

PREPARE FOR WAR EMERGENCY



President Truman seems pleased as he listens to National Commander Donald McQuade, of Toledo, head of the Catholic War Veterans, tell of the CWV pledge of loyalty and cooperation during the present national crisis and emergency. The visit to the White House occurred during a meeting in Washington of the national board of officers and executive committee of the Catholic War Veterans, which outlined plans for cooperation with the President.

President Says Full U. S. Diplomatic Mission to Vatican Is Under Study

WASHINGTON. — The question of establishing formal diplomatic relations with the Holy See is under study by the U. S. State Department, President Truman told one of his weekly press conferences.

Volunteers Information

The President volunteered this information after a correspondent had asked him whether he was considering appointing a successor to Myron C. Taylor, who resigned January 18, as personal representative of the President of the United States to His Holiness Pope Pius XII. President Truman said he had no such move in mind. He made it clear that, with the resignation of Mr. Taylor, the office of personal representative ceased. He added at once that the possibility of appointing a regular envoy to the Holy See is under consideration.

No Recommendation

In February, about a month after Mr. Taylor's resignation, President Truman told the press that he had not yet come to a decision concerning representation at the Vatican. Toward the end of June, Secretary of State Acheson told a press conference that he knew of nothing new on this subject at that time. Earlier, the State Department was quoted as saying no decision had been reached on whether to continue diplomatic representation to the Holy See. Despite the State Department silence, it was generally reported at the time that Secretary Acheson was discussing the matter with President Truman, and that he had noted the three alternatives — terminate American relations with the Vatican altogether, name a successor to Mr. Taylor, or establish a full-fledged diplomatic mission to the Holy See. It was said that the Secretary of State made no recommendation as to any of the three possible courses.

Mr. Taylor was named by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in December, 1939, to be his personal representative to the Pope.

Cardinal Spellman Blesses New Edifice At Forest City

FOREST CITY. — During his recent tour of North Carolina, His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, visited and blessed the new Immaculate Church which is now under construction. His Eminence was accompanied by Bishop Vincent S. Waters, D. D. Ordinary for the Raleigh Diocese and both were very pleased with the fine structure.

Contribution Helps

The Immaculate Conception Church was made possible through a contribution from The Catholic Church Extension Society, of Chicago, which is headed by The Most Rev. William O'Brien, D. D. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cornett of Forest City also made general donations for the new church.

The structure is located on Highway 74 midway between Forest City and Spindale in Western North Carolina and is of brick construction of rural American architecture.

To Seat 120 People

It is believed to be the second complete combination Church Rectory and Hall in the Diocese of Raleigh. When completed the church will seat 120 people, with a center and two side aisles. In the rear of the building there is a complete apartment for a priest, with vestibule, large living room and office, bedroom and

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Picnic Held by Society At Scotland Neck

SCOTLAND NECK. — The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Anne's Church here sponsored a picnic recently. The men of the parish were invited by their wives.

The picnic was held in the home of Mrs. Michael Alkazin due to inclement weather.

This was a fitting day for the event as it was the Feast Day of St. Anne, patroness of the church.

The Reverend Philip Russo, T. O. R., pastor.

Chaplains Brave Gunfire In Korea; U. S. Priests Urged to Enter Service

While Catholic chaplains bravely communized gunfire in Korea to bring spiritual solace to American troops, Bishops in this country called for more chaplain volunteers to swell their ranks and also directed their flocks to pray for peace.

A Catholic chaplain from Washington, D. C., cut off from his regiment for four days during the fighting around Taejon, finally worked his way back to the U. S. lines. Another chaplain made an eight-hour round trip over rugged mountain roads in a jeep to get food for a hungry battalion at the front.

Two chaplains are known to have been killed in the Korean war so far. One, Father Herman G. Felhoelter, O. F. M., was slain by Korean communist troops while caring for wounded Americans. Identity of the other chaplain, killed at the front by a strafing North Korean plane, has been withheld pending notification of relatives.

Bishops Issue Call

On the home front, several members of the American Hierarchy have issued a call for chaplain volunteers to minister to the expanding armed forces. Others have responded to the Pope's plea for a crusade of prayer for peace in the new encyclical, Summi Maeroris, by directing public prayers be offered for peace. At the same time, the Chaplain's Aid Society has called attention to the need for additional help in funds, volunteer labor, and the collection of religious articles — especially "broken rosaries," which the society's volunteer workers can repair and send to Catholic chaplains for distribution.

On the same day that the Corps of Chaplains celebrated its 175th anniversary, the safe return of Father Edward S. Dorsey, O. P., of Washington, D. C., to his regiment near Taejon was reported in newspapers. Father Dorsey, a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II, had been cut off by North Korean forces for four days.

Has Arduous Task

Father Francis C. Biel, O. F. M. Conv., of Baltimore brought back a jeepload of bread to a hungry battalion on the Korean front lines, after traveling eight hours over rugged mountain roads. He was accompanied by another chaplain, apparently not a priest.

In a letter to his parents Father Francis wrote: "I haven't slept in three days — the boys are really working hard." The 37-year-old priest is a graduate of St. Francis College in Granby, Mass., and has served in various parishes in Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts.

A chaplain at the headquarters of Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker in Korea wrote in a letter that "we are counting on the prayers of the folks back home, especially in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, to keep the fight from developing into World War III."

Chaplains at Front

The writer, Msgr. Robert J. Sherry of Cincinnati, added that "at present I'm the only chaplain at headquarters; the other chaplains are with their men in combat."

Monsignor Sherry left the U. S. for Japan, April 13, after having

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Highlands Church Is Dedicated on August 15; Located In the Highest Town in Eastern North America

Chaplains Wanted



Brig. Gen. James H. O'Neill, priest of the Diocese of Helena, Mont., is the Deputy Chief of Army Chaplains. There are 800 Catholic chaplains now on active duty, and Cardinal Spellman, as Military Vicar, has issued an appeal for more chaplains to serve with all branches

HIGHLANDS. — The Solemn Dedication of the new Chapel under the title, OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS, will take place on Tuesday, August 15th, Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, at four o'clock in the afternoon. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, D. D., Bishop of Raleigh will conduct the ceremony. Rev. Charles J. O'Connor, Pastor, will assist Bishop Waters as Master of Ceremonies. Music for the Dedication will be provided by the Catholic Daughters of America Choir, Court Asheville.

Chapel Described

The Chapel is described by the architect, Mr. James A. McGeady of Greensboro, as an "all-purpose" building. The Sanctuary can be separated from the nave by accordion leatherette doors, so that the auditorium may be used for parochial functions. A utility apartment adjoins the auditorium and includes kitchen, bedroom, sitting room combination, bath and sacristy. The architecture is modified Georgian style and the construction is cinder block veneered in red brick.

Catholic activities in Highlands were inaugurated by Rev. Ambrose Rohrbacher, Pastor of St. John's Church, Waynesville, in 1940. Mass was celebrated through the summer months in various private homes and in the Public High School auditorium. In 1949 Highlands was assigned to the newly erected Sacred Heart Parish, Brevard, as a mission. The entire resident congregation in Highlands is made up of Converts to the Church.

The Town of Highlands is tagged by the Chamber of Commerce as "The Highest Incorporated Town in Eastern America." It sits on Mount Satulah in Nantahala National Park, at the height of 4118 feet. Visitors from all over the country find Highlands a delightful summer resort.

Reception to Follow

Parishioners and friends will be entertained at a reception following the ceremony at KALALANTATA, spacious estate of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Howerdd of Augusta, Ga. Mrs. Charles W. Quinn is Chairman in charge of Dedication arrangements.

Contractor for OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS is the Lumberton Builders, Inc., of Lumberton, N. C., of which Mr. Henry McDaniel is president.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Waters, following 9:30 Mass on the morning of August 15th.

CSMC Will Seek to Advance Racial Justice

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Action to combat racial prejudice will be included in the program of the 14th national convention of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade to be held, August 24-27 at the University of Notre Dame.

Participating in the convention discussions will be representatives of the Josephine Fathers, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People and other religious communities working in a special way for the promotion of interracial justice.

Castle Hayne NCLA Holds Hugh Rally for Displaced Persons

CASTLE HAYNE. — More than 100 displaced persons from the Kinston area, many of them veterans of Europe's wars and hardships, were guests of St. Stanislaus parish on July 30th.

The Kinston DP's were subjects of an inaugural movement sponsored by the Castle Hayne North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association unit to better acquaint them with the customs and traditions of the American people.

The activities began at 2:30 o'clock with Benediction, Father Roland Gross, pastor, officiating. Eugene Davis, Chairman of the St. Stanislaus Laymen's Association, welcomed the visitors; and A. Lorek and Mrs. Mary Kosh greeted them in Polish and Hungarian.

Outlines Difficulties

Mr. Lorek outlined the difficulties displaced persons encounter when they begin a new life. Ben J. McDonald, local radio announcer, delivered a brief speech to the DP's on "Americanism" and read the "American Pledge."

Other speeches on Americanism and difficulties that the DP's will inevitably encounter from time to time were delivered by Father Thomas Monohan, pastor of St. Thomas' church in Wilmington; Father Roland Gross, pastor of St. Stanislaus; Father Daniel Lutz, pastor of St. Joseph's in St. Helena; and Father Thomas A. Williams of Kinston.

Of outstanding significance to the European DP's were the playing of the national anthems of their respective countries, namely Poland, Ukrania, Hungary and Latvia. The Star Spangled Ban-

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