

Among Women

Who's Going To Washington?

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Catholic women throughout the country are watching with interest the plans being carried forward for the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth which will meet in December of 1950 in Washington, D.C.



The conference has for its objective the study of the child's mental, emotional and spiritual growth and development. In preparation for it President Truman in August 1949 named a national committee of 52 educators, physicians, clergymen, economists, and civic, business, labor and farm leaders.

Recommendations for topics on child growth and development from this meeting included: preparation of young people for their life work so as to achieve the greatest satisfaction and security in their jobs; preparation for marriage and parenthood; effects of mis-

only status, economic security, alien and regional cultural differences on emotional development; and special problems of childhood and young adulthood offered by the youths themselves.

National organizations at that time assumed the responsibility of alerting their local units to the importance of stimulating local and state groups to action. The importance of National Council of Catholic Women affiliated organizations actively taking their place on local and state committees where the place of the child with its roots in the home is considered can not be overemphasized.

THE SPIRITUAL growth of the child, too often a secondary consideration of various groups is our primary responsibility. Catholic women can significantly contribute to any community group undertaking such a study and should consider it their duty to interest themselves in the local and state committees.

The first step would be to ascertain if there is outstanding, active, informed Catholic representation on any local groups set up in your community as part of this Mid-Century Conference. If there is none, see it that there is.

Remember also that the national headquarters of the NCW constantly keeps abreast of legislation and will be very willing to advise you on the background of any legislation effecting our interests and advise you of the Catholic attitude toward it.

The Church has always been vitally concerned with the well being of children and youth and has considered spiritual growth paramount in developing the total personality. The Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth offers all of us an opportunity to serve our country and our Church.

WHITE HOUSE YOUTH MEET



Ninety delegates representing 28 national youth organizations attended the meeting in Washington of the Advisory Council on Youth Participation of the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth. Members of the Catholic delegation included, left to right: Thomas A. Brickley, President of the National Federation of Catholic College Students; Ed Arnold, President of the Senior CYO State Council, Diocese of Nashville; Rev. Joseph E. Schleider, Director Youth Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Advisor to the CYO delegates; Russell Alberding, Second Vice-Chairman, New York Province, Newman Club Federation. (NC Photos)

Youth Parade

... Day the Lord Hath Made

By MARY SULLIVAN

"Rabboni!" How difficult it is for us who are so removed from crucifixions on the hill called Calvary from a crucifixion fastened by immense rocks and from the actuality of knowing the agony of smoldering love incensed on the altar of mercy.



She had been raised to heaven as had been John and Peter and the whole race of Adam. No longer did she belong in the streets and time. Her heavenly father, upon the petition and sacrifice of her brother, had been pleased to re-adopt her into His eternal family.

For she had come sadly to rest in some material way by spices and alms fragrance to a body which would never cease to exude the odor of smoldering love incensed on the altar of mercy.

Mary saw a clairol of Catholicism founded and maintained by the awful truth of this vanquishing of death.

"RABBONI!" For this had he been born of Mary for this had he suffered and died ignominiously that on the third day he might be glorified by His Father in heaven. And yet Mary could feel glory in her soul, too.

How difficult it is for us who are so far away in time and place from Jerusalem to comprehend the fullness of joy and limp gratitude that must have surged in the heart of Mary Magdalene as she beheld her Lord and forgiver on Easter morn.

He had not deceived. Prophecy may work extraordinary deeds but only Divinity may raise itself from the grave and transform its torn body into sunshine. In the brief distance of His sheep.

"Oh, Rabboni, this is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

AT OUR HOUSE

The Easter Bunny Visits

The Christ Child Farn

By MARY TINTLEY DALY

It wouldn't be Easter without a visit to the Christ Child Farn for Convalescent children. Here are youth and a promise of better things to come.



The excuse for the visit this year was to take some of the big winter blues and look as usual at the patients released from the hospital yet ready to take up their life again.

They wouldn't be the same if had been last year. Some of them were growing strong in the first week with plenty of rest, good food and excellent care. But as they thought that the fact of being enough to accompany a group of children in this area that need its care so badly.

getting well seems all the more real.

At the Mass the fun began the father gave the children had sweetened milk for the active children and baskets to wrap around their patients so that they could sit on the porch, warmly bundled up, to watch the fun. In a matter of minutes the hunt was on for the bunnies in the children's eyes. The bunnies had their own baskets with the sweetened milk and candies.

"THERE'S ONE for Martha," Mrs. Gardner the superior nurse said.

"Come on up and meet her," Mrs. Gardner invited. On the way upstairs she explained: "Martha is seven and she had encephalitis - sleeping sickness - and was unconscious in the hospital for three months. The doctors gave her up and were about to commit her to an asylum as a hopeless imbecile. Then a priest who had heard of the work done here at Christ Child Farn - and asked the doctors to send her here. We're mighty glad they did because - well, here's Martha."

A pale little girl with a head that seemed to float on a sea of blue hair, she looked at the girls with bright eyes and that spring half-dance half-running step characteristic of perfect health. Yet there was a haunting resemblance in those blue eyes. Of course Martha's eyes were coming to play as Easter came. We asked Mrs. Gardner "Martha, this sister?"

"Why, that was Martha," Mrs. Gardner laughed, "she was with us nearly a year, the paralysis cleared up gradually, her mental age caught up to normal and now she's - well, just as you saw her."

"And it all happened here," we marveled. "But what had she committed her to as an institution as an imbecile?" "Just another miracle of the Christ Child," Mrs. Gardner said.

WE REMEMBERED

Most of the children who attended Mass in the chapel. Some heart patients and those getting over the effects of pneumonia had been carried downstairs and heard Mass in comfortable arm chairs. Others, those recovering from the effects of malnutrition, diabetes and fever, and were in the hospital recovery room. A group of children who had been in the hospital for a long time and whose shoes shined like fresh ones were washed and brushed.

And everybody was done up in Easter best clothes. All the girls had new dresses, the boys had new white shirts - presents from their parents or the Christ Child Society. When you're between six and twelve, you dress up for Easter - most of all if you're ill. Makes

If Caesar had ever had cause to rejoice triumphantly how much more Christ who had not only conquered men but man's most powerful enemy Death. Here was exaltation and victory at its peak. Forever would Christians sing the Regina Coeli standing as belts those who triumph. Sanctuaries would be abloom with flowers and organs would cry out its professional shedding its light on all men the Paschal candle would burn as a symbol of the visible living Christ the Lamb who had redeemed His sheep.

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