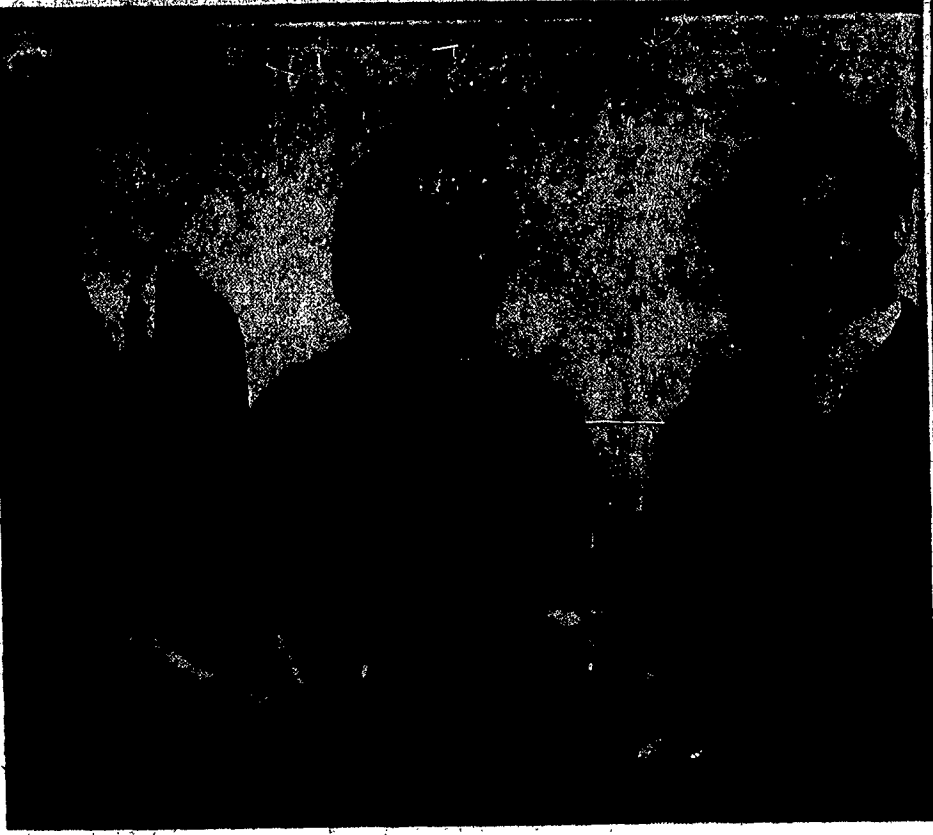


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**AQUINAS INSTITUTE** was well represented in the Annual High School Forensic Tournament sponsored by St. John's University of New York on Saturday, Nov. 28. Thomas Farrell (left) and James Henrick won third place trophy for their school and individual debate honors for themselves in the day long program which included over 500 students from 75 schools in the Middle Atlantic States area. The Rochester students are shown here with Rev. Frederick J. Easterly, C.M., St. John's Vice-President for Student Personnel Services.

## Jesuit Editor Recommends More Sermons On Race Topic

**New York—(RNS)—**A strong plea for more sermons on interracial justice was made by a noted Jesuit editor at a memorial Mass here marking the first anniversary of the death of Father John LaFarge, a founder of the Catholic Interracial Council.

Preaching at the Mass, Father Thurston N. Davis, editor-in-chief of America, national Catholic weekly, stressed that all Christians "can no longer duck the moral obligations of interracial justice."

"Yes," he said, "from the mouth of the priest in the pulpit, as well as through the consistent example of all of us in our daily lives, the word must be preached, the message conveyed, that we are face to face here, not simply with a political question, as some have said, but with a true moral issue that will not go away merely because we choose not to confront it and take on the obligations that it lays upon us."

Citing a poll which showed that only 26 per cent of church members had ever heard of a sermon on social justice, Father Davis said "this state of things, too, must change."

"Perhaps we can hope that today, on Father LaFarge's first anniversary, we have managed to push that sad statistic up a tiny fraction of a percentage point," he added.

Father Davis also lauded a recent statement by the Advisory Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference's Family Life Bureau condemning laws which ban marriage between persons of different races.

He said the board was right in labeling such legislation "immoral" and in asserting that the laws deny fundamental human rights and should be tested in the courts.

The Mass was co-sponsored by the Catholic Interracial Council of New York, of which Father LaFarge was the chief founder, and the new John LaFarge Institute, founded to promote interreligious cooperation in dealing with vital intergroup and community problems.

Celebrant of the Mass was Father Walter M. Abbott, associate editor of America and director of the institute, located in America House, the weekly's new headquarters.

Father LaFarge, who died Nov. 14, 1963 at the age of 83, won national renown for his lifelong leadership in the struggle for social justice and interreligious goodwill. He served as an editor of America for 37 years.

## Reds OK Visit To Seminary

**Bonn—(NC)—** For the first time in many years, Bishop Aaron Martin of Alba Julia, the only Catholic bishop in communist Rumania, has been given permission to visit his diocesan seminary.

Restrictions on visitors to his residence have been relaxed, it was reported here by RNA, German Catholic news agency.

The 68-year old bishop is a native of Alba Julia. Ordained in 1924, he was consecrated on Feb. 12, 1932. In June, 1940, he was arrested by the communist regime for refusing to accept a Red proposal regarding Church-state relations and for his refusal to deny the primacy of the pope.

## Nazi Poses As Rabbi

**Vancouver—(RNS)—** An American Nazi who entered Canada illegally admitted here that he had disguised himself as a bearded rabbi.

George Lincoln Rockwell, head of the American Nazi movement, came here via plane, but was identified shortly after he doffed his disguise.

He had been scheduled to address a group at the University of British Columbia. School officials canceled the talk when they learned his status as a "prohibited person" under Canadian law. Immigration officers there made certain he was placed aboard a U.S.-bound plane.

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## Churches Probe Rural Changes

**Lincoln—(RNS)—**A U.S. Department of Agriculture official told Protestant and Catholic clergymen at a "State of Society Conference" here that greater interdenominational cooperation is mandatory at the local level if religion is to be effective in town and country communities.

Some 160 churchmen from seven western states took part in the conference, sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service of universities and state colleges in the Northern Great Plains area and planned by a committee of religious and secular authorities.

**TAKING PART** in the detailed examination of socio-economic factors affecting churches in rural areas were educators, farm extension and agriculture department authorities.

Stanley W. Voelker, on the staff of the Farm Production Economics Division of the USDA's Economic Research Service and stationed at North Dakota State University, made the call for greater inter-Church cooperation as he delivered a personal paper on the effects of population changes on town and country churches.

In the attempt to continue ministries in sections of dwindling and rapidly changing population, Mr. Voelker said, "some individual denominations have made just about all the feasible adjustments that can be made by themselves."

Before cooperative programs can be established, however, he said, "certain accommodations to change" must be made both by local church members who may be affected by "deeply held traditions, sentimental attachments, family ties and sacred memories" and by Church leaders at the judicious level.

He stressed that Church lead-

## Two Students Baptized In Moscow

**Munich—(NC)—**Two young students at Moscow's Lenin Teachers Institute caused a furor last month when they were baptized as Catholics at St. Louis Catholic Church in Moscow.

According to Radio Liberty, the Russian-language radio station which beams its programs into the Soviet Union, the action was particularly galling to the Soviets because one of the youths, identified as Vladimir Krutikov, had just been appointed a political instructor for Komsomol, the communist youth organization.

Krutikov and Vladimir Kharanov were received into the Church after first declaring in a letter that "we cannot endure it any longer. The Church and religion are our last refuge."

The students were expelled from school. Moskovsky Komsomlets, a communist youth publication, blamed the defection on foreign radio broadcasts which "caressed their ears and, like rust, corroded their souls."

## Bishop Zaleski To be Installed

**Lansing—(NC)—** Auxiliary Bishop Alexander M. Zaleski of Detroit will be enthroned Dec. 15 in St. Mary's cathedral here as Coadjutor Bishop of the Lansing diocese to succeed retiring Bishop Joseph H. Alberts.

Lansing, the smallest diocese in Michigan in area, has the largest Catholic population with more than 200,000 Catholics in a 15-county area.

(He is a close friend of Rochester's Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey and served as his co-consecrator in 1953)

## \$4.6 Billion Given Churches

**Washington—(RNS)—** Religious organizations received the biggest share of the \$7.5 billion listed as charitable contributions by federal income taxpayers who itemized deductions on their 1962 tax returns.

The 1962 returns are the latest to be analyzed by the Internal Revenue Service.

According to IRS, \$4.6 billion was listed as contributions to churches and other religious organizations or agencies.

These figures, it was stressed, do not include amounts given by individuals to such organizations who did not itemize contributions in their returns. Nearly 38 million taxpayers in 1962, IRS pointed out, claimed the standard deduction rather than itemize them.

Other charitable organizations such as health associations, child welfare and community service groups accounted for \$1.1 billion in itemized contributions.

## State To Buy College Units

**Jersey City—(NC)—** Prospects are growing that Seton Hall University's college of medicine and dentistry here will end its existence as it began—surrounded by law suits.

The 10-year-old institution is due to be purchased by the state on Jan. 1, 1965, for 14 million if enabling legislation passes the State Senate, as expected, on Dec. 7.

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