

Chinese Martyrs Merit Headlines Avers Dr. Wu

By EDWIN M. NOLAN

Auburn—The Christian-Culture Series of lectures sponsored by Auburn Knights of Columbus opened Thursday evening, Nov. 29, with the noted Chinese lawyer, educator, and diplomat, Dr. John C. H. Wu as speaker.

Dr. Wu stressed the Christian significance of joy, which, he said, is martyrdom.

"There is no Christian joy, except the joy of martyrdom," he declared, and this thought he developed by direct reference to his native China. He cited in-

stance after instance of heroic martyrs among his countrymen, who, he said, were facing even greater persecution than that endured by the early Christians.

"CHINA," HE asserted, "is the vanguard of the Catholic Church in the Orient," and the heroism of those giving their lives for their faith in the current Red reign of terror is actually "apostolic" in nature. He noted that the secular press is reluctant to record these instances, but declared that they truly merit "headlines in Heaven."

He referred to his pathetic plight as a refugee homeless, with all his Chinese possessions, including his very valuable library collected over an entire lifetime, confiscated or destroyed, but the distinguished speaker added that comfort and consolation were his in the thought that "Blessed are they that are homeless, for they shall find a home in the Bosom of God."

IN THE QUESTION period that followed his address, Dr. Wu spoke on many timely topics relative to China. He had high praise for Chiang Kai Shek and cited, for example, the latter's personal request of him to translate the Psalms and the New Testament into Chinese.

One of the questions answered by Dr. Wu referred to the appointment of General Mark Clark to the Vatican, and the speaker declared that President Truman was to be commended for this move. There is no reason to oppose the appointment, said Dr. Wu, who was the Chinese ambassador to the Holy See from 1947-1949, as the sending of an ambassador does not necessarily mean that the United States as a nation is subscribing to Catholicism.

THE SPEAKER also took note of the key position and significance of American Catholic law schools, which have the opportunity, he said, of reintroducing the notion of natural law. This notion, he declared, had been crowded out of secular law schools by materialistic, empirical, and historical interpretations. Dr. Wu closed with the recitation in Chinese of the "Hail Mary."

Grand Knight Francis Gormley introduced Dr. Wu to his audience and acted as moderator of the question and answer period. Thomas P. Tierney, Chairman of the Catholic Activities Committee of the K. of C. is general chairman of the Lecture Series. He is being assisted by a large group of members of the Auburn Council and representatives of the various Catholic Churches of Auburn.

The second lecture will be given by Freda U'ley on Monday evening, January 9, 1952. Miss U'ley will speak on the subject, "Can China Remain Chinese?" Series tickets are still available for \$2.00 per ticket. Single tickets may be had for \$1.00 at the box office of West High School, where the remaining lectures will be held.

Cub Scout Honors Awarded 9 in Geneva

Geneva—Nine cub scouts of Pack 8, St. Stephen's School, have been awarded honors. Thomas Donahue, Mark Shalala and Michael Heffernan, have been inducted as bobcats. David Weyneth and Peter Marzan were awarded gold arrow points and John Davis, gold and silver arrow points, for accomplishing their objectives.

James Dailor and Richard Guinan were graduated to Boy Scouts. A den's chief cord was awarded to Jerry Naegele. He is the first Boy Scout of Troop 8 of St. Stephen's school to receive this award.

CATHOLIC HEADLINES on WHAM 12:10 Sunday by Rev. Richard Tormey for the COURIER-JOURNAL

Creche Featured At Yule Party



THE NATIVITY CRIB featured at the annual Christmas Party of the Sacred Heart League of the Holy Family Church, Auburn, held at Osborne Hotel, Monday, is visited by principals at the party. In photo (from left) Rev. Donald

M. Cleary, Sacred Heart Church, Auburn, speaker; Rev. Edward Tolster, moderator; Mrs. Joseph P. Cuddy, hostess; Mrs. John A. Conway, pastor; and Mrs. Edward T. Boyle, president.

Double Morality Standard Upsetting World, Fr. Cleary Tells Auburn Group

Auburn—One of the great problems confronting men today is the one which arises out of men's use of the "double standard of morality," declared the Rev. Donald M. Cleary, chaplain of Newman Foundation, Inc., Cornell University, at the annual Christmas dinner of League of the Sacred Heart of Holy Family Church, here Monday night.

Father Cleary spoke on the topic "Morals or Mores" at the largely attended gathering in Osborne Hotel.

The Cornell chaplain listed the four schools of thought prevalent in the United States concerning the nature of God.

"If you were to ask a hundred people their idea about the nature of God, you would receive some startling replies, probably one hundred different answers. If you analyze the answers, however, you will find that they can be broken down into four distinct categories:

(1). The Atheist; he who denies the existence of a Supreme Being.

(2). The Agnostic; he who doubts, or says he doesn't know, or that one cannot know anything about God.

(3). The Neo-Pantheist, who admits to the existence of some other world force possibly electricity, possibly personal—or a force with which he identifies himself in the sense that all living things are God.

(4). The Theist, who professes the existence of a personal God, an entity of Being separate from the world, a Spirit, possessing the faculties of intelligence and will and the attributes of love and justice and mercy."

Father Cleary stated that from these divergent concepts of the nature of God, there is bound to result a two-fold concept of morality. "There is the morality which is based on the shifting ideas of men and upon the unstable conventions of the day."

This is what we call a subjective morality—one according to which lying may be a crime today and a virtue tomorrow; adultery may be a sin today and a meritorious act tomorrow.

"THE OTHER morality is an objective one and it is based upon the principle that the laws of conduct, like the physical laws of the universe, were established unchangeable and immutable by Almighty God. It says that lying and blasphemy and cheating and infidelity were vices ten thousand years ago and will still be vices ten thousand years from now, regardless of the thinking of people. It says that justice and mercy and prayer and care of the sick and charity and honesty were virtues ten thousand years ago and will be virtues ten thousand years from now."

Father Cleary then went on to state that one of the great problems confronting men today is the one which arises out of men's use of this double standard of morality. "In international affairs, how is it possible to make a treaty between the United States and Russia if the condition of honesty is absolute to one and relative to the other. In personal affairs how can man and woman stand before an altar and pledge mutual fidelity, if to the one this means a perpetual promise, but to the other it means, 'only as long as I feel like it'."

THE VERY REV. MSGR. John A. Conway, V.F., pastor of Holy Family Church, congratulated the officers and members of the Sacred Heart League on the success of their various activities. Monsignor Conway asked the group to continue their fine work for the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus under whose banner they are enrolled.

Rev. Edward Tolster, moderator, spoke on the spiritual advantages of the Apostleship of

Geneva KC Score In Revue Held In New DeSales Gym

Geneva—A happy revival of old time minstrelsy highlighted by many of the old time songs for a three-night run Dec. 13 in DeSales High School gym. It was "Minstrel Revue" sponsored by Geneva Knights of Columbus.

THE TWO-PART show, featuring a variety act and minstrelsy, attracted a good-sized audience. The two evening shows were well attended.

The first evening show was well supported by French Park residents. Dancing, interesting minstrel acts, and songs featured this part of the show. An Irish song, a Maypole dance and an Easter parade highlighted the revue.

A musical minstrel show with Arthur T. McAvoy as interpreter, for the second half of the program.

French sparkling costumes and outstanding musical numbers highlighted the revue and minstrel.

The production was directed by Norman Stone, representing the John A. Rogers Co. It was such a decided success that the Knights have decided to make it an annual event. It was the first public entertainment to be held in the new school gymnasium.

Seneca Falls Unit Lists Yule Party

Seneca Falls—St. Patrick's Guild & Altar Society will hold its December meeting and Christmas party next Sunday evening, Dec. 17, in St. Patrick's school auditorium at 8 p.m.

Each member attending is requested to bring a gift and present for exchange. There will be an entertainment program and Christmas cards will be exchanged.

Mrs. Mary E. Boyd, president, has appointed Mrs. Joseph McFarland chairman of the social hour. Assisting Mrs. McFarland will be Mrs. William Hughes, Mrs. Francis McFarland, Mrs. Arvedlund, Mrs. Thomas Glenwald, Mrs. Elizabeth McFarland, Mrs. Harold Reed, Mrs. August Sipes, Mrs. Bernard Harris, Mrs. Bonnie Fennell, Mrs. Edward Dunbar, Mrs. Beatrice Fennell, Mrs. Anne Keller, Mrs. Sam O'Leary, Mrs. Marie McFarland and Miss Charlotte Beck.

Explains George Junior Republic

Auburn—The Rev. Thomas K. Cleary, Chaplain of the George Junior Republic at Freeville, was guest speaker at the First Friday Supper Club sponsored by the Auburn Knights of Columbus at its regular monthly meeting, Dec. 7.

Father Cleary talked on the history and work of the institution which he serves. He explained in detail the aims and objectives of the Republic and the procedures followed to realize those aims.

A lively question and answer period followed.

In attendance was a large delegation from the Air Corps Training Station at Sampson. The group was headed by Major Henry T. McAvoy, Chaplain assigned to Sampson.

Also in attendance were the Rev. Kieran Hickey, O.C.M., the Rev. Paul Lyons, the Rev. Charles McCarthy, and the Rev. Robert Devine. The meeting was one of the largest ever held by the First Friday Club.

S. H. League Lists Fr. Again in Address

Rev. Dr. Joseph M. Ryan, of St. Bernard's Seminary, Albany, will speak on "Devotion to the Sacred Heart" at the League of the Sacred Heart meeting on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel of Sacred Heart Convent, 8 Prince St.

League members are asked to bring friends. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the address.

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