S.B. and consultant is Daniel E. Macken.

Loyalty Test Nets Few, ND Grads Hear

Notre Dame, Ind., (NC) - Less than one-half of one percent of the 2,500,000 Federal employees already checked during the recent loyalty test against communists required further investigation, according to Attorney General Clark in his statement at the annual Hoynes Banquet, sponsored by University of Notre Dame law students to honor the graduating seniors of the law school. He said that of this small group, some were dismissed and some resigned in the course of the inquiry. All others were cleared.

Priest's Red-Survey Printed for Congress

Washington (NC) - An article entitled "Those Snow-White Chinese Reds" written by the Rev. James F. Kearney, S.J., veteran of 19 years in the China mission field, which was printed originally in America's national Catholic weekly, has been republished in the Congressional Record at the request of Representative Walter H. Judd of Minnesota. The article disputes opinions expressed by Edgar Snow, in an article he wrote for The Saturday Evening Post, to the effect that the Chinese Reds will not play Stalin's game and things in China are not as bad as they seem to appear.

St. Mary's Girls To Be Received Into Sodality

Auburn - The girls of the graduating class of St. Mary's School will be received into the Junior Sodality Sunday evening May 29 in St. Mary's Church. Rev. William J. O'Brien, assistant pastor of Corpus Christi Church Rochester will be the speaker at the ceremony.

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