

# AOH, Knights Of St. John Conventions Open Next Week

The national convention of the Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary and the biennial state convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary will be conducted in Rochester next week.

Knights of St. John and auxiliary members will have their annual convention at their headquarters from June 27 to July 2. Hibernians and ladies will make their headquarters at Hotel Sheraton, June 28 to 30.

Schedule of events for the 69th Biennial New York State Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary in Rochester, June 26, 27, and 28 with Sheraton Hotel headquarters is complete according to Walter Anderson, Monroe County President and convention general chairman.

Wednesday, June 25, registration of delegates from New York City, Albany, Schenectady, Amsterdam, Little Falls, Rome, Utica, Elmira, Syracuse, Auburn, Oswego, Poughkeepsie, Yorkers, Niagara Falls and Lockport will take place at Sheraton Hotel.

Thursday, June 26, delegates will assemble at the Sheraton and accompanied by Aquinas Institute Band will march to St. Mary Church. His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside and preach at Mass at 9 a. m. to be celebrated by the Rev. Donald M. O'Callaghan, state chaplain. Father O'Callaghan is chaplain of the Carmelite Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, New York City.

At a Communion breakfast in the Sheraton after the Mass, Mayor Peter Barry and the Rev. George S. Wood, county chaplain will welcome the delegates. City Court Judge Leo T. Milton will be toastmaster. Father O'Callaghan will be principal speaker.

FRIDAY over business sessions opening Thursday will be State President Timothy J. Driscoll, New York City, past marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York and Mrs. Marie McArdle, Bronx, N. Y., Ladies Auxiliary state president. Sessions will continue Friday and with election of state officers.

Thursday afternoon after business sessions, delegates will visit the graves of the Rev. Michael P. O'Brien, late state and county chaplain and Mrs. Wheelwright, mother of Eamon DeValera, prime minister of the Irish Republic. A reception and dance will be held at the Sheraton at the Hibernian Club.

Friday evening, June 27, delegates will visit Eastman House from 7 to 9 p. m. Major degrees will be conferred at the Sheraton later.

Closing of the convention will take place with a banquet, Saturday evening. His Excellency,

Governor Averill Harriman will bring state greetings, Mayor Peter Barry will extend the city's welcome.

Colonel E. Bert will welcome in behalf of Rochester knights and Mrs. Julia Weismiller, district auxiliary president, for the ladies.

A program of music and entertainment will be presented. Featured will be Dr. David Felner, Eastman School Music; Marie Keber Burbank and the Women's Choral Club and Jack and Lucille Killy, New York stars. This is open to public with no charge.

Sunday, June 29 — 9 a. m. — Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Kearney in St. Joseph Church, Franklin St. Very Rev. Gerald J. Whelan, C.S.S.R., St. Joseph's rector will preach, 5:30 p. m. Hotel Manger, ball room. Bishop Kearney will speak, 8:30 p. m. Military Ball. War Memorial Knights will wear uniforms.

Monday, June 30 — 9 a. m. St. Peter and Paul Church, West Main St. — Memorial Mass for deceased members. Rev. Robert J. Fox, pastor will be celebrant, 10:30 a. m. Hotel Manger, Ontario Room, opening business session knights; Hotel Manger, ball room, opening business session for ladies; 1 p. m. — Address by Sgt. General Earl E. Boyle of Syracuse.

Monday, June 30 — 5:30 p. m. Elks Club and Knights and Ladies of St. John Club, reception and social hour.

Tuesday, July 1 — 9:30 a. m. Hotel Manger ballroom. Memorial service supreme auxiliary. Father Whelan of St. Joseph's will conduct and will be assisted by Supreme President Camilla Haszlauec and Supreme Treasurer Clara Renner of Columbus, Ohio. Resolutions will be adopted during business sessions.

Wednesday, July 2 — 9:30 a. m. final sessions for knights in Ontario room, ladies in ballroom.

## Detroit Confirms 3,424 Adults

Detroit — (NC) — A new record for adults receiving the sacrament of Confirmation was set here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

At two ceremonies on June 8 a total of 376 adults were confirmed, bringing to 3,424, the number of grown-ups in this year's classes. In ceremonies on May 25 in the cathedral 1,132 persons received the sacrament, and on June 1 Confirmation was administered to 1,416.

Saturday, June 13, morning and afternoon, Community War Memorial, competitive and exhibition drills, 7 p. m. — Street parade, downtown Rochester. About 2,500 knights and ladies in uniform will participate. Line of march will be East Avenue to Main St. East, to Main St. West to Pittsburgh St. South to Broad St. to the War Memorial. The entire parade will march into the War Memorial for formal opening ceremonies.

Saturday, 8 p. m. — Address at formal opening will be given by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, former supreme spiritual adviser of the knights and auxiliary.



'Closer To Heaven'

Edmond Wash, (NC) — When jet creeps from Paine Air Force Base, who attend Holy Rosary Church, Edmonds, Wash., urged their pastor to get "closer to heaven" — via jet. Father Leonard Rafalowski, took them up on their coaxing. He is shown in flying suit and parachute which he wore on a flight in a T-33 jet trainer.

## Catholic Agency Tops In Relief Aid

New York — (NC) — Almost half of the \$312,188,510 distributed in overseas relief during 1952 by 53 American agencies registered with the International Cooperation Administration (ICA) was accounted for by Catholic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference.

CRSNCWC International relief agency of the U.S. Bishops distributed \$146,538,128 in aid to more than 50 countries last year, according to a report released by the ICA's Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid.

LEADERS among the other 52 voluntary agencies reported in the report were: Church World Service, \$41,964,291; CARE, Inc., \$34,614,963; American Jewish Distribution Committee, \$28,469,377; and Lutheran World Relief, \$16,558,784.

Mrs. Edward E. Swanstrom, executive director of CRSNCWC, said that "the accomplishment behind these figures is a greater tribute to the generosity and Christ-like concern of the American people for the poor, hungry, needy and sick in less fortunate areas of the world."

The figures in the ICA report present the cost of food, clothing, medicine, equipment for work, cooperation, rehabilitation, orphan programs and other projects among more than 40 million people in the free nations of the world.

Some assistance also has been provided by U.S. agencies to countries behind the Iron Curtain, including Poland and Yugoslavia.

## Exiled Clergy Give Warning Cleveland Court On China News Fines Obscene Film Operator

Steyl, Germany (RNS) — A group of Roman Catholic prelates who have been expelled from Communist China warned the Western press at a conference here against "careless and uncritically" printing reports on the Catholic Church in that country spread by the New China news agency in Peking.

PARTICIPANTS in the conference included Thomas Cardinal Tien, Archbishop of Peking; Archbishop Theodore Buddenbrock of Lanshou; Bishop Augustin Olbert of Tsingto; Bishop Karl Weber of Ichow; Msgr. Ferdinand Loy, Apostolic Prefect of Sinkiang; and Msgr. Jerome Haberstroh, Apostolic Prefect of Sining.

All the prelates are members of the Divine Word Missionaries, a society founded in Holland in 1873. They were joined at the meeting by the Very Rev. Johannes Schulte, the new Superior General of the society, who recently visited the United States. Father Schulte spent 12 years in China.

The prelates said the news stories published by the Communist news agency were "most cases" but in accordance with the facts.

They expressed regret also that the scope of news coverage of China in the Western press was "insufficient" and thus fails to create "a counterweight to one-sided Communist news reports."

## U. S. Priest Named LaSalette Head

Rome — (NC) — The general chapter of the Missionaries of Our Lady of Salette has elected a U.S. priest, Father Joseph A. Dutil, as its superior general.

A native of St. Johnsbury, Vt., Father Dutil was ordained in 1927 at Tournai, Belgium.

Cleveland — (NC) — A precedent-setting conviction was obtained against the owner of a "fun house" here for possessing and exhibiting obscene movie films.

Convicted was Mrs. Gertrude Gervaras, owner of "Jean's Fun House," who faces prison terms of one to seven years and a fine of from \$200 to \$2,000. Common Pleas Judge John J. Mahon deferred sentence pending a defense appeal for a new trial.

IT WAS THE first conviction of its kind in the memory of veteran court officials here. Mrs. Gervaras was charged six months ago along with two other "fun house" operators of possessing and selling obscene material. The other two, both men, have yet to be tried.

In the wake of a campaign by a civic organization called Citizens for Decent Literature, the conviction was regarded as a spur for more stringent self-regulatory action by other operators.

Films seized by the police were shown to the box of six men and six women. They were asked to decide if the films were obscene and if the operator exhibited them knowingly.

In his charge to the jury Judge Mahon depicted obscenity as having a substantial tendency to deprave or corrupt by arousing lascivious thoughts or lustful desires.

THE JUDGE also explained that the proper test for obscenity is "whether in the average person applying contemporary community standards the dominant theme of the material in question when taken as a whole appeals to the prurient interests."

This is identical with the test for obscenity laid down by the U.S. Supreme Court in its Roth decision last year.

Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Thomas L. Osborne

said the conviction will open the way for police to crack down on operators who for years have been "walking on a razor edge between obscenity and legality."

County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan said the police now have "a standard of judgment" and invited them to arrest operators who screen similar films.

He said however that he would cooperate with those who wish to set up a self-screening board. "We are more interested in clearing out obscenity than in getting convictions," he said.

## Employers Plan World Congress

Elmsfield, N.Y. (RNS) — The Swiss Association of Catholic Employers at its spring meeting here, made preliminary arrangements for organizing the World Congress of the International Union of Catholic Employers' Associations in June next year.

It is expected that the biennial conference, to be held at Lucerne, will be attended by more than 100 representatives of some 18 national associations in Europe and North and South America.

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