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FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1946

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Prizes: 1st prize \$50.00 cash; 2nd prize \$25.00 cash; 3rd prize \$15.00 cash.

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Date of Competition: Competition is now declared open. It will close on July 1st 1946.

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ESCAPE CHICAGO FIRE



Major Blake, U. S. Army, carries small son from burning LaSalle Hotel, while his wife, left, still shows fright from their narrow escape during Chicago's fire disaster. (Acme-Draugas Telephoto)

St. Casimir Academy Graduates 104 Seniors

CHICAGO. — 104 Seniors received diplomas yesterday at very colorful and impressive graduation exercises at St. Casimir's Academy, 67th and Talman Ave.

The ceremonies opened with a procession by the white-capped and gowned graduates into the academy chapel, where Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament followed.

Later the class filed into the Academy Auditorium where proud parents and friends witnessed the presenting of diplomas.

The commencement address was delivered by Msgr. William J. Donovan, superintendent of schools of the Rockford diocese. Fr. B. Urba, chaplain of the academy, presented the graduates to Msgr. Donovan. Gold medals were awarded to graduates for special achievement in various fields.

Christine Biknis was awarded a gold medal for the highest average. Loretta Jonaitis won a gold medal for special achievement in Religion; to Petronella Kamarauskas went a gold medal for outstanding scholastic merits in Lithuanian.

Scholarships

The following graduates won scholarships for the coming year: G. Gaizauskas (St. Francis College); K. Biknis (Xavier College); T. Mondeika (Rosary College); L. Jonaitis (College

Fr. Cizauskas Marks Double Anniversary

DETROIT. — In the church where he celebrated his first solemn Mass and of which he has been pastor since his ordination, Fr. Joseph B. Cizauskas pastor of St. George Lithuanian parish at Cardoni and Westminster avenues, recently offered a solemn high Mass of Thanksgiving in observance of his silver jubilee.

Among the visiting clergy and religious were Father Joseph Savage of St. Peter parish, who preached the sermon; Fr. Charles Marcinkevicius of the Marquette diocese, who was a student at St. George school, and a score of Franciscan sisters from various states, most of them former pupils of the school during the pastorate of the jubilarian.

Hundreds of former parishioners joined with present members in honoring the pastor at a concert and banquet in Veterans hall, Holbrook and McDougall avenues.

Fr. Cizauskas is an alumnus of SS. Cyril and Methodius seminary at Orchard Lake, Mich., where he was organist and choir director. His musical compositions are numerous.

O. A.

of St. Teresa, Winona) and M. Balanda (music, Mundelein College).

UN And Power Politics

By: The Observer

The most striking aspect of the present UN Security Council's meeting is Moscow's cynical determination to use the International organization exclusively to attain its imperialistic ends. In war time Russia used to obtain at the Big Three meetings everything she wanted from the United States and Great Britain. Now in the same way she tries to obtain more gains from the world represented by the UN. Therefore almost from the first day of the UN existence she used blackmail and the threat to desert the Organization was the strongest argument used by Soviet delegates. But in exchange for some concessions they were always somehow cajoled into returning. What will happen however once the Soviet Union meets with a definite NO from the Democracies in some essential matter? Most of the informed people predict that she will quit.

Thus indeed the UN is plagued in its very infancy by a dangerous pressure of power politics, still more so than the old League of Nations. Critics of the Geneva institution contend that it failed chiefly because the Big Powers used it more as an instrument of their selfish power politics than of true international collaboration. After the end of World War I the victorious nations were in fact mainly interested in the restoration of their pre-war possessions and it was only due to President Wilson's vision and personal initiative that the League was ever founded at all.

World War II started as a moral crusade of humanity against evil personified in Hitler's aggressions and hence released much stronger spiritual forces and wider hopes than the first world war. They were all to be realized in a better post-war order the Allied Nations were expected to build. The UN was to be its embodiment - and a true instrument of justice and equal security for all. Why then were these hopes so cruelly deceived? Why did UN turn into a mere arena on which the clash of conflicting power politics is being displayed?

The original sin of the UN is rooted in the fact that its foundations were laid under the shadow of an unparalleled appeasement of Soviet Russia by her democratic partners. While in 1944 and 1945 the UN Charter was being written, the main concern of the United States and Great Britain was still how to prevent a separate peace between Russia and Germany and how to induce the Soviets to fight Japan. This primary consideration helped the innumerable concessions to be granted the Soviet Union not only at Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam but also at the initial debates on the UN structure at Dumbarton Oaks and San Francisco. Thus not only territories and nations were bartered away in exchange for immediate gains of war time unity, but also the very principles on which future peace had to be built. Indeed power politics entered the UN even before it was born.

It is not surprising now, when in the Iranian issue the Democracies are belatedly trying to return to principles and restore the confidence of deceived and bewildered nations, that their efforts meet with a definite Soviet opposition. Russia was never interested in Christian and Democratic principles, on the contrary her objective is to undermine and destroy them. She certainly does not intend to-day to help the Democracies to restore principles and rebuild their own moral prestige among nations which they so lightheartedly gave away. Indeed it is hard for America and Britain to reconquer now in Iran what they have surrendered in Europe and Asia not so long ago. On this occasion only the heretofore concealed conflict between the philosophy and aims of totalitarian Russia and of her democratic partners will increasingly come to the fore.

It seems obvious that at this turning point in international relations nothing further can be gained through bargaining with Russia. As long as collaboration with the UN will pay her concrete dividends, she will stay and perhaps even generously help the Democracies to save their faces. But this is all and is just a postponement of the crisis. Once the firm attitude of the United States and Britain will convince the Soviets that no more compromise is possible, Mr. Gromyko's temporary exit will next be a permanent one.

Divorce No Longer A Joke

J. G.

Divorce has ceased to be a joke, and according to the New York Bar Association, it is the Nation's No. 1 legal problem. It is also the nation's leading social problem and is rapidly becoming the most cancerous moral hazard.

In a very recent survey of the nation's thirty largest cities, during the first ten months of 1945, there were nearly as many divorces as marriages. Here in Chicago, 16,000 divorces were granted; in New York, where adultery is the only ground for divorce, 1900 divorce cases passed through the courts.

To what may be attributed this phenomenal rise in divorce? The reasons and causes are many: individualism, small family system, inadequate preparation for home life, birth control, late, or too early and hasty marriages, laxity of divorce laws, disregard for religious and moral dogmas, and just pure old fashioned "cussedness".

What is to be done about divorce? This simple question calls for an extremely complex answer. In later articles we hope to give some aids as suggested by our own Chancery Office, but by way of starting to meet the problem, these suggestions are made:

— Marriage must again be given its original sacred and sacramental status. People have forgotten that it is a

help from God for a very holy and necessary vocation.

— A strong nationally organized campaign to combat divorce in the same manner that we are fighting any other evil that faces us — as cancer, for instance. The primary purpose of this campaign should be to rechristianize and revitalize the American home, from many of which God is barred as a non-desirable.

— Federalization of divorce laws, eventually working towards the elimination of grounds for divorce.

— Establishing of domestic-relations courts where the difficulties of the married could be brought when they are still willing to solve their problems, before they enter the divorce courts. We have our own Diocesan Separation Hearing Board, and the non-catholics are trying a modified form of it.

— Special courses in home management, and marriage in our schools, adult education centers, clubs, and sensible reading and preparation.

HIROHITO ASKS

'How Did You Become A Catholic?'

TOKYO. — (NCWC)—In the first formal discourse on Christianity given before Japan's imperial family. Doctor Kotaro Tanaka, leading Catholic layman, explained the Catholic religion to Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako for an hour and a half in the Imperial Palace here on the afternoon of April 30.



Kotaro Tanaka

Present at the discussion, in addition to the Emperor and his wife, were Prince Takamatsu and Prince Mikasa, the emperor's brothers, other members of the imperial family, and officers of the court, making a total audience of about 20 persons.

Questions

Tanaka spoke first on the necessity of religion, then on Christ's Divine Personality, next on the Church, and finally on Catholic teaching in relation to modern questions.

After Tanaka's discourse the Emperor and his brothers put queries for 30 minutes, asking for instance: "What is the difference between the Russian Orthodox and the Catholic Church? Who is the most important figure in Japanese Catholic life? Was any leading Catholic personality killed in the atomic bombing of Nagasaki?"

Visitors

Prince Takamatsu asked how many Catholic authorities from the United States had visited Japan since the war's end. Tanaka replied that Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, had paid a short visit in his capacity as Ordinary of Chaplains with the U. S. Armed Forces. The Prince
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MARIANAPOLIS NEWS

Amongst those ordained to the Deaconate at St. Vincent's Seminary, Patrobe, Pa. On March 17th was **Dr. Anthony G. Rakauskas**, a former professor at Marianapolis. He will be ordained to the Priesthood on June 16th.... **John Uzdavinis** is employed as a Civilian Naval Aircraft Inspector at the United Aircraft Plant in Bridgeport, Conn. He is a baseball player of repute, having pitched for the St. Louis Cards, Rochester and Wilkes-Barre. Last year, he was voted the best player in the Conn. State League. This summer, he will pitch for the Bushwicks of New York City.

Lt. Floyd Cole of Thompson was discharged from service Feb. 28th. He served as a B-27 Pilot in the E. T. O. He is to continue his studies.... **Joseph Gurskis**, a former professor at Marianapolis, has been released from the Navy.... **Charles Karr**, C. C. S. in the Navy, was discharged on May 6th after 44 months of service in the Pacific. He served aboard the Air craft Carrier "CVE-76". May 25th, he married Miss **Florence Grimas** at St. Peter's Church, So. Boston, Mass....

A recent visitor to Marianapolis was **Joseph Lola** who was discharged from the Navy Air Corps with the rank of Lt. Commander. He took part in the bombing of many Japanese strongholds, including Formosa and Japan Proper. On one mission, while strafing a Japanese troop train, a landing wheel was shot off his plane. Yet, he managed to land the plane on the deck of his aircraft carrier and save the burning plane's Navy clock before the plane was pushed overboard. He escaped injury.

Joseph Elkavich, HS'36, was discharged from the Navy in December. He served as a Pharmacists Mate with the Amphibs aboard the U. S. S. Samuel Chase. He participated in the Normandy and Southern France invasions... **Jerry Cowhig**, HS'41, has been discharged from the Army and has returned to Notre Dame to continue his studies. **Coach Frank Leahy** rates him as a sure bet for the full back post on this year's All-American team... **Paul Baltinis**, C'40, who came to the United States in 1939 as one of Lithuania's representatives to the Pax Romana Conference, has been discharged from the U. S. Army.... The Marianapolis basketball team finished the season with a record of six wins and nine losses. However, the Maroon and Gold cagers outscored their opponents by running up 465 points while the combined opposition scored 462 points.... Basketball letters were awarded to **A. Brazauskas** (Capt.), **L. Degulis**, **J. Golden**, **J. Kripas**, **W. Ulrich** and **F. Saduikas** (Manager).

Peter Packard, HS'45, has completed his first year at John Hopkins University where he is Business Manager of the student publication, "Hullabalo". Last month he took part in the student's retreat at Marianapolis.... **Capt. Anthony Akstin**, HS'37, exchanged marriage vows May 25th with **Miss Mae Bagdis** at Our Lady of Vilna Church, Worcester, Mass.... **John Parulis**, C'39, the President of the Alumni Association, is to be joined in wedlock July 6th to **Miss Adele Kapocius** at Our Lady of Vilna Church, Worcester, Mass.... **W. Ulrich**, **J. Kripas**, **A. Brazauskas** and **J. Golden** were given honorable mention on the Putnam Patriot "All-Star" basketball team.

ST. ANTHONY DOES MORE THAN FIND UMBRELLAS

LONDON — (NC) — **Pamela Frankau**, British novelist and recent convert to the Catholic Faith has a deep devotion to St. Anthony and a special regard for a statue of the Saint in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. She told about it in a recent talk here.

At the age of 20, Miss Frankau was a non-believer, she related, but about a year later she began to worry: "It was like trying to live without eating." She began to study the Catholic Church, but in a half-hearted way, fearing it was too big for her and made too many demands.

Eventually she visited New York and St. Patrick's

Cathedral. Up to that point she related, she had whimsically regarded St. Anthony as useful merely in finding lost umbrellas and the like, but, she said, when she paused in front of his statue in the Cathedral he found something else for her — her lost courage. Upon her return to England, she said, she had made up her mind to become a Catholic.

RECONVERSION ROAD BLOCK -- By Collier



LITHUANIAN DANCERS SCORE SUCCESS

Present Program of National Dances and Songs at Chicago U's International House

CHICAGO — Chicago's famous Lithuanian Dancing group, otherwise also known as ATEITININKAI, scored another outstanding success June 2nd. Last Sunday this group, reinforced by the vocal renditions of the BIRUTES CHORUS, presented a colorful program of Lithuanian national dances and songs at the Chicago University International House.

A large mixed audience witnessed the dancers and singers, dressed in national costumes, go through gems of dances and vocal numbers, for which the Lithuanians are widely known. The audience — especially those of other nationalities — had a rare opportunity here to share in some of the rich cultural heritage of the Lithuanian people.

The Ateitininkai should be given special credit for their substantial efforts to keep Lithuania alive in the hearts of its people through the medium of national dances. Their repeated public appearances have no doubt done very much to publicize Lithuania and the Lithuanians to people who otherwise may have not had a chance to get acquainted with our peoples.

The ATEITININKAI gained its first wider prominence in 1944. That year at the Chicago Harvest Festival this group won first prize in the folk dance division. Since then they have made public appearances in such major cities as: St. Louis, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cleveland.

The group's latest public appearance took place at the National Folk Festival in Cleveland, O., on May 23rd when the Ateitininkai Dancers appeared on both the afternoon and evening programs. The dancers received a great ovation and very

generous applause from the audience.

Mr. Anthony Skirius, Lucy Piliponis, Mr. Vytautas Beliajus, are especially responsible for the founding, rise and success of this group. The group operates on a purely voluntary basis, makes its own costumes.

SCA Choir Entertains At Oratorion Finals

Chicago. — St. Casimir Academy A Capella Choir accepted the cordial invitation extended by the Chicago Herald-American, to sing during the Midwest Zone Finals of the National Oratorical Contest held recently in the Council Chamber of Chicago's City Hall.

The session opened with the singing of the national anthem. During the course of the orations the choir sang a number of selections with a finesse of diction and beauty of rendition that won them glowing praise and tremendous applause.

WHAT-WON'T-THEY THINK-OF-NEXT-DEPT.

Manufacturers are now making orchids out of plastics — for the ladies who want to wear them more than once. \$10 a bloom. Production first started in a West Coast veterans' hospital as therapy treatment.

Susanne Griska and Ralph Juška

Sweethearts of the Lithuanian Concert Stage

The great American Basso and the famous lyric soprano - a perfect pair for the finest concert halls of America!

P. P. Činikas, M.I.C.

Our Sue and Ralph

Recently, I must have looked silly, at the Detroit Art Institute Auditorium, jumping up and down in my seat at the thrill of having made a wonderful discovery. I had found the perfect "Lithuanian Sweetheart Team" of the concert stage.

It was during the encore number of the Ralph Juška and Susan Griska duet at the close of the concert during the singing of "Berneli Vienturi". Their rendition of this number, with all the dramatics such a song calls for, definitely put them in the "Sweetheart" class. The Poles have their Kiepurā-Eggert team; we have Juska and Griska.

Ralph is Tops

We Lithuanian Americans can certainly be proud of Ralph Juška, who is really on the top in his profession, as one of the leading bassos of the country. During the Nov. 8th., concert in Detroit, Ralph was as majestic as the legendary knight of Lithuania. With the singing of "Oi, Greičiau, Greičiau", Ralph reminded me the oft-pictured knight, astride the rearing steed.

It was certainly a thrill hearing him, sing English, German, Italian and Lithuanian songs and arias with equal ease.

What pleased me most was the quiet and almost poetic English explanations Ralph made before each Lithuanian song on his program. If Mr. Juška makes similar remarks where ever he sings Lithuanian songs, he is doing a great service for the Lithuanians.

Sue is Great

With the ease of Lithuania's famed "lakštingala" soaring over the Nemunas, Miss Sue Griska thrilled the Detroit concert audience with her brilliant soprano. With her mischievous smile and sweetness of personality, she certainly charmed everyone present.

Miss Griska's rendition of the Lithuanian portion of her program was really beautiful and authentic. "Burtai" was truly cute and "Mano Rožė" was certainly dramatic. Sue may have been a little too demure, but everyone in the Art Institute

Auditorium was proud she was Lithuanian and gloried in the beauty of Lithuanian songs.

Interesting Histories

Ralph Juška was born in Brockton, Mass. Upon the death of his father, Ralph, at the age of 11, became the parish organist. And today Mr. Juška is considered "an exciting find". His outstanding singing of oratorio arias was done under the direction of Leopold Stokowski. Ralph has sung some 17 roles with the Philadelphia Opera Company and has made extensive concert tours through out the States.

Sue Griska was born in New Britain, Conn., and started her musical training under the direction of Anna Kaskas of Metropolitan Opera fame. Miss Griska has toured many of the states with the Philadelphia Opera Company and at present is singing her second season with the New York City Center Opera.

In Memoriam

The staff wishes to extend sentiments of sympathy and condolence to a co-writer Miss Frances M. Siedlik, at present residing in Detroit, Mich. upon the recent death of her beloved father the late Dr. Stanley T. Siedlik, for long years prominent dentist of Shenandoah, Pa., who passed away on May 18th.

Dr. Siedlik, born in Shenandoah, received his grammar school education there and continued higher studies at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Orchard Lake, Mich., St. John Kanty's College, Erie, Pa., and the U. of Pittsburgh where he received his D. D. S. degree in 1927.

Dr. Siedlik was member of the American Dental Association, Knights of Columbus and was very active in church and social circles until failing health forced him to put them aside.

Surviving are his widow, the former Mary Pagereskas; two daughters, Frances, a dental technician and Martina; three sisters, Mrs. Helen Walukiewicz, Mrs. Mary Joseph Mikoseff and Miss Mary Siedlik, all of Shenandoah, Pa.

IN AND AROUND

K of L CIRCLES

NEW K. OF L. YOUTH CENTER GETS GENERAL APPROVAL

Although it has not opened officially as yet, but due to a great need of quarters, various K. of L. groups are already meeting in the new K. of L. Youth Center, 2451 West 47th St.

Tuesday evening the K. of L. Seniors met for the first time at the Center. Just before the close of their business session they were honored by a visit "in corpore" by the whole K. of L. Choir group. After the Seniors meeting a social took place with Mrs. Elizabeth Samas being the gracious hostess. The choir entertained the gathering with a few well liked melodies, "Cowboy" Poviliauskas was by far the "best heard" singer.

Yesterday evening the K. of L. Chicago District held their first meeting at the new location. Everyone attending expressed great satisfaction with the premises and enthusiastically speculated of the many happy hours that will be enjoyed there after remodeling and furnishing of premises shall have been completed.

CICERO COUNCIL SPONSORS LAZY DAISY DANCE

Tonight, at St. Anthony's parish spacious auditorium, 49th Ct. and 15th St., Cicero, enthusiasts for good dancing will have the treat of their life by attending the annual Lazy Daisy Dance sponsored by the Cicero K. of L. Council 14. Johnny Walker and his Orchestra will be on hand to direct the festivities. All are cordially invited to attend and the committee assures a good time for all.

(Hirohito, from p. 2)

then inquired whether any Catholic leader was coming from the United States in the near future.

To the question "How did you become a Catholic?" Tanaka answered that his dissatisfaction with Protestant subjectivism has finally impelled him to enter the Church.

Tanaka's Case

Now 56, Tanaka embraced Christianity as a nondenominational Protestant while he was a student. He became a Catholic in 1926. His wife, a graduate of Sacred Heart Religious College here, had already entered the Church from Anglican Episcopalianism.

A professor of law at the Imperial University here, for more than 26 years. Tanaka speaks five European languages. He has lectured in Rome, France, Belgium, and South America. Known for his sound philosophy and his opposition to militarism, he is a member of the Imperial Academy and last October was appointed director of the Education Ministry's School Bureau.

Tanaka's talk on Catholicism is one of the four discourses on religion being given before the Emperor and his family. Two talks on Buddhism had already been given. The next will be on Protestantism by a Protestant professor of the Imperial University.

Indignant Parent (6:00 A. M.): "Young man, what do you mean by bringing my daughter in at this hour?"

Flaming Youth: "Well, I gotta be at work by 7:00."

One Play - 4 Errors

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—Four errors on one play! It is not only possible, but it happened in an Inter-State League game between Harrisburg and Allentown, allowing two runs to score in the eighth inning to give Allentown a 7 to 5 victory.

The fun started when Pitcher Ray Gerdley threw an attempted sacrifice over the second baseman's head, Center Fielder Blatnick allowed the ball to roll through his legs, and when he recovered and threw to third, Third Baseman Anderson missed the throw and when the latter retrieved and threw home, Cather Tipton also missed it.

Even In Pink?

Tires in colors to match paint jobs of automobiles are reported possible through discovery of a new compound by researchers of an Ohio rubber manufacturer. Developed through ten years of study, the new colored tires are said to have better side walls, too.

Where's The Butter!

WASHINGTON — From 60 to 80 percent of the butter now produced is going into the black market, Charles W. Holman, secretary of the National Cooperative Milk Producers told the Senate Agriculture Committee last week. Combating OPA price controls and subsidy programs, Mr. Holman asserted they would cost taxpayers "up to \$1,000,000 by next April".