

**'Defense Plan Will Not Defend'**

**Niagara University President Opposed To UMT Program**

Washington (AP)—Universal Military Training as proposed by 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-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 re-verify."

The National Defense Act provides, he points out, for a large professional army and navy, an enlarged efficient national guard, establishes a reserve not only for fighters but for technicians and scientists and it places the Reserve Officers Training Corps in every accredited college and university, together with the Junior ROTC in every high school.



FATHER MEADE

"There is nothing wrong with that Act which cannot be remedied by amendment and enforcement," declares Father Meade, explaining the air force would 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. Mark 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. "But I am opposed to, and most emphatically so, is the present military training program as outlined by the President's Committee."

Father Meade here made refer-

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 volunteer 18-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.

"Military experts have told us what to expect from the next possible war. They are insistent

"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 great outdoors; it will bring out leadership and include 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."

"Take health," he writes. "The very boys who need the rugged health training will be the ones who will not pass the physical examinations."

"Take democracy. Military life is by its very nature authoritarian and the systems are as opposed as day and night."

"Take Americanism. Compulsory military training is a foreign importation and has never been practiced in the whole history of our country."

"Take leadership and citizenship and character. Have our homes and schools and churches failed so miserably that now these things must be taken over by government functionaries and taught as a by-product of military training?"

"HAVE THE American people become so weak and spineless and morally flabby that now the citizens of tomorrow can no longer be trusted to their homes and schools and churches? To government to put the finishing touches on the lives of our children because we no longer know quite so well as the army the meaning of character and citizenship?"

"What then, is the answer. How can we have a military training system without considering those under discussion?"

"There is an answer, already passed into the law of the land over thirty years ago. I mean the National Defense Act of 1920."

**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 Friday evening, Feb. 1, and closing on Saturday evening, Feb. 9. The Rev. John B. Airdick, O.P., noted Dominican preacher and assistant National Director of the Holy Name Journal, will conduct the Novena services each evening at 7:45. Daily Masses will be celebrated at 7, 7:30 and 8 p.m.

General chairman is William Updyke. Assisting are, Betty Jane Michaels, decorations; Donald Turser and John Donovan, door; Julianne Ryan, refreshments; Patricia Mullen and Paul Giometti, publicity; William Nagel, checkroom.

Members of the Cub Policy Committee of the parish met last night in the hall to plan projects for the month of February. The meeting was under the direction of Edward T. Lagonegro, Cubmaster.

**Father Stowell, Ex-Elmiran, Dies**

Funeral services for the Rev. Don Barnabas Stowell, O.S.B., nee 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 Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa.

Dom Barnabas, 34, died unexpectedly Jan. 20, 1952.

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, 1945.

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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**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 P. Collins, moderator; Attorney John B. Frawley, toastmaster; Monsignor William J. Brien, V.F., pastor; Father Henry and Richard T. Grace, 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 and throwing out for two days all of the inhabitants remained hidden. On the third day two old men were dragged out and forced to shoot at fireworks as propaganda.

Communist 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 1950 between 600 and 700 people were killed in the small village near which the mission was located. The missionary 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. Brien, 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 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 Saturdays, 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 everything except the Love. He desires so much. It is to be hoped that this practice of the First Saturdays, 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, Elmira; St. John's Atone-ment Seminary, Montour Falls.

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

Directs St. Bonna Ball - Frank Roach, a Business School senior from Rochester and Tom Waters, Junior from Mt. Vernon are co-chairmen of the 1952 R.O.C.C. Military Ball of St. Bonaventure University. The dance will be held Feb. 22 at the Olean Armory.

**Columbus Ladies Slate Card Fete**

Coming - 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 Buffonante 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.

**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. of the Elmira Nocturnal Adoration Society in SS. Peter and Paul's Church to start the New Year, according to the Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, spiritual director.

Francis T. Steed has been named president and with him are: John T. Rohde, vice-president; Major Claude E. Graves, general secretary; Edward Lepkowski and Lawrence Hastings, leaders; and William Sheehan, Mr. Hastings and Francis Keatings, membership.

The Nocturnal Adoration Society formed several years ago in Elmira is an association of Catholic men officially affiliated with the Archconfraternity of Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed 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 atone for the coldness of so many Catholics toward the Holy Eucharist and especially for the many sins committed during the night; to draw down God's blessing on the particular City in which the Society functions.

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's and Paul's church.

The report for 1951 shows a total of 724 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 register.

Father Bisky feels that there are many more Catholic men who should join the Society and obtain blessings and indulgences attached to membership.

A large delegation of bowlers from Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, will journey to Utica on Sunday to engage in the annual matches for the local area championship. Elmira Knights were victorious in the first games and are looking forward to a clean sweep at this meeting. Arrangements have been made to provide the entire players with competition from Utica Council.

A special bus has been chartered to transport both groups leaving here. Francis F. O'Brien, chairman of Inter Council activities and bowling chairman Donald J. Burns will supervise details.

**'Kaycee' Minstrels Planned In Coming**

Coming - Rehearsals are now under way for the "Kaycee" minstrels which will be produced at Corning Free Academy auditorium on Friday and Saturday nights, Feb. 15 and 16.

General chairman for the production is Vincent Schreiber, Karl Krist is in charge of arrangements; Paul Tammany, publicity; John Dougherty, finance; Donald Rhinhart, stage and lighting; Warren Bonnell and Edward Blakelee, advertising and program; Joseph Sweet and Francis Maruscal, tickets; Douglas Houston, ushers.

**Women's Union Lists Retreat At Canale**

Members of the National Catholic Women's Union will attend a retreat at the Canale Rest at House for Women the weekend of Feb. 1 to 3.

This will be the third annual retreat of the group. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Anna Fuehrer at Locust 7886.

**Religion Examination**  
for Catholic Pupils in Public High Schools in Rochester: Monday, Feb. 4 Outside of Rochester: week of Feb. 4

**'Watkins Glen Night' Set By Elmira K. of C.**

Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, will observe "Watkins Glen" night when they will honor members of the Council residing in that community, tomorrow night, Jan. 26.

A program of dancing for members, their guests and ladies will commence at 7 o'clock. Music will be furnished by Edwin Ryan's Trio. Cornelius J. Sullivan, Council Lecturer, has announced the following community arrangement: John V. Frank, Joseph Lemak, Vincent Kuhn and Dr. Thomas Lovy, Watkins Glen; John E. Strong and Frank Groom, local members, will also serve with the group. Refreshments and a buffet luncheon will be provided.

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