

# 'New Schools For God And Nation,' Says Bp. Kearney

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An enthusiastic crowd of over 8,000 Rochesterians rallied about Bishop James E. Kearney Tuesday evening, the Bishop's 68th birthday, to launch the most vaunted undertaking in the history of the Rochester Diocese—a \$3,045,000 fund drive to build four new Catholic high schools.

The Culver Road Army assembly, which marked the largest gathering for a fund raising campaign in Rochester history, heard Bishop Kearney hail the high school building program as "an undertaking which gives honor to God and country."

THE NEW SCHOOLS WHICH the current fund drive will help build include: McQuaid High School for boys and St. Agnes High School for girls, both in Rochester; Mount Carmel High School for boys and girls in Auburn; and Notre Dame de Lourdes High School for boys and girls in Elmira.

The Bishop expressed pleasure with the community's acceptance and support of the high school appeal. Flanking him at the speaker's table were a score of Rochester's leading industrialist and business leaders whose firms have already pledged generous contributions to the fund campaign.

Striking out at the charge which calls Catholic schools a divisive factor in American life, the Bishop warned that those who want to enroll all our American children in one state-controlled school system, are advocating a totalitarian doctrine.

"This is not the American way," he said. "The right to educate our children according to the dictates

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# Auburn Opens Fund Bid for Mt. Carmel High School

Auburn—An army of 700 workers are in the door-bell-wagging stage of the biggest fund raising venture ever seen by Auburn Catholics. They are seeking \$512,000 for new Mount Carmel High School.

"The project here is part of Bishop Kearney's High School Jubilee Fund which has an overall goal of \$3,045,000 and will provide for two more high schools in Rochester and in Elmira as well as the one here.

The local phase of the diocesan campaign was opened Monday evening at a kickoff dinner in the Hotel Osborne. The turnout of 700 workers overtaxed the hotel's facilities and marked one of the largest gatherings of its kind ever held in Auburn.

His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney, whose 15th anniversary as Bishop of the Rochester Diocese is being commemorated through the diocesan-wide drive, was present as guest of honor.

The Bishop congratulated the throng of campaigners for their efforts "in the great spiritual work" of building a new central Catholic high school for the boys and girls of Auburn. "We can plan and hope for such a project but you are the builders," he told the workers. "Although the school is associated with my name, without the hard work and untiring efforts of you good people, the effort would be futile."

THE BISHOP predicted that the drive would be successful "because one of the outstanding features of this drive is that everyone is interested that it be a success."

Keynote speakers who addressed the workers were the Rev. Kieran J. Hickey, professor at the Carmelite Monastery here; and City Recorder John J. Naskiewicz.

Father Hickey, a member of the Carmelite Fathers who will build the new high school, explained the need of Catholic education in present day America.

HE LAID the "brutal realities of our times" at the doors of secularist educators and charged that "their bright promises of yesterday have not been fulfilled."

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# 800 Elmirans Launch Notre Dame Campaign

Elmira — Plans for building the new Notre Dame de Lourdes High School here has united Elmira-area Catholics in an all-out drive to raise \$512,000 to make "the dream come true."

A host of 800 determined workers crowded the Mark Twain Hotel here on Wednesday evening for the kickoff dinner launching the fund drive.

The campaign is part of Bishop Kearney's High School Jubilee Fund drive which has a total goal of \$3,045,000 and will provide for the erection of four new diocesan high schools.

Campaigners at the opening dinner heard Bishop Kearney explain the need of a Catholic central high school in Elmira.

The Bishop whose 15th anniversary as head of the Rochester Diocese will be marked on November 11, also pointed out that establishment of the Notre Dame High School would be an "immeasurable contribution to the whole community of Elmira."

Keynote speaker at the dinner was the Rev. Edward J. Fergar, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Batavia. He directed the fund drive for the new Notre Dame High School in Batavia.

FATHER FERGER stressed the importance of religious education in the development of young boys and girls, and warned that false errors, such as "the virus of Sovietism" can spread easily where there is a lack of proper Christian education. "This fund campaign is a challenge," he told the workers. "You have responded generously. Failure of this drive is unthinkable."

Bishop Kearney was hailed as the "Bishop of Education" by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Mahoney, diocesan of schools. "This title is well-earned by the Bishop's unstinted

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BIRTHDAY CAKE—His Excellency Bishop Kearney's 68th birthday and the 20th anniversary of his consecration on Tuesday found him launching the Rochester phase of a \$3,045,000 fund for new high schools. Here he signals his appreciation as 4,000 campaign workers sing "Happy Birthday" and present him a birthday cake. (Democrat & Chronicle Photo)



ARMY GOES TO ARMORY—Rochester's army of 3,000 workers in the Bishop's High School Jubilee Fund drive filled the vast auditorium of the State Armory on Culver Road for the opening

luxury of the drive on Tuesday evening. The gathering as pictured here was the largest fund raising meeting in the city's history. (Courier-Journal Photo)

# 3,000 Sing 'Happy Birthday' To Bishop Kearney

By FAWN SCHEFFEL

A gigantic white-frosted birthday cake stole the spotlight at Tuesday night's dinner opening Bishop Kearney's High School Jubilee Drive in Rochester.

When the elaborately decorated cake was wheeled before the speakers platform by white-clad chefs, Bishop Kearney observed his 68th birthday, brushed away a tear and the 3,000 campaign workers rose to sing "Happy Birthday" in salute to the honored prelate.

Sixty-eight white candles encircled the base of the big cake. The Bishop's coat of arms was fashioned on either side in frosting in shades of green. A single large blue electric candle topped the confection. Pink frosting rose buds were sprinkled on each of the six layers.

ON THE SPEAKERS platform which, extended across the entire width of the vast Culver Road Armory were seated an impressive group of Rochester citizens: Postmaster Donald Daley; Father John Murphy, president of St. John Fisher College; Frank E. Wolfe, vice-president of Timely Clothes; Monsignor Charles Mahoney, superintendent of Diocesan Schools; Paul Miller, Editor of

the Rochester Times-Union; Frederick Tobin, president of Tobin Packing Co.; Monsignor James C. McAniff, chancellor of the Diocese; Harold Coleman, president of the W.B. Corporation; Dr. Albert Chapman, president of Eastman Kodak Company; Jeremiah Hickey, president of Hickey-Freeman Company; Monsignor William M. Hart, Vice-General of the Diocese; Carl Hallauer, vice-president of Bausch and Lomb; General Alfred Doud, commanding general of the 127th Anti-aircraft Artillery Group, National Guard; Monsignor John Maney, vice-chancellor; and Alexander Beebe, president of the Rochester Gas and Electric Corp.

Also at the speakers table were Theodore Lemm, Louis Langley, B. Emmett Finucane, David Lawrence, Leo Waldert, John Keenan, Father Lorenzo Reed, S.J., Edward Shiesinger, Joseph L. Hockenos, Otto Shults, Augustine Cunningham, Father John O'Loane, C.S.B., and Walter Czarniak.

White carnation boutonnières worn by the laymen, at the head table were contrasted with red carnations in the floral arrangements and festoons of ferns.

Behind the speakers platform a scoreboard of tremendous dimensions was erected for use in tallying pledges at report meetings. Hangings of gold and white, the papal colors, were draped on either side.

was in a festive mood. Everyone likes a birthday party and Tuesday evening marked not one but three anniversaries for Bishop Kearney . . . his birthday, his twentieth anniversary of his elevation to the episcopate and the fifteenth year of his elevation as Bishop of Rochester.

MUSIC FILLED the air. Campaign workers were offered a particular treat in the R. G. and E. Male Chorus under the baton of J. Alfred Casad and accompanied by Herbie Zahn.

Faces amid the vast assembly reflected a mixture of religious and patriotic sentiment during the rendition of "Where In The World Is In America," a narrative backed with music by Fred Waring.

Then the lights dimmed during the singing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Eyes instinctively

turned to the single spotlight focused on a waving Old Glory, through the final strains of the hymn.

BEHIND THE scenes corps of volunteer workers busied themselves with the work of serving over 3,000 sumptuous dinners. Hostesses greeted the campaigners and directed them to their tables, check girls handled the cloakroom with efficiency. Most of these young women were diocesan employees.

Attired in dark skirts, white blouses and crisp aprons, Nazareth College students served the guests cheerful and well. St. John Fisher College students served as ushers. Execution of duties was finished with clockwork precision.

SPONTANEOUS APPLAUSE halted Monsignor Charles Mahoney's recital of the accomplishments Bishop Kearney has realized during his episcopal career. When he stood to give the closing remarks of the evening, Bishop Kearney graciously expressed his gratitude for the ovation given him. With a wave of his hand the guest of honor reached out and touched the heart of everyone present.

For Rochester it was a night to be long remembered. Never before has the Flower City seen an affair of its kind. Never before has a diocese in the United States attempted to launch a drive to equal this testimonial to Bishop Kearney.

# Bishop Byrne Died In North Korea Holy See Reports

Maryknoll, New York (NC)— Bishop Patrick Byrne, Apostolic Delegate to Korea, must be presumed dead, the Holy See has announced.

This information was released here by Maryknoll Headquarters.

Bishop Byrne is the Washington-born Maryknoller taken prisoner by North Korean Reds 2 1/2 years ago.

The 64-year-old Bishop was last seen two years ago when, together with 37 other foreign civilian prisoners, he was taken north from Pyongyang, North Korean Capital.

THE HOLY SEE'S announcement, made through the Sacred

Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith said:

"The Sacred Congregation, on basis of information received, regrettably declares that it must be presumed that Bishop Byrne died a victim of the war now in progress in Korea."

Two Korean priests liberated when Americans retook Seoul, described how Bishop Byrne was seized by Reds in the summer of 1950.

They said the Bishop was forced from his residence and his belongings seized.

Reds told the Bishop on arrival here, "Do as we say or we will kill you."

While a prisoner at Seoul, Bishop Byrne was made to sleep on bare floors and was very weak from malnutrition.

When the communists invaded South Korea, the Bishop ordered all foreign priests he could contact to leave Seoul and go south to avoid arrest.

He decided to remain in Seoul to give moral support to the Korean clergy.

Before the outbreak of the war, Bishop Byrne had denounced the imprisonment of the Catholic clergy in North Korea. The Reds countered by declaring him their "enemy number one."

TO DISCREDIT THE Bishop after his arrest, the Reds announced he had headed an espionage center to feed information on North Korean troops to the United Nations Intelligence agents.

Bishop Byrne was serving as Prefect Apostolic of Kyoto, Japan, when Pearl Harbor plunged the U. S. into war with the Japanese.

Years before bombs fell, Bishop Byrne had proved himself a true friend to the Japanese. He stuck to his post throughout the war and when the shooting was over emerged as the number two American in the eyes of the Japanese, outranked only by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

BISHOP BYRNE WAS consecrated June 14, 1948, as Korea's first Apostolic Delegate. Born in Washington, D. C., in 1888, he was ordained in 1915 at Baltimore and entered the Maryknoll Order the same year. He pioneered the opening of missions in Korea and Japan, and at one time served as assistant superior general of the Maryknoll Fathers and pastor of the Maryknoll, N. Y., Seminary.

As a boy, he lived for a time in Auburn, N. Y., attended Holy Family School there and served as altar boy in the parish church. Cousins of Bishop Byrne reside in that city.

Religious Reported In Red Prisons

London—(RNS)—The Vatican Radio reported that some 600 priests and 2,000 male religious are in Czechoslovak prisons and concentration camps. In addition, the Communist regime has drafted 450 clergymen into the army, the official said.

MEN—Shaver and Schick Shavers—Free trial at Thomas' William S. Thomas, 500 N. Main St. East, Hamilton 2261—Adv.

Persecutor's Home Purchased For Nun's School Site

Sendai, Japan—(NC)—The home of a sixteenth century daimyo (feudal baron) who once promised to become a Catholic but later turned persecutor will soon be the site of a Catholic school here.

The daimyo was Date Masamune, who once sent a mission to Europe to establish commercial relations. To promote these aims he favored the Spanish missionaries and had his messenger announce to the king of Spain that he, too, would become a Catholic.

When violent persecution broke out in Japan, however, he became one of the most violent opponents of everything Christian.

The six-acre plot on which his home once stood has now been purchased by the Ursuline Sisters for the establishment of a middle and high school.



Bishop Byrne

# Tito Steps Up War on Bishops

Great Austria—(NC)—In the never-ending war against the Church and religion, Yugoslavia's communist-controlled press and radio are at present concentrating their fire on the Bishops, the Vatican and its diplomatic representative in Belgrade.

The Bishops are branded as "reactionary, malicious and hostile to the internal order of the country." The Vatican is accused of "openly taking part in the anti-Yugoslav campaign."

THE CHARGE d'affaires of the Papal Internunciature in Belgrade, Msgr. Silvio Oddi, is charged with "exceeding his competence," with supporting "all the ultra-imperialist pretensions of the irredentists," and with demanding that "some of the Bishops be disloyal to their own people."

Yugoslav papers received here and radio broadcasts heard in this country are full of such denunciations. They were all prompted by a recent meeting of the Bishops in Zagreb where they decided that priests shall not join government-sponsored priests' associations — formed for the purpose of creating a rift between the "higher" and the "lower" clergy.

AS IN ALL communist-controlled countries, members of such organizations are styled "patriotic" priests and are often rewarded with some material favors. There is a strong suspicion that the deeper motive in organizing such groups is that of paving the way for the establishment of a "national" church.

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