

Catholic Veterans' Group Lists Awards, Officers

The Catholic War Veteran of the Year Award was given to Thomas Rafundo at the 24th Annual Convention of Catholic War Veterans in Fairport, Jan. 23. Rafundo is a member of St. Patrick's Post No. 1266.

The group also gave Lawrence Perari of St. Jerome's parish, East Rochester, the Catholic Layman Award.

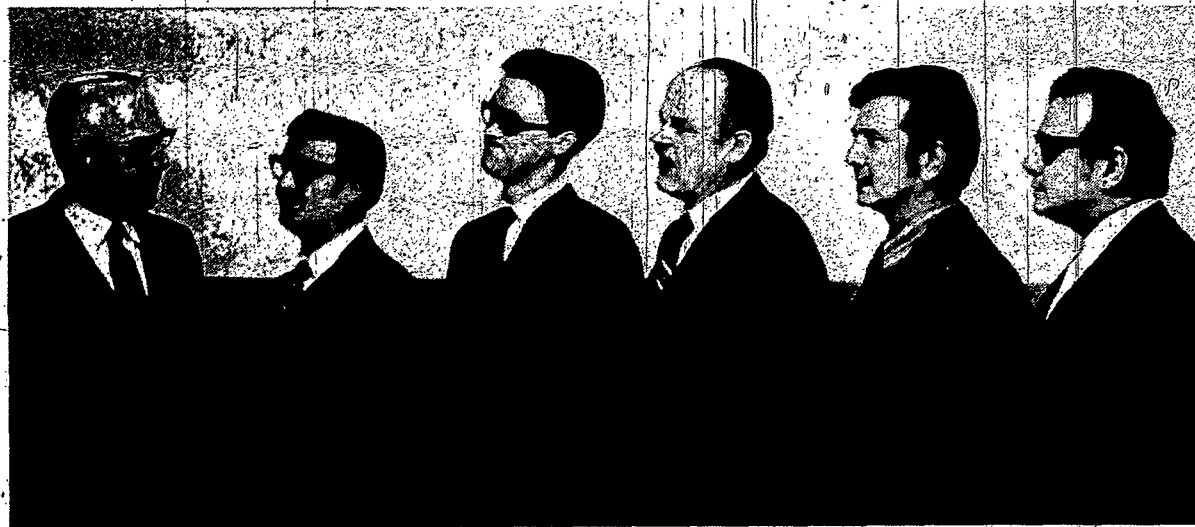
The business of the convention included electing and installing the following officers:

Chaplain — Father Thomas Corbett, St. Jerome's Church, E. Rochester; Commander — Trevor Durrant, Sacred Heart Cathedral; 1st V. Commander — Michael Terrigno, St. Patrick; 2nd V. Commander — Sam Calantoni, St. Patrick; 3rd V. Commander — James O'Connor,

Sacred Heart; Treasurer — Norbert Frumusa, St. Jerome; Welfare Officer — Michael Tedone, OLPH; Historian — Sam Ronzo, St. Patrick.

Also installed were: Officer of Day — Robert Backer, St. Jerome; Judge Advocate — Richard Dandrea, St. Patrick; Medical Officer — John Joseph, St. Patrick; Trustee 3-Year — Michael Terrigno, St. Patrick; Trustee 2-Year — William Schmidt, St. Patrick; Trustee 1-Year — Ted Hauck, Sacred Heart; Adjutant — Jim O'Connor, Sacred Heart.

The guest speaker at the banquet was Father John Hayes, Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral. Also guests from the Jewish War Veterans, American Legion and Italian Veterans were present.



District Supreme Court Justice Emmett Schnepf (left) is pictured with some members of St. Augustine's Church Men's Club prior to talk he gave at club's meeting Jan. 25. From left are Gerald DeGroot, Ronnie Powell, Carl Lowenguth, Martin Beckman and John Palmer.

Can't Condone Lawbreaking -- Schnepf

Defending the citizen's right to peaceful dissent, District Supreme Court Justice Emmett J. Schnepf told members of the St. Augustine's Church Men's Club Jan. 25 that "we cannot condone those who deliberately flaunt our laws or invade the rights and liberties of others."

Noting that President John

F. Kennedy had termed "defiance of the law as the surest road to tyranny," Justice Schnepf declared:

"The right to dissent is an integral part of the democratic process. But we are a government of laws, not men. Liberty is not license to do anything one likes."

Laws should be changed through education and persuasion, he said, "but not by violence, coercion, or interference with the rights of others."

There is some legal authority for peaceful sit-ins, marches and demonstrations, he admitted, "but bombings and burnings and other such acts are illegal and cannot be tolerated."

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Abortion Fight Renewed in R.I.

Providence — (RNS) — Bishop Russell J. McVinney of Providence, in a pastoral letter, has called for an adamant stand against "prevalent pro-abortion propaganda" now threatening the state law which permits abortion only to save a mother's life.

Attempts to change the law have failed many times in the legislature. A new measure was introduced in the General Assembly recently by Rep. Theodore F. Low (D-Prov). A day later, a bill authorizing a complete study of abortion was introduced by Rep. Robert J. McKenna (D-Newport), political science professor at Salve Regina College, a Catholic girls' school in Newport.

Shortly thereafter, the bishop announced that an anti-abortion campaign center would be set up by Catholic Family Services, to work with the local "Right to Life" committee, a non-diocesan activity.

Paul McMahon, attorney for the Catholic diocese, said the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule on the constitutionality of the District of Columbia's abortion law, which is similar to Rhode Island's. He noted that a court decision against the D.C. law would, in effect, cancel out Rhode Island's statute.

State Aid Sought for Abortion

Annapolis, Md. — (RNS) — Maryland's administration has requested \$441,000 in new budget funds to expand an unpublicized abortion and male sterilization program it has been carrying out since June.

The program serves persons who do not qualify for Medicaid but who the state feels cannot afford an abortion or sterilization.

The state health agency reported that 193 therapeutic abortions had been paid for under the program, which also financed the sterilization of 41 women and vasectomies for three men.

Under the federal standards for Medicare, a single woman having an income of less than \$1,600 may obtain a free abortion. The state's supplemental program makes subsidized abortions available to a single woman earning up to \$2,250 annually. The maximum earnings allowed for a woman in a family of six is \$8,940.

The program operates under terms of a 1968 law that usually limits abortion to rape victims or to women whose mental or physical well-being is threatened by pregnancy. Since July Medicaid has financed more than 350 abortions for medically indigent Maryland women. A total of 1,568 abortions was recorded in the three-month period ending Sept. 30.

Abortion Termed Dehumanizing

Prospect Heights, Ill. — (RNS) — Abortion is an extension in the process of dehumanizing women, the president of the Lutheran Church-Mission Synod, said.

Dr. J. A. O. Freis added, in a talk to the Lutheran Deaconess Association, that the churches have a long way to go in giving women a meaningful role.

The Rev. Herbert Steinbauer of Detroit was elected president of the association, which seeks to help women find places of professional service to the church. "I am the fifth man to be president of the LIDA," Pastor Steinbauer commented, "and it wouldn't surprise me if No. 6 or No. 7 were of another gender."

Indicted Priests In Parish Work

Baltimore — (RNS) — Two Baltimore priests who are awaiting trial on a federal conspiracy charge, have been given new parish assignments here.

The priests, Father Joseph Wenderoth and Father Neil McLaughlin, had been relieved of their archdiocesan assignments some time ago for participating in anti-war demonstrations and raids.

They were among six persons, including Father Philip Berrigan, S.S.J., indicted for allegedly plotting to blow up heating systems in Washington, D.C., and to kidnap presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger.

"They are my priests," the cardinal said of them, "and I am their bishop. I ordained them and I have a responsibility to them."

They were released from jail, along with Anthony Scoblick, a former priest, on \$7,500 bail, which was raised through the efforts of Father Joseph Connolly, pastor of St. Katherine of Siena parish, Baltimore.

Hitler's CO Dies, Opposed Naziism

Nuremberg — (RNS) — The man who gave orders to Cpl. Adolph Hitler, and later, actively opposed the German dictator, died here Jan. 25. The Rev. Karl Frobenius, 78, was Hitler's company commander in World War I.

After the war, Mr. Frobenius became a Protestant minister, and, as an active member of the so-called "Professing Church," became an outspoken opponent of Naziism. Despite his opposition, a report from here said, he was never arrested.

COMMUNION SUNDAY FOR ARCHCONFRATERNITY

The Archconfraternity of the Holy Family of St. Joseph's Church will receive Holy Communion at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Feb. 7. Breakfast, conference and meeting in the school cafeteria will follow the Mass.

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