

Freedom Congress Turns Anti-Catholic

New York (NC)—A forum held here as a part of the all-day "Conference on an Appeal to Congress for a Rebirth of Freedom" turned out to be an anti-Catholic meeting.

The conference was sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee ten years after the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The committee's chairman is Harvey O'Connor, and its vice-chairman, Corliss Lamont.

THE ANTI-CATHOLIC forum was one of five that went on simultaneously. It was billed to deal with "Catholicism, Heresy and the Individual Conscience," and was something of a fizzle. Although it was advertised that the forums would be held at Carnegie Hall, this one took place in a small room in the Great Northern Hotel. It started an hour late with only 12 per-

Catholic Veterans Ponder Program



NATIONAL, STATE and Monroe County leaders of the Catholic War Veterans gathered at St. Jerome Church Hall, Sunday for an "Indoctrination Day." Looking over the organization's program are: seated, Thomas J. Cuite, national commander; standing (from left) Miss Bernice Trank, county auxiliary president; William B. Walker, state department commander; Donald J. Foley, chairman and William C. Schmitt, county commander.

Catholics Ask School Aid In France

Poitiers, France (RNS)—Government subsidies for Church-operated schools were demanded here by delegates to the third Congress of (Catholic) Church Schools.

A resolution adopted at the close of three days of study sessions declared:

"Every private service of benefit to the community should receive its just part of public funds in a democracy."

THE CONGRESS was called by the Family Commission for Scholastic Liberty and Peace and the National Committee of Church Schools. The presiding officer was Clement Emile Cardinal Roques, Archbishop of Rennes and president of the Episcopal Commission for Church Schools.

Cardinal Roques demanded "effective liberty" for Church schools.

"They have an essential role to play in the country," he said, "and they are educating a large proportion of French youth."

The cardinal said the only ambition of the Church school edu-

national system was to serve the best interests of the family and the country.

COAD-JUTORE BISHOP Henri Vion of Poitiers, citing pontifical and episcopal directives on Christian education, said "only the Christian school is completely satisfying to Christians."

"Scholastic neutrality separates the man from the Christian," he added. He praised the resistance of Belgian Catholics to their government's plan to reorganize the educational system and cut subsidies to Church schools.

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Discussion Club Figures For Lent Released

A total of 963 persons from 31 parishes in the Diocese of Rochester participated in the Lenten Discussion Clubs sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, this year. Figures released by the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky, director, are:

Parish	Books Used
Rochester	12
St. Andrew	12
St. Charles	12
St. James	100
St. Salome	31
St. Thomas	12
Auburn	12
St. Alphonsus	60
St. Francis	12
Bath	60
Corning	12
St. Patrick	12
St. Vincent de Paul	12
East Rochester	20
Geneva	60
St. Stephen	80
Gröton	12
Honnetta	20
Honeoye Falls	20
Hornell	75
St. Ignatius	12
Pharos	12
Lewiston	12
Lima	12
Livonia	12
Moravia	12
Mt. Morris	12
St. Patrick	20
Newark	60
Ontario	60
Rayville	12
Stanley	12
Waterloo	12
Watkins Glen	25
Webster	15
Total Discussion Club Members	963

Reds Trying New Tactics, CWV Commander Asserts

More than 180 members of the Monroe County Chapter posts and Ladies Auxiliaries of the Catholic War Veterans heard the national commander, Thomas J. Cuite, state that the Communist party has adopted a new tactic of trying to infiltrate anti-Communist organizations, including his own.

Addressing an "Indoctrination Day" meeting last Sunday in St. Jerome Church hall, East Rochester, Cuite said the Reds are not succeeding in penetrating the CWV because it screens its candidates.

AMONG those attending were the Rev. John S. Whalen, founder of the CWV in Monroe County and county auxiliary chaplain; the Rev. Anthony Calvert, county chaplain; and the Rev. James Baker, post and auxiliary chaplain at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish.

William Walzer, state commander, addressed the group and stated that the organization played a part in pressing for or against several proposed state bills. The group favors legalized bingo for church and charitable functions; opposes a proposed state study of divorce laws and is for a bonus for Korean War veterans.

Father Calvert opened the day with benediction in the church.

Delaware Bingo Bill Gets Second Defeat

Dover, Del. (RNS)—A bill to legalize bingo was voted down by the Delaware House for the second time in the current legislative session. The measure was first defeated on March 10 when it was brought up on the floor.

The bill would have amended the state constitution to permit bingo games under the auspices of religious and charitable groups. It was one of several introduced in the legislature and called for an outright amendment to the constitution without recourse to a referendum.

Rep. Irving H. Garton (D-Dover), the sponsor, said he plans to offer the bill a third time.

Civic Honors Listed For Papal Legate

San Jose, Costa Rica (NC)—The government of Costa Rica has issued a decree calling for full civic honors to His Eminence Carlos Cardinal de la Torre, Archbishop of Quito, Ecuador, on his arrival here on April 23 as Papal Legate to the Second National Eucharistic Congress.

Mexican Lepers To Get Church

MEXICO CITY (NC)—Mexico's leper colony at Zouqupan, Mex., will soon have its own church as the result of promotion work done by women's social welfare organizations here.

Cooperating in the church project are the Department of the Interior, the Department of Public Welfare and the Governor of the State of Mexico.

The church as visualized by Architect Israel Katzman will rise skyward in a series of five differently leveled shells. Cost of the project has been estimated at about \$32,000.

The Jesuit priests of Zouqupan have been tending to the spiritual needs of the leper colony. They will staff the church, which they hope to finance out of public contributions.

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