

'Defense Plan Will Not Defend'

Niagara University President Opposed To UMT Program

Washington (NC)—University of the Department of Defense is a plan for defense which will not defend," according to the Very Rev. Francis L. Meade, C.M., president of Niagara University and Past President of the Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

He calls UMT "a plan for defense which will actually weaken by assuring us of a defense which is not there." Added to this is the fact that it will bring in its train evils out of all proportion to the present situation," he comments in an editorial in a recent issue of College News, a letter official organ of the College Department, National Catholic Education Association.

FATHER MEADE believes the solution to present day military training lies in the National Defense Act of 1920 which, he says, "The Department of Defense refuses to resurrect and revive."

The National Defense Act provides, he points out, for a large professional army and navy and an enlarged efficient national guard, but it does not provide for a reserve of men and women who are trained in the use of arms and who are capable of taking over the defense of the country in the event of a sudden emergency.

There is nothing wrong with that Act which cannot be remedied by amendment and enforcement, declares Father Meade explaining the air force could be provided for by amendment. He charges that the present proposal "would rather saddle on the American public a fraud."

They would give us a wall of protection in an uncertain world, a wall which is made of paper," Father Meade's editorial states. "They propose to take from home and school and church our obligation of teaching the youth of the land. They have missed the lesson of history and very recent at that."

EVERY NATION engaged in World War II which had compulsory military training was defeated, Father Meade points out, with the exception of Russia.

"And it was not military training which saved Russia," he declares. "By Stalin's own admission, Russia was saved by United States supplies."

"I am not talking of Selective Service," writes Father Meade. The draft, as it is called, was and is a war measure. It was born of national necessity and should continue as long as national need is present. I say, as long as national need is present, and I hasten to add not one day longer.

"I AM NOT opposed to preparedness and military service as such," he insists. What I am opposed to, and most emphatically so, is the present military training program as outlined by the President's Committee.

ence to the hearings now under way before the House Armed Services Committee. Defense officials have told the Committee the Armed Services plan to start UMT in the fall with 60,000 volunteers. It will bring out 15-year-olds who would be put on active duty after six months' training.

"LET US look at the facts and not be swept off our feet by fears or false patriotism," writes Father Meade.

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Holy Name Staff Elected, Novena Slated At Lourdes

Newly elected officers for Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name Society, Elmira, were designated at a meeting held in the hall last Tuesday evening. They are, William J. Schiefel, president; Malcolm MacFiegan, vice-president; Wayne Colegrove, secretary; and Leo Liddy, treasurer. Following the business session a program of boxing bouts was enjoyed. Participants in the bouts were from the Neighborhood House.

A Novena in preparation for the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, starting Feb. 1, evening 7:30 and 8:00. The Rev. John B. Affleck, O.P., will be the principal celebrant. The Rev. John B. Affleck, O.P., will be the principal celebrant. The Rev. John B. Affleck, O.P., will be the principal celebrant.

"The President's plan" speaks hopefully of other benefits. We are told that it will teach democracy and Americanism; it will further the health of the youth by a life in the great outdoors; it will bring out leadership and citizenship; it will offer a grand opportunity for education; finally, it will develop character by enforcing discipline."

TO THOSE CLAIMS Father Meade exhorts the people to "look at the facts and not be misled by enticing words."

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HNS Men Hear of China's Plight



CONTROL OF CHINA by the Communists was described to nearly 200 St. Patrick's Holy Name Society members at the annual banquet Sunday night by Rev. John Henry, C.M. of Niagara University. In photo (from left) are: Thomas Butler, retiring president; Rev. Vincent E. Collins, moderator; Attorney John B. Frawley, chairman; Monsignor William J. Ryan, V.F., pastor; Father Henry and Richard T. Green, incoming president.

Red Rule Ends China Missions, Vincentian Says

With the Communists overrunning China, that unfortunate country is "finished as a mission field," the Rev. John Henry, C.M. of Niagara University declared before nearly 200 members of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, Sunday night.

Father Henry addressed the members at the Langwell Hotel. A Vincentian missionary in China for five years, two years of which was under the Communists and the last four months of which he spent under house arrest, Father Henry returned to this country last June. Since then he has been a teacher in the Department of Public Speaking and English at Niagara.

THE MISSION at which Father Henry labored was at Kanchow in the Province of Kiangsi, on Southern China. He was the only American left in that section of China after the invasion of the Red Chinese. Now, he said, instead of 5,000 priests in China, there remain only about 2,500 native priests, all registered and limited to celebrating daily Mass.

They are not allowed to preach and they cannot reach the people in any way. All they can hope to do is maintain the faith of the Chinese, which Father Henry described as the "same simple faith as the Irish."

FATHER HENRY denied that the Chinese welcome the invading Communists. They came in, he said, shooting off fireworks, but for two days all of the inhabitants remained hidden. On the third day two old men were dragged out and forced to shoot off fireworks as propaganda.

Communists front line troops are well disciplined and cause little trouble. It is the troops which follow which he called "devils."

For a month, Father Henry said he was awakened each night for a thorough inspection of the mission. During October and April of 1930 between 600 and 700 people were killed in the small village near which the mission was located. The missionaries said he believes the Communists intend to kill 100 million Chinese. Their principal excuse for arrests, trials and executions which the natives are forced to view is that the victims are "rich."

New officers of the society were installed at the dinner. The Rt. Rev. William J. Ryan, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick's and the Rev. Vincent Collins, society moderator, also spoke briefly. Atty. John D. Frawley was toastmaster.

Origin of Colors
Georgetown University's colors blue and gray, had their origin when the students of 1861 marched away to fight, some of the North and some for the South.

C. J. Milliken To Speak To Elmira Saturday Club

Cornelius J. Milliken, widely known orator will be principal speaker at the third meeting of Elmira's First Saturday Luncheon Club. The function is scheduled for Feb. 2, which is also the Feast of the Purification. It will be held at the Mark Twain Hotel at noon.

MORE THAN 200 women from Elmira and the surrounding communities attended each of the previous meetings in December and January. Attendance is limited to women, who have fulfilled the obligations of the First Saturday devotion, as outlined by our Blessed Lady of Fatima.

Milliken, who has proved himself well qualified to speak on the Devotion of the First Saturday, has chosen for his subject "The Catholic Family of Today."

The Lady of Fatima First Saturday Luncheon Society has one ultimate goal, an increase in the Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima and to Her Immaculate Heart. It has been said that our Divine Saviour is rich in mercy, thing except the Love, He desires so much. It is to be hoped that this practice of the First Saturday, will bring hundreds of Elmira women and their families closer to Her, and Her Divine Son. Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, executive secretary, Catholic Family Service said today.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be held in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester: Friday, Jan. 25 — Basilian Fathers, Nazareth Academy, Convent, Rochester; St. John's Atonement Seminary, Monticello, Falls.

Sunday, Jan. 27 — Carmelite Fathers, Auburn. (Call Baker 6210 for other listings).

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Frank Roach, a Business School senior from Rochester and Tom Waters, junior from Mt. Vernon are co-chairmen of the 1932 R.O.T.C. Military Ball of St. Vincent University. The dance will be held Feb. 22 at the Ocean Armory.

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Elmira Nocturnal Men To Keep Vigil, Elect Area Slate

Officers have been designated and a meeting called for tomorrow night (Saturday) starting at 10 p.m. at the Elmira Nocturnal Adoration Society in St. Peter and Paul's Church.

FRANCIS T. BAKER has been named president and with him are: John T. Baker, vice-president; Major Charles E. Green, general secretary; Edward L. Leonard and Lawrence H. Leonard, leaders; and William Sheehan, Mr. Hartman and Francis K. Smith, members.

The Nocturnal Adoration Society formed seven years ago in Elmira is an association of Catholics who officially affiliate with the Archdiocese of the Nocturnal Adoration of the Most Sacred Sacrament in Rome.

THE SOCIETY HAS a three-fold purpose: to provide adoration for our Eucharistic Lord during the lonely hours of the night; to assist in the redemption of the souls of the many who are committed during the night to our dear Lord's blood; and to assist in the redemption of the souls of the many who are committed during the night to our dear Lord's blood.

The local group draws its membership from the area parishes and has a total enrollment of 127. Meetings are held on the last Saturday of each month in one of two groups at 10 or 11 o'clock in St. Peter and Paul's church.

The report for 1931 shows a total of 784 devotional hours of adoration was spent by the members. For reception into the Society a member promises to spend one hour each month in adoration and have his name inscribed on the rosary.

Father Baker feels that there are many more Catholics here who should join the Society and obtain blessings and indulgences attached to membership.

'Kaycee' Minstrels Planned In Coming

Coming—Rehearsals are now under way for the "Kaycee" minstrels which will be presented at the Cornhill Theatre, Saturday night, Feb. 13 and 14.

General chairman for the production is Vincent Schreiber. Karl Krist is in charge of arrangements; Paul Tummers, publicity; John Dougherty, names; Donald Schreiber, stage and lighting; Warren Bonnell and Edward Mahoney, advertising and program; Joseph Sweet and Francis Mahoney, (Honey) Douglas, executive secretary.

Columbus Ladies Slate Card Fete

Cornhill—Mrs. Michael Gonta and Mrs. Colton Marx were co-chairmen for the benefit card party was held Jan. 22 at the Knights of Columbus Home by the Ladies of Columbus.

Tickets for the event were in charge of Mrs. Angelo Buffonin who was assisted by Mesdames Michael Bonady, Paul Lovette, Walter Poland and James Mayers.

Others assisting were Mesdames William Nelson, Joseph Cragan, Frank Miller, Thomas Gill, Joseph Ambrose, Edward Fitzgerald, Thomas Ward, John McFall, Raymond Calkins, Anthony Galle. Miss Gertrude Marx was in charge of prizes.

Watkins Glen Night Set By Elmira K. of C.

Elmira, Ontario, Knights of Columbus will observe "Watkins Glen" night when they will honor members of the Council meeting in that community on Monday night, Feb. 27.

A banquet of friends of the members and guests will be held at the Watkins Glen Hotel. The banquet will be followed by a social hour and a dance.

A large delegation of friends from Watkins Glen, Ontario, will journey to Elmira on Sunday to assist in the return matches for the local and championship. The Watkins Glen team were victorious in the first round and are looking forward to a clean sweep at this meeting.

Arrangements have been made to provide the entire party with competition from their Council.

A special test has been devised to be completed both before and after the matches. The test is a series of questions relating to the history and geography of the area.

This will be the third annual test of the group. The test will be held at the Watkins Glen Hotel.

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Father Stowell, Ex-Elmiran, Dies

Funeral services for the Rev. Dom Barnabas Stowell, O.S.B., new William, a native of Elmira and son of Mrs. William J. Stowell, 811 Winsor Ave., Elmira, were held Wednesday morning, Jan. 23 at St. Vincent's Archdiocese, Latrobe, Pa.

Dom Barnabas, 34, died unexpectedly Jan. 20, 1932.

He attended Elmira schools and was a graduate of Elmira Free Academy. After attending St. Andrews and St. Bernard's Seminaries in Rochester, he left to enter the Benedictine Order and was ordained at Toronto, Can., May 26, 1935.

He celebrated his first Solemn Mass two days later at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira. Since his ordination he has been a professor at St. Vincent's College at Latrobe.

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