

Central Verein Now 'Central Union' After National Convention Action

Wichita, Kan. — (NC) — The Central Catholic Verein of America will move into its 102nd year with a new name, delegates at its annual convention decided here.

The organization devoted to social action will henceforth be known as the Central Catholic Union of America. The change, which involves the substitution of the English word "union" for the German, was made to prevent misconceptions that the organization has restrictions on nationality.

(Plans for the national Central Union organization were first formulated in Rochester when societies from Buffalo and this city met. The organization started in Baltimore marked its 100th anniversary in Rochester last year on the invitation of His Excellency Bishop Kearney. Delegate to this year's convention was Joseph H. Gervase, Rochester attorney and president of the local affiliated society.)

AMONG NINE declarations of social action, the equivalent of resolutions, the Union included a strongly worded warning against what it called "injustices" which hamper the continued operation and development of Catholic schools.

In other declarations, it opposed Federal aid to education; protested a "drugged public conscience" which misunderstands the meanings of words such as liberty and equality; opposed continued economic and military aid to Yugoslavia and other communist countries; recommended severance of diplomatic relations with Russia and struck out at "murderous carelessness" of automobile drivers.

It renewed its pledge of loyalty to Pope XII and also called for well-ordered homes, stressing the obligations of parents to achieve sanctity.

Frank C. Gittinger, San Antonio, Tex., was re-elected president and Richard F. Hemmerlein, Syracuse, N. Y., was chosen to be vice president.

ALBERT SATTLER, who is president of the National Council of Catholic Men and was Verein president from 1946 to 1955, was named to the organization's key committee on Social Action. Sattler is a New York attorney.

In its declaration on "injustices" in education, the Union said that there is "mounting evidence of a growing spirit of ill will and intolerance on the part of those who would claim for tax-supported public school systems a monopoly on education of all American youth, while at the same time vilifying as undemocratic or divisive the contributions of Catholic school systems."

Parents with children in Catholic schools should receive income tax deductions for tuition payments, the Union said. It scored a multiplication of tax-supported construction, health and welfare measures for schools "exclusively in favor of children attending tax-supported schools."

It called for "all fair-minded fellow citizens" to assist Catholics in obtaining the remedy for this "manifest injustice which violates both the letter and spirit of the constitutional guarantee concerning liberty of conscience and the equality of all citizens before the law."

THE UNION termed as "specious" agreements to the effect that whatever is taught in school is the province of the teacher and must not be contested. "The truth is," said the Union, "there are other rights and other freedoms in the classrooms besides those of the teacher. Students, parents and the community have rights which must be recognized," it said.

In recommending the cutting

CCU Asks Tax Reductions For Private-School Costs

Wichita, Kans.—(RNS)—The Catholic Central Verein of America, (now known as the Central Catholic Union) at its 101st annual convention here, called for "legal remedies" to permit income tax deductions for "payments made by parents to accredited private and parochial schools for the education of their own children."

THE ADOPTED declaration pointed out that every citizen was taxed for the support of the public school system although many who "cannot in good conscience" send their children to public schools pay tuition costs elsewhere.

All "fair-minded fellow citizens who must pay a double tax for their children's education unless they would do violence to their conscientious convictions" were urged to assist in discovering "equitable legal remedies for this manifest injustice."

"The continuance of it violates both the letter and the spirit of the constitutional guarantee concerning liberty of conscience and the equality of all citizens before the law," the resolution said.

IN ANOTHER action, the delegates called upon persons of all creeds to join in a "wholehearted effort to preserve and fortify the American school system" against encroachments of "alien-minded innovators and revolutionaries."

off of diplomatic ties with Russia, the Union said that the step is justified by "Moscow's continuing hostile attitude" and its determination to overthrow democratic forms of government. Copies of the Union's nine declarations were sent to President Eisenhower, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, members of the foreign affairs committees of Congress and to Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Father Victor T. Suran, director of the Union's central bureau in St. Louis, Mo., reported to the delegates that the organization's mission activities in the past year had sent some 46 bales of clothing to home missions, along with hundreds of cartons of books, shoes, medical supplies, religious articles and other items.

To foreign missions, he said tons of material had been furnished, including 200 cartons of bandages and other medical supplies, and 72 cartons of religious articles.

Immaculate Heart Novena Set At French Church

A Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is scheduled at Our Lady of Victory Church, 10 Pleasant St., Rochester from Aug. 14 to Aug. 22, the Feast Day, according to the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in charge of Our Lady of Victory.

Novena services will be conducted by the Fathers during the Mass at 12:10 noon. In the afternoon at 3:15 p.m. and in the evening at 8 p.m.

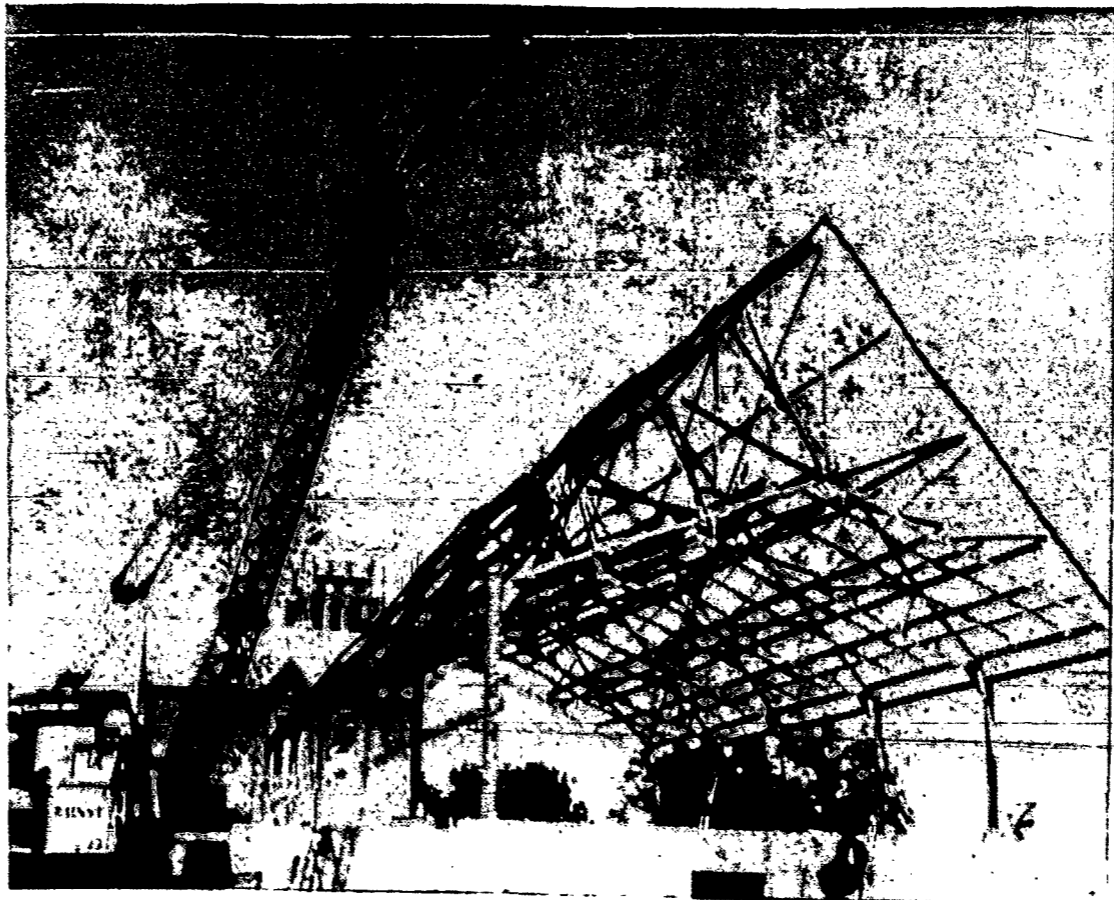
AN EXPLANATION of the purpose of the Novena is given in the following announcement: "On May 13th, 1917, the Blessed Virgin appeared to three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal. During six apparitions on the 13th day of each month she told them that it was the wish of her Divine Son that devotion to her Immaculate Heart be established in the world. She wanted the world to be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart."

"She also revealed that she was the Queen of the Holy Rosary and desired that people say the Rosary frequently and fervently. Accordingly, Pope Pius XII solemnly consecrated the Church and the whole world to her Immaculate Heart on the eve of All Saints, 1942. In May of the following year he urged Catholics to invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, especially by reciting the Rosary, for the needs of humanity and the attainment of a just and lasting peace, and asked them to consecrate themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

"In 1945, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was instituted, to be solemnly celebrated each year throughout the world. Its object is to promote devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary so that through her intercession all nations may enjoy peace and religious liberty."

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Library Rises At Nazareth

NEW LIBRARY—Work on the new Nazareth College Library is progressing with the erection of steel framework. The building which will harmonize with present structures on the campus will include main floor, ground floor and mezzanine. His Excellency Bishop Kearney broke ground for the library on April 18.

Eastman School Of Music Attracts Priest-Escapee From Red Hungary

By PAUL CONTESTABLE

"Open up it's the police! Memories of these words are still vivid in the mind of Father Benignus, O.S.B., a Benedictine priest from Hungary who has just completed a course at the Eastman School of Music."

Fame of the Rochester school together with his own interest in music brought Father Benignus here to attend summer sessions in musicology. He is working toward his doctorate degree in the music department of New York University Graduate School.

Father Benignus, who asked that his family name be withheld to protect relatives still in Red Hungary, this week recalled his harrowing experiences under Communist rule in his native country.

A note of sorrow was evident in his voice as he told how he was awakened by the Communist police in April 1949. Father Benignus and nine other Benedictines occupied a monastery and school near the Hungarian-Czechoslovakian border.

FEAR FILLED the hearts of the monks as the Communist police conducted a thorough search which lasted nearly two hours. "We were not afraid that they might find something," Father Benignus remarked, "but we were afraid because we knew the search was merely a step toward something bigger."

A short time later Father Benignus and another Benedictine volunteered for missionary work in the Canadian wilds and were successful in obtaining passports from Czechoslovakia.

Two weeks later while awaiting passage in Rome Father Benignus learned that the monastery had been confiscated. Two of the remaining monks were imprisoned and the other six were taken at night to an unknown destination.

Father Benignus marveled as he described the Benedictine



FATHER BENIGNUS

Abbot of Pannonhalma or Martinsberg. Located high on a mountain top, a gift of St. Stephen, former king of Hungary, the monastery has a clear view of more than one-fourth of the country.

The archabbot is still alive, Father Benignus said, but only as a home for aged priests. The Communists also allow the monks to maintain a boarding school for 200 boys there but this too, is supervised by the Reds.

MORE THAN 50 Catholic schools existed in Hungary a few years ago, but today there are only four. Father Benignus said that the Communists have allowed these four schools to remain only so they might say that the country is free.

"Many priests are still in jail in Hungary," the exiled priest added with a note of sadness. "Most of them live as laymen, working in factories to maintain a living. Some still are able to say Mass secretly."

He also told how Cardinal Mindszenty was invited by the Reds to leave the country. Cardinal Mindszenty, knowing of all

Hungarians Slate Observance Of Angelus Jubilee

Hungarian-Americans of Rochester will join with their fellow-Hungarians throughout the world in observing the 500th anniversary of the Angelus by assisting at High Mass in St. Patrick Church, Plymouth Ave. North at Brown St., Rochester on Sunday, Aug. 19 at 11 a.m.

Eulogy of St. Stephen, Apostle King of Hungary, will be preached by the Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Batori, Delegate General of the Priestly Order in America according to the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor of St. Patrick's.

After the Mass, a special jubilee program consisting of hymns, speeches, instrumental music and choral offerings will be conducted in the church hall.

A TRADITIONAL Hungarian dinner will be followed by an informal afternoon of Hungarian Folk-Songs. Reservations for the dinner are being made with Mrs. Julius Jantsch, Hubbard 6302.

The anniversary marks a victory for Christ in 1456 in which 40,000 Hungarians and 20,000 Crusaders led by John Hunyadi's sword and St. John Capistran's cross defeated 150,000 Moslem Turks at what is known today as Belgrad to save Christian Europe and Western civilization.

The noon-day bell calling the faithful to pray for victory cooperated in the Crusade and the Angelus observance of today is a development of that practice.

THROUGHOUT THE world Hungarians, native born or by descent are marking the Angelus anniversary with spiritual exercises, Pontical Masses, pilgrimages, special stamps, hymn-concerts, concerts and other programs.

Noting the anniversary, Pope Pius XII in a letter asked prayers for suffering members behind the Iron Curtain in Hungary and especially Cardinal Mindszenty.

Hockey Match Date Set
Hockey season in Rochester Community War Memorial will begin with a game Sunday evening, Oct. 14. Hockey games will be played on Friday and Sunday evenings.

Official
The Diocesan Tribunal will be in recess from August 11 through Labor Day, September 3, 1956. During this period no interviews will be granted or appointments made.

Rochester Girl Enters Mission Nuns Order

Huntingdon, Ind. — Miss Joan Cook, formerly of Rochester, was among the young women received as novices of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters at Victory Hall, motherhouse of the community, on August 5.

Bishop Leo A. Pursley, Apostolic Administrator of Fort Wayne, presided at the ceremonies.

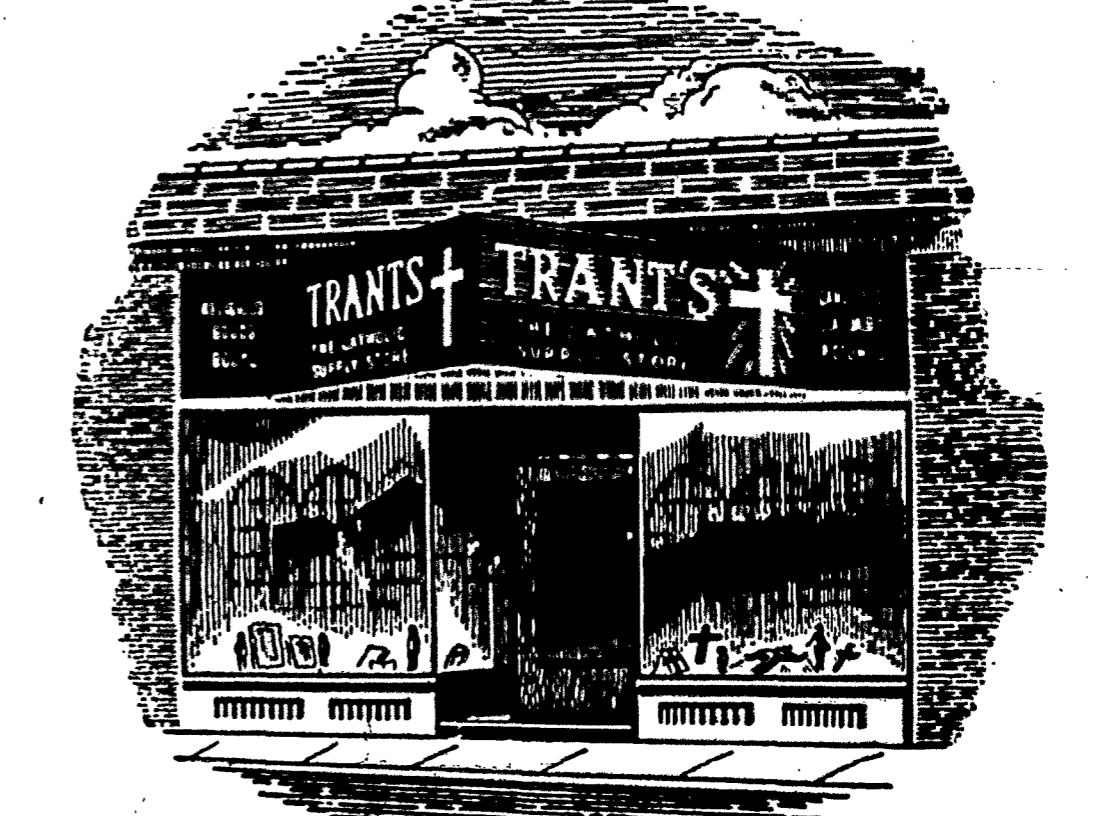
SISTER M. CORRINE, as she is now known in religion, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Cook of Holy Rosary parish. She was graduated from Nazareth Academy in 1955.

During her senior year she was prefect of the sodality and treasurer of the diocesan sodality union. During both her junior and senior years she was a member of the National Honor Society, McQuaid Chapter.

Scout Mothers Staff To Meet Tonight

Mrs. Kenneth Scribner, newly elected president of the Mothers' Auxiliary of Cubs and Scouts of St. Margaret Mary Parish will hold a meeting at her home on Rogers Parkway, tonight, (Friday, August 10) for officers and committee workers to discuss events they will manage in the fall.

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