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Nazareth College To Build Dormitory With Federal Loan

A Federal loan of \$842,000 to Nazareth College will open the way to early construction of a new dormitory building on the East Avenue campus of the women's college, according to Mother Helene, president. The long-term Federal loan was made to the Rochester college, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph, under the provisions of the College Housing Act.

Construction of the dormitory will be the second building erected in the college's long-term development program. A new library currently nearing completion will be opened in September.

INCLUDED in the college's development plans are a student activities building, a faculty residence, a college chapel, and a Fine Arts building which will include a little theater.

The new dormitory will provide accommodations for 135 students and will be erected on the west side of the college campus, adjacent to Medaille Hall, the present residence building. Plans call for the new dormitory to be ready for occupancy by September, 1958, according to Mother Helene.

Besides living accommodations the new building will provide lounges, recreation rooms and dining room facilities for 370 students.

Preliminary plans for the new

dormitory, made in connection with the application for the Federal loan, will be completed within the next month. Like all buildings on the Nazareth campus, the dormitory will be connected by an underground passage with other units and finished with brick.

Expansion of the residence facilities is necessary, Mother Helene explained, in order to meet the increasing number of students seeking admission to the college. Almost 100 high school seniors have made applications for accommodations on the Nazareth campus for September 1957, she revealed.

SHE CITED New York State Education Department estimates which forecast an increase in the Rochester area of 45 per cent in the number of high school graduates by 1950. According to the State Education Department the college population in the area will double by 1970. Mother Helene also pointed out that 40 per cent of the 1956 high school graduates in the Rochester area entered college as compared with only 15 per cent in 1940.

Nazareth College currently has a total enrollment of 491 students including 147 who are resident on the campus.

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HAPPY AND HEALTHY. This young Okinawan miss smiles as she awaits her cup of milk provided by the American Catholic Bishops' Relief Fund and its agency Catholic Relief Services, N.C.W.C. The American jumper dress was also contributed by CRS. The 1957 Bishops' Fund Appeal will be made March 24-31.

Pope Receives Vice President, Hails Eisenhower Peace Role

Vatican Envoy Not Discussed, Says Nixon

Vatican City — (RNS) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon replied "I don't know" when newsmen asked him if he anticipated the eventual resumption of relations between the United States and the Vatican.

The question was put to him after he had been received in private audience by Pope Pius XII, who praised Americans for continuing to rely "at this delicate hour" on goodwill as a key instrument for the settlement of international disputes.

Mr. Nixon told the reporters that "personally, I can only hope for the continuation of the same good personal relations so far existing between the United States of America and the Holy See." He said the topic was not discussed during his talk with the Pope.

Presidents Roosevelt and Truman maintained a personal envoy to Pope Pius, but the relationship ended when the envoy, Myron C. Taylor, resigned in January, 1950. President Truman's nomination of Gen. Mark Clark in 1952 to be U. S. Ambassador to the Vatican aroused so much opposition that General Clark asked that his name be withdrawn.

MR. NIXON, who is a Quaker, was received by the Pope after arriving in Rome from Libya, one of the nations included in his African tour.

The Vice President spent 25 minutes with the Pontiff discussing problems of Africa, Asia and the "cold war."

He said he also had talked to the Pope about Palestine and the Holy Places but declined to reveal what was said. He merely remarked that "the Pope is very well informed, and, at the same time, very concerned about the general situation in the Middle East."

"I personally could not disclose anything regarding our discussion of these serious problems," Mr. Nixon said.

The Vice President delivered a personal message to Pope Pius from President Eisenhower, the text of which was later made public by the Vatican press office.

MR. EISENHOWER wrote that Mr. Nixon was traveling "in the interest of establishing cordial relations between the United States and new members of the world community of nations, expressing the American nation's interest in other peoples, and of visiting some of our country's closest friends."

"I am highly gratified," the President added, "that he should have the opportunity to visit you. It is my hope your labors in the interest of world concord and a constructive solution of the problems common to all nations will be a source of inspiration to the new nations and peoples which Mr. Nixon is visiting."

"I asked the Vice President to convey to you my warm personal best wishes for your continued well-being, and to express to you the affection and high esteem of the American people."

Mr. Nixon reported that "the Pope spoke generously of the United States' defense and economic policies in the world," praised American cooperation with the free nations, and stressed that a strong defense is necessary to insure peace in "the kind of world we live in today."

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American Visitors At Vatican
Vatican City — (NC) — Vice-president and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon are pictured with Pope Pius XII following Mr. Nixon's 30-minute private audience with the Pontiff in his Vatican study. The Pope had words of praise for President Eisenhower and the American people during the audience. The Nixons arrived in Rome after a 16-day tour of Africa.

Pope Gives Gold Rosary To Vice President's Wife

Vatican City — (RNS) — Mrs. Richard Nixon received a surprise when she joined her husband and Pope Pius XII at a private audience a few moments before the Pope greeted the rest of the Vice Presidential party and accompanying news correspondents in his library.

Pope Pius presented Vice President Nixon with a new papal gold medal usually reserved for heads of states and gave Mrs. Nixon, a Methodist, a gold rosary.

"You can give this to a Catholic friend," the Pontiff said, but Mrs. Nixon replied: "I am going to keep it for myself." Her father was a Catholic but she was reared as a Protestant.

Seminarians Sing 'Happy Birthday'

Rome — (NC) — Mrs. Richard M. Nixon was feted with a song by her countrymen studying for the priesthood when she and her husband visited the North American College here on St. Patrick's Day.

During the Nixon tour, the students learned that St. Patrick's Day was also the birthday of the former Patricia Ryan. They burst into a hearty "Happy Birthday to you," and the lusty voices of 34 newsmen gave worthy support.

Pontiff Cites U. S. Desire For Peace

By Rev. James Tucek

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII told U. S. Vice President Richard M. Nixon that it is "comforting to note" the emphasis President Eisenhower has placed on the personal, friendly approach to the settlement of international disputes.

He made this comment in the course of a brief address to Mr. and Mrs. Nixon and the official party accompanying them in a Papal audience held on St. Patrick's Day.

While praising the use of the "informal, unfeigned expression of good will," the Pope also stressed the need for formal treaties and collective agreements.

THE PONTIFF addressed the American party after receiving Mr. Nixon in a private audience in his library. The Pope and Vice President conferred for about 25 minutes, and then Mrs. Nixon joined her husband for a five-minute conversation with the Holy Father. Mr. and Mrs. Nixon were accompanied to the Vatican by Bishop Martin J. O'Connor, rector of the North American College.

After talking privately with Mr. Nixon and receiving his wife, the Pope greeted the 12 members of the Vice-President's party and the 34 news correspondents accompanying him.

Pope Pius, who delivered a prepared address of about seven minutes' duration said:

"At this delicate hour which we fervently hope and pray may mark the ending of a too long-continued crisis in the fortunes of East and West, it is comforting to note the reliance placed by your illustrious President and generous people . . . on the simple, informal, unfeigned expression of good will as a key instrument for the settlement of international disputes . . ."

"Authentic peace is always the work of justice," the Pope said, "and justice can be little more than a hollow mockery without reverence for the laws of God. But over and above the legal device or diplomatic approach . . . it is the beating of human hearts in brotherly union that will avail to make covenants a living and liberating force for peace in the world community."

The Pope asked how one could expect signs of distrust to disappear unless men show first at home and then abroad that respect for conscience and the dignity of mankind is based on a "rock of fraternal solidarity under God and not on the shifting sands of economic or political expediency."

HE ASSURED Vice President Nixon of his prayers for the citizens of the United States and for their President. He asked that "God grant him (the President) health and comfort in the arduous duties of his high office and his unremitting labors in the cause of world peace."



Love Speaks From The Cross

By MONSIGNOR PATRICK J. FLYNN

III—When Jesus, therefore, saw his mother and the disciples, standing by, whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold thy son." Then he said to the disciples, "Behold thy mother." (John 19:26-27)

CHRIST'S MOTHER is the brave figure of faith in the Story of the Cross. The full record of Good Friday cannot be written without telling how she entered on the stage of Calvary, without recalling her role under the cross.

As the supreme moment of death approaches for the crucified Christ, His Mother draws near Him.

"There were standing by the cross of Jesus," the Apostle John relates, "his mother and his mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas and Mary Magdalene." (John 19:25)

During the years of Christ's public career, Mary remained in the background and almost forgotten. Now as Christ's life closes on a chapter of tragedy, His Mother claims her mother's rights to be at the side of her dying Son.

The world first found Christ at Bethlehem, an infant in Mary's arms. Here on Calvary the world gives Mary back her Son bleeding away on a cross.

The road from Bethlehem's cave to Calvary's cross has been marked with years of watchful waiting for Mary. Over 30 years of faithful waiting for God's plans to unfold.

Even when Mary was not sure where God's way was leading her she knew that at the end of the road a bloody gibbet would loom above her. She knew that with her Divine Son she must face a day like this, a day of supreme sacrifice.

HERE AT THE foot of her Son's Cross, the well-kept secrets of Mary's heart are revealed. She recalls the Prophet Simeon's warning to her on that day she offered her Infant Son to God on the altar of the Temple. "This Child," the Prophet told her, "is destined for the rise and fall of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted. Any thy own soul a sword shall pierce . . ." (Luke 2:34-35). Here at the foot

On her birthday send your Mother flowers. What a thrill we will get with your bouquet of fresh, bright, flowers—and a Hallmark Card. It's simple, call Blanchard Florist, 58 Lake Avenue, BA 5-9494.—Adv.

Bishops' Plea For Needy Slated Mar. 31

Vatican City (Special) Pope Pius XII has appealed to U. S. Catholics to aid "countless thousands of their distressed brethren" by a generous contribution to the annual Bishops' Relief Fund collection scheduled to be taken in the Rochester Diocese March 31.

The Holy Father has asked American Bishops to assist him in his world-wide relief program in behalf of "the unemployed, the homeless, the refugees."

A letter from Bishop Kearney will be read in all churches of the Rochester Diocese this Sunday designating Sunday, March 31 as date for the collection here.

Bishop Kearney's letter expresses his confidence that Catholics of the Diocese "will be as generous as possible."

Last year's nation-wide collection provided funds and supplies valued at 61 million dollars for the relief of 19,762,500 needy men, women and children in 43 countries.

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To Europe

Enroute to Germany is Miss Mary Donohue, Organizational Secretary, National Council of Catholic Women, in answer to invitation by Catholic Headquarters Military-Corps to incorporate units of Catholic women in the European theater. Into the N.C.W.C. She will be in Europe two months. (NO Photos)

William Pomeroy Denies There Is A God

Rochester Communist In Bilibid Prison Admits To Priest Reds May Be Wrong

By FATHER EDWARD DePERSIO
Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service

Muntinglup, Philippine Islands — (NC) — William Pomeroy, an American ex-G.I. from Rochester, N.Y., and now under life sentence here in Bilibid Prison, has admitted to a Catholic priest that Communism might be wrong.

THE ROCHESTER Communist made his admission to Columban missionary, Father Stephen Kealy, who conducted a round-table talk in the prison for a group of convicted Huk (Communist) leaders including Pomeroy.

When Father Kealy asked top Huk leader Jose Lava if he admitted the existence of God, Lava replied, "We do not admit the existence of God, a God you admit the existence of God then communism is through. They cannot coexist."

Father Kealy then turned to William Pomeroy, serving a life term for subversive activities with the Reds, and asked him the same question only to be told that he, too, acknowledged no Supreme Being.

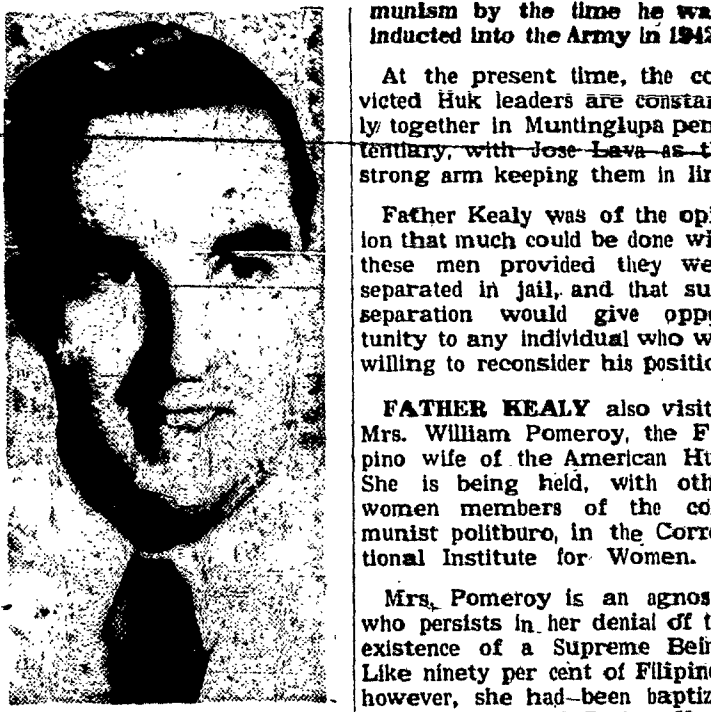
"Do you admit," Father Kealy asked Pomeroy, "that there is a chance that you may be mistaken, that there is, after all, some possibility that God does exist?"

William Pomeroy thought for a moment and then said, "There is that possibility, but no one can prove it."

"Then," logically reasoned Father Kealy, "if God may possibly exist, and if communism and belief in God are incompatible, do you admit the possibility that communism may be wrong?"

"Yes," agreed Pomeroy, "it would seem that that possibility were there."

WILLIAM POMEROY also admitted that in a communist state it really is not the people who



WILLIAM POMEROY

rule but a small powerful group. When Father Kealy asked the ex-G.I. why communists wanted to take over the United States to improve the lot of the people when capitalism in the States had given people the highest standard of living in the world, Pomeroy had no answer.

William Pomeroy of Rochester is serving a life sentence in Bilibid Prison for participating in the Philippine Communist (Hukbushang) rebellion. Now 39, he was captured in April, 1952, with his Filipino wife, Celia, who is also in prison.

Pomeroy, who attended West High School and worked in Rochester, admits that he made his first contacts with the Communist Party in Rochester in 1934 or 1937, and that he was won over to the cause of Com-

Positions Open For Teachers

Qualified lay persons interested in teaching positions in the parochial schools of the Diocese of Rochester are invited to contact the Office of Superintendence, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, N. Y., on 5-3434.

Sermons Scheduled For Home Workers

Rome, Italy — (NC) — Workers from 200 of Rome's factories and public utilities will be given a series of spiritual instructions in preparation for Easter.