Marian Fathers’ Auxiliary Annual Convention Huge Success

Convention Asks Marian Fathers To Begin Steps For New Boys’ High School In Chicago — Delegates From All Parts of City — Donations Reach Over Two Thousand Dollars

Well over 250 delegates representing approximately one hundred various organizations gathered at Our Lady of Vilna parish on Sunday, March 3 for the 19th annual convention of the Marian Fathers’ Auxiliary. Delegates came not only from all parts of Chicago, but some were present from other parts of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Donations accruing from the delegates personally and by mail as well as gifts from friends of the Congregation of the Marian Fathers, mounted over the two thousand dollar mark.

The Mass opening the convention was celebrated by the pastor of the Immaculate Conception parish (Brighton Park) Rev. A. Bržika. The sermon was given by Rev. dr. C. Geib's assistant at St. Anthony’s parish, Cicero. Other assistance during the services was supplied by other Marian Fathers and seminarians. The Marian Hills Seminaries, Chicago provided the assistance of Rev. V. Parulis, M. I. C. performed the singing portion of the services.

Speakers


Resolutions

The highlight of the convention was the passing of a resolution asking the Marian Fathers to begin steps toward building a new Catholic High School for boys in Chicago. Other resolutions affected the transporting of refugee Marian priests and brothers to America, expansion of the Lithuanian Catholic press and educational institutions in America, The convention asked for the building of a cathedral hall to be erected at St. Anthony's parish, Cicero, according to His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch.

The officers of the convention were as follows: Joseph Mozerez, chairman;

Miss B. Jakštienė, Mrs. Stankus, Mr. J. Sliogeris, vice-pres.; Miss A. Bukaitis and G. Nraitkevičius, M. I. C. secretes.

The newly elected officers of the Executive Committee are: Joseph Mozerez, pres.; Mrs. E. Lankauskienė, Mrs. C. Micka, vice-pres.; Rev. M. Srupas, secre.; Rev. A. Hiciunas, M. I. C., Spiritual Director, Rev. V. Parulis, M. I. C., treas.

We’ll Spend More

Almost 47 percent of all Americans expect to spend more in 1946 than in 1945, according to a survey by Fortune. The same survey indicated that our productive efficiency probably will exceed all records, barring strikes and unrealistic policy.

Workers on strike are losing wages totaling more than $135, 000,000 a day, according to United Press survey.

Industry Institute

Magdalena Granting of Tulsa, President of the Alumnae Asso- ciation of the Institute of Industry Institute, a summer school for women workers which has been spon- sored by the National Council of Catholic Women and the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference for the past nine years, Miss Granting announced that she is working to promote increased atten- dance this year. The Institute dates are June 16-29, IPC Photos.

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COMMENTARIES

Edward J. Kubalis

It is becoming disturbingly evident that one department of our government - the U. S. State Department - has not only not learned its lesson from its past glaring mistakes, but that it is deliberately going ahead and adding to its record chapter after chapter of shameful incompetence, bungling, and disregard for the wishes of the American people, whom it is supposed to be serving. Practically every issue of our newspapers reports new steps by our State Department away from the traditional American belief that there can be no compromise with truth, freedom and liberty.

Our State Department sold out Poland — the first country to resist the Nazis (at a time when the latter were given the "go-ahead" sign to start World War II by Stal in & Co.), and the only one of the fighting allies to give everything and get nothing in return for her sacrifices and suffering.

Our State Department still gives lip-service to the cause of Baltic freedom and independence, which were also destroyed by Soviet Russia, in violation of every treaty she had with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. The independence of these countries is still recognized by the U. S. State Department, but any request by the American people for our government to at least order a public diplomatic protest against continued Soviet occupation of the Baltic States is brushed down as being an "indiscreet" and "unimly" suggestion. It is becoming painfully evident that the U. S. will continue to recognize the ministers and consuls of these countries until such time as their legations and consulates have an assured future and we do not lose of lack of funds. This has already happened in the case of Latvia and Estonia.

Our State Department reversed itself and made an about-face on Finland. When Russia first attacked Finland, the little country was an "important victim of aggression." When Finland continued to defend herself against the aggressor (whose influence in the U. S. State Department is the most of the time), it was not considered as another anti-Communist action by our military and diplomatic personnel (with pro-Communists), she suddenly became a "totalitarian menace to world security". Now Finland has been turned over lock-stock-and-barrel to Soviet Russia.

Our State Department also reversed itself and made an about-face on Jugoslavia. Gen. Michailovich was at first acclaimed by our State Department as a heroic defender of his country against the Nazis. Then, practically overnight (of course, Soviet diplomatic pressure had nothing to do with this!) he had suddenly become an "out-right Nazi!" All military and diplomatic pressure (as suddenly suspended from the Czehniks to Tito and his Communist gang — whose "anti-Nazi-ism" was conspicuously absent during the Hitler-Stalin friendship-period) has been turned off.

Our State Department recently, and without first consulting the American people, took a unilateral action and issued the Blue Book, a blistering denunciation of the Argentine government. The only direct result of this evidently Communist-inspired black-listing of Col. Juan Peron has been to make him a greater national hero of the Argentine people. By its busy-body meddling in the internal affairs of Argentina (a matter which the Argentine people were given full freedom to settle for themselves in the elections there less than two weeks ago), our State Department has aroused still greater suspicion of the "Colossus of the North" among South American peoples and could not have encouraged the growth of totalitarian tendencies among them in a more effective manner. The Blue Book of the U. S. State Department (which, incidentally, was published in toto by Argentine newspapers!) was the best campaign material Col. Peron could possibly have found to gain more votes for himself. The best defense of this is the fact that, as of today, Col. Peron, Argentina's shriveled and clever "New Dealer," is leading his Democratic Union opponent by a wide margin.

Soviet diplomats have earned a world-wide reputation in the past for being, above all, pro-Soviet. British diplomats have followed the same policy in placing the interests of Great Britain first in all their demands and concessions. Are our U. S. diplomats also following the same course by promoting the "interests of honor?" The "anti-diplomatic recognition" since we started out to save the world, is painfully deprived of instances in which American interest and honor have emerged victorious.

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Why many Catholics say:

"I Hate Lent"

Francis J. Janitus, M. I. C.

I. Streamlines or Sea Lions

"I hate Lent." Don't be startled folks; these are not my own words. They were spoken by Joe. Anyone who knows Joe realizes that this seldom silent young man is prone to making startling statements. Usually there is not too much conviction behind them, but at other times, they cause great concern.

Joe is a student at a snap-y Ritz college, a non-Catholic institution near our city. He is only a freshman, but already he knows more than the Pope and the President of the United States combined. Maybe that's why he makes such statements. But that's enough about Joe. It's the fact that Joe's dislikes for Lent is shared by too many Catholics that worries me.

Ask them "why" and you discover that the laws of fast and abstinence have a lot to do with it. Many of our American Catholics do not recognize the binding force of these regulations. It is the principle of the thing that counts, they insist.

Food is a good thing, they point out. Thus, to forbid eating is as wrong as to forbid breathing. But the point they forget (so conveniently) is that the Church does not forbid eating; rather it attempts to regulate it, and that, for our own welfare.

Sure, food is a good thing. We all admit that. It supports life. But it is not an ultimate good, like the beatific vision of God in heaven. It is only a relative evil, like sunshine. One can never get too much of the beatific vision. But one can get too much sunshine. Just remember how badly you were burned at the beach last summer.

The Church prescribes nothing so drastic as what is found in the formulas of the leading beauticians. And what the Church does prescribe is from an altogether different and higher motive. She aims at the diabolous beauty of the body, which so quickly withers and perishes, but at the absolute beauty of the soul, which can grow ever lovelier with each passing year and which is destined to endure forever.

Give Till It Hurts

Friday, March 8, 1946
IN AND AROUND

K of L CIRCLES

K. OF L. CENTER TO BE MAIN SUBJECT AT K. OF L. CHICAGO DISTRICT MEETING SUNDAY

During the regular K. of L. Chicago District Meeting which will convene this Sunday afternoon, March 10th, in Marquette Park at the Nativity B. V. M. parish hall, 68th and S. Washtenaw, the main topic of discussion will be the proposed purchase of a building structure in Brighton Park vicinity to be established as the permanent housing quarters for the K. of L. Chicago area organizations to be known as the K. of L. Center. The joint District-Seniors building committee have completed preliminary investigation of the project and are prepared to present their report and await further instructions from the organization.

All K. of L. councils should see to it that their councils are well represented at this session as it is of vital interest to all. Other matters up for deliberation will be the promotion of the K. of L. District Choral Concert Play and Dance program set for May 19th at the Darius-Girenas hall, and also reports on the progress of plans for the K. of L. Day set for July 4th at Vytauhtas Park.

The District meeting will start promptly at 2:30 and all council representatives are urged to be on time.

K. OF L. DISTRICT CHOIR NOTES

Leonard J. Šimutis, Jr., Choir director, and all the choir members have really rolled up their sleeves and working hard in preparation for the Choir’s Concert presentation set for May 19th at the Darius-Girenas auditorium... Rehearsals are held every TUESDAY EVENING at the GAGE PARK FIELD HOUSE, 55th and Western... Vine Rēkus has rounded up a group of fine actors and they are hard at work rehearsing for the choir concert... More new members are joining the choir. — how about you?... A fine orchestra has been engaged for the May 19th affair, so there will be plenty of dancing for all those so inclined.

Ernie Sutkus, President of the choir group, has been signed up as a member of K. of L. Council 36. Congratula-
tions and many happy hours in K. of L. activities, Ernie. “Casey” Boguslavius, the “iron man” of the choir group was elected Chairman of the Concert arrangements commit-
tee... A delightful surprise, Mrs. Žita Marie Šimutis, wife of our choir director Leonard, joined the choir last Tuesday. Welcome!

LEADS BIG TEN

Pius XII Praises
American Catholics

ROME. — A deep appreciation of the spirituality of American Catholics and their generous assistance to many important works of the Church was expressed by Pope Pius XII in a private audience granted to Joseph F. Lambert, supreme secretary of the Knights of Columbus. In another audience, extended to George Strake of Houston, Texas, a trustee of Notre Dame university, the Pope declared himself fully conversant with the progress and development of the state. James A. Farley, former U. S. Postmaster General, also was received in au-
dience.

President Lauds
Lithuanian Patriot

WASHINGTON. — President Harry S. Truman paid tribute to Thaddeus Kociuszko on the 200th anniversary of his birth.

"The American people", the President said, "will never forget the great service which he so generously rendered to the cause of American independence. But even more important than that", he said, "Kociauszkos will be remembered for his unfurling devotion to the ideals of liberty, freedom, and justice to all mankind. His heroic efforts in the cause of liberty have served as inspiration to all peoples". a laborer.

TALKING IT OVER

Gulliver’s Giant

W e all felt a little sorry for the giant when he was tied to the ground by the Lilliputians in Gulliver’s Travels. He didn’t mean to hurt the little men, His giant appetite, however, was devouring their very life bread. So for his crime and that of his children, these Lilliputians caught the giant in his sleep and staked him to the ground.

There’s a marked likeness to this incident in the present strike situation. Capital doesn’t mean to take away the livelihood of workers and their families. Capital wants merely to satisfy its giant appetite. Unfortu-
ately this can be done only by waking the food off the workers’ table.

As a consequence, working men are taking advantage of present circumstances to tie the giant down. They now have, like capital, a bit of money saved from the war-
production days to tide them over. A large union member-
ship gives them a bargaining power equal to capital. Capital feels badly the need for workers at the outset of consumer production. Today is Labor’s most favorable day for protecting their fa-
ilies livelihood by staking down the giant, Capital.

But some of us, perhaps, are feeling sorry for the giant, just as we did for the giant in the story. Perhaps it’s because, in our day-dreams, we often imagine that we, too, will one day be giants. Yet, should a practical American run his life by day-dreams? He ought to face the facts.

Store-owners and small business men often identify themselves with Capital. They are capitalists in the sense that they finance and operate a business. It is not against this capitalist, how-
ever, that the workingman must defend himself. He knows his grocer, his garage man. Workingmen and small capitalists can be friendly because they have a common aim: a modest living and a fine community spirit.

It is hard, on the other hand, for workers to be friendly with an impersonal organization, with a board of directors that doesn’t even know the names of the men it employs. It is impossible to develop a community spirit in an organization which thrills only to a higher margin of profit.

We would do well to ask ourselves whether we owe our sympathies to the cause with the enormous appetite or to those with whom our lot really rests — our broth-
er workers. To free our-
selves from the day-dreams that may make us ready to sympathize with the giant, we must reflect. We can’t love Capitalism, we can love
Because We Walk In Darkness....

W/e walked in darkness. For we hate the light. We are a staggering, bewildered people. We know not where we go. The light has left us. Greater and greater in the tension of a despairing desire. All we have left is the elementary light of sun and stars, and our masses of dull, dim numbers. And could we reach it, would we not rip the sun from its sky? For we hate the light.

We gaze at prices, costs, wages, taxes, figures and figures, until we despair before this hopeless, endless conflict. We do not pierce the thin crust of grime and oil and sweat of the laborer and find, not a tool, but a monster. We do not see our own jealous hangkerings for an uncheck'd liberty, for a dulltless wealth, a thoughtless power. For we walk in darkness.

We shrink in disgust from the jowled Goering and feel quasy at the account of his and his gang's yearly. We don't see our "democratic" ally swallowing millions for slavery and starvation, for the blood of blood. For we walk in darkness.

With the fierce conviction of the just we may hang the

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The American people rejoiced. The State Department announced some time ago that we would not share the secret of atomic bomb with Russia. That pride in our diplomatic watch-dogs was quickly destroyed when a week before Ambassador Joseph Davies, the pride of the State Department, arrived in Moscow, we learned that a second Russian, who was to be released, was our friend in the dark. We learned that the darling of the Communists, officially defended Soviet citizen's self-admitted attempt to steal atomic bomb and radio information from Canada, Mr. Davies not only saw him released, but Russia had every right to try and steal the information, but he released the Canadian government of "anti-Sovietism" for protesting against the attempted theft.

Our State Department continues to piously quote beautifully phrased State Department's of its belief in the "inalienable right of all people of the world to free- dom, including the inalienable right of happiness and self-determina- tion", but its almost every act and concession is a flagrant repudiation of its own words. It loudly defends the interests of all people, providing, of course, that the Soviet Union has no interest in those peoples. In actual fact, it is the country we created, diplomatic silence. A few years ago, our government continued Socialist Atlantic Charter to the world, as an expression of what we believed in, and in defense of which we would spare no effort or sacrifice. We no longer hear the Atlantic Charter being quoted by our State Department. It has been quietly taken down from its golden frame and thrown into the waste-basket, as a too-obvious obstacle to the friendly relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. What desecration of the memories of millions of people throughout the world who died realizing Brown Pas- cian, Black Fascism and Red Fascism because they believed our government was anything but precipitation in the Atlantic Charter to the world!

After this enumeration (only partial, we sadly ad- mit), we are staggered and appalled at our spineless kowtowing to Red Fascism on the part of our State Department. We wish we could find a single instance or tendency to show that in the future, at least, we will see a return to the prin- ciples of true Americanism by our diplomats. Recent events, however, indicate that the U.S. State Department is going to continue to pander to Soviet interests above American interests, as it has in the past.

During the past week, our State Department has revealed that it is continuously cooperating with the Soviet Union in its desire to distract world attention from Russian atrocities, and in the Eastern Europe. The world has gone on from Moscow to Brussels, through the world that "Franco must go!"..."the Spanish people must be freed of this bloody dictator and given a new "democratic" government."

The "Democratic" government, hand-picked by Soviet Russia, is in Paris, awaiting the word to take over. Our State Department has merely obeyed the Kremlin order and is now engaged in diplomatic maneuvers which are openly meant to encourage Communist ele- ments in Spain to begin the second bloody civil war in Spain within a decade. Francisco Franco (whose blunt refusal to permit the Nazis to enter Spain and cut off the Strait of Gibraltar made the successful Allied invasion of North Africa possible) is menacing the peace and security of the world, Moscow declares, and must be destroyed! (We cannot help saying the bit- ter questions: What peace? What security?) Our State Department has obediently taken up the cry "Franco must go."

Sleep peacefully, you most-hated-thousand and American boys, who died believing that the-Americanism in preme sacrifice was at least bringing peace and freedom to the world! It is a merci- ful thing that you do not know that, even before the earth has settled on your graves, representatives of your own government are already betraying the cause for which you died!

Baseball Stars Speak

Detroit, Mich. — Barney McCoysel and Dick Wake- field of the world champion Detroit Tigers, who were recently inter- viewed in the studios of radio stations CIWL and CIWOK. This pro- gram — one of the best to originate here — was a series of broadcasts pre- sented by CIWL and the Detroit Times in the March of Dimes' drive.

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Army Bombs Attacked

BERLIN. — Marriage is a natural right which cannot be abrogated by state or mi- litary authority. The Rev. Edward J. Killion, C.S.S.R., European division chaplain of the army's transport command, has declared here, in opposing the decree against marriages of Americaniv and German girls. (NCW reports)

Chaplain Killion said that it is the fundamental right of a man to choose his future wife and mother of his chil- dren, and marriage should not be denied because his prospective partner is of an external form of marriage, such as license, ceremonies, and waiting periods.

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Father Peter Gasunis, pastor and Spiritual Direc- tor of Council 5, in a short address expressed delight for such a large turnout and urged the organization to keep up the good work. Father Stanley Gaultis in his remarks stressed the importance of organized ac- tivity and urged all for the good of the order to get their friends into the organi- zation. Father Julian Grin- nis as always spoke very warmly in the cause of Lith- uanians, but the need that it be organized under the K. of L. banner.

All in all the occasion was a great success. Thanks to Father Gasunis and K. of L. Council 5 for their won- derful hospitality and true spirit of brotherhood.

BUY VICTORY BONDS
AND KEEP THEM!