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COUNCIL PROTESTS MINDSZENTY FIASCO

Following is the text of a letter written to the Secretary of State of the United States in the name of Edward Douglass White Council: -

"The Honorable, The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As part of a great body of patriotic, God-fearing, Catholic men and citizens of the United States, we, the undersigned members of the committee appointed by the Grand Knight of Edward Douglass White Council of Arlington, Virginia, a Council of the Knights of Columbus, do, for our entire Council Membership, hereby stringently and seriously protest the unjust, inhuman, diabolical and torturous treatment, of his Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary, inflicted on him by the Hungarian Government.

"We do protest the very obvious "Mock Trial", that farce created by numerous forged documents and lying testimony, by which the saintly Cardinal was dishonestly convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment, by the same Hungarian Communist stooge of Russia.

"We do protest the slurs, innuendoes and calumniations, hurled at our Government officials, at our Catholic Hierarchy, and at our freedom-loving
(con't on page 4-"Mindszenty")

" MINSTREIS OF 1949" ACCLAIMED ON ALL SIDES

Show Goes on Road
April 28, 29, 30

The Council's "Minstrels of 1949" was another smash-hit. It was enjoyed and acclaimed as top-flight entertainment by all who saw it.

Best of the many complimentary remarks heard after each of the five performances was: -

"When you get the tickets printed for next year's show, don't fail to see that I get some!"

DANCE!!!

In The Old Irish Tradition

on

ST. PATRICK'S DAY - - - - -

at

NATIONAL AIRPORT TERRACE ROOM

to

TINY MEEKER'S MUSIC

10 'til 1 !!!

\$3.00 per couple

After seeing the show, representatives of the Civitan Club of Alexandria conferred with council officers regarding putting the show on at the George Washington High School auditorium as a benefit with the proceeds to go to the fund for the summer camp of the Girl Scouts.

An agreement was reached and arrangements have been made for the staging of the show on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 28, 29 and 30 at G.W. High in Alexandria for this worthy cause.

This will afford all who missed the show for one reason or another to see it at that time.

The Civitan Club is making all arrangements for tickets, programs, etc. and plans are being made for several rehearsals of the cast prior to the performances with a dress rehearsal scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 at G.W.



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DID YOU STOP

and think about the ramifications of the Cardinal Mindszenty situation, outlined so well in the letter addressed in the name of Edward Douglass White Council to the U.S. Secretary of State?

If you didn't you should have!

Even if this "Mock Trial" had not arisen and even if any number of other incidents attacking the Catholic Church in Europe in recent years had not arisen, there still would be a great many opportunities for sober thought on the part of Catholics and particularly Knights of Columbus even here at home in our freedom-loving United States in recent years.

This is no time to be sitting back and letting "George do it"

We have a sufficient degree of disrespect for the teachings of Christ right here at home to occupy the thoughts of every Catholic without getting into the inroads of atheistic Communism on the continent of Europe. But despite the obvious difficulties here at home in the way of materialistic philosophies and anti-religious thought and while we MUST set our own house in order, as Catholics in the full sense of the word, we must be concerned with the entire world problem and the dangers which beset our Holy Mother Church on every side.

We have elected representatives to the Congress of the United States, the last bulwark of freedom and Christianity in the world. Since they have been chosen by the people to look after the interests of all of us let's make it a point to let those elected representatives know of our sentiments on every world issue which involves our Church and on every domestic issue which would sidetrack the Christian ideals and principles on which this country was founded and on which it has grown great.

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As citizens of this country, as Catholics, as Knights of Columbus, we enjoy a great many rights and privileges. Let us always remember that every right carries with it a corollary obligation.

We can't discharge any of our obligations to our fellow-men, our country, our Order or, more particularly, to our Heavenly Father, by doing nothing.

Action should and MUST be our watchword; zealous, sincere, thoughtful action in the interests of our God, our country and our Order.

Base that action in a solid foundation of Faith in the teachings of Christ and one day this chaotic world will be free of its wars engendered by discord, disagreement and hate.

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Unity (?)

The Building Fund Committee sponsored the "Minstrels of 1949" during the month of February and it was a very excellent show.

It has been hoped that a great deal of money could be raised from the show to swell the building fund and bring us closer to that dream of a new home.

While the final returns have not been computed from a financial standpoint, the returns from a critic's viewpoint have been computed and the Council owes a word of thanks to the some sixty people who gave so willingly of their time and efforts to make the presentation the tremendous success it was.

It is unfortunate that the efforts of every member of the council toward the show didn't match the efforts of the brothers who put on the show and participated in it in any way.

Part of the goal of the Building Fund Committee will be realized when the balance sheet for the show has been prepared but a little more cooperation on ticket sales could have made the S.R.O. sign necessary at all the performances.

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The words are time-worn but nonetheless appropriate: "YOU GET OUT OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONLY WHAT YOU PUT INTO IT!"

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

The annual observance of St. Patrick's Day as part of the Council's social calendar has been arranged for by the Entertainment Committee with a dance at the Terrace Room of the National Airport on March 17 from 10 'til 1.

Tiny Meeker will send over a flock of his best musicians to take care of the fancy-dancers for the evening and the "wearing of the Green" will undoubtedly be only too obvious on all sides.

Tickets are already on sale at a modest \$3.00 per couple.

It is expected that all the Irishmen in the council will be there anyway so you might just as well come along to see that they behave themselves.

Don't wait for an invitation. See the Trustee on duty at the club for your ticket and those for your friends

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFIED

The First Degree of the Order was exemplified for a class of 20 candidates on Thursday, February 17 at the St. Charles School Hall.

This was the third exemplification of this degree during the current fiscal year and there will probably be one of two more before we have our own exemplification of the Major Degree on May 29.

Hugh McGrath was Grand Knight; Joe Pettit, Deputy Grand Knight; Frank Appel, Chancellor; Jack Spates, Warden and Basil Molseed, Inside Guard.

MCCUSKER A VISITOR

It probably isn't right to call Brother Frank McCusker a 'visitor' but he did arrive in town in time for the meeting of Feb. 17 and at the request of the G.K. got off a few remarks in the true "McCusker" tradition.

Hearing Frank talk reminded many of the older brothers of the days when he started one battle-royal per meeting.

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PINTA STILL ON TOP IN DUCKPIN LEAGUE

With twenty-one games left to roll, the Pinta five was one game up on the second-place Madrid team in the Council Bowling League and the top two teams had a three-game date on March 1 which could give Pinta a pretty good working grasp of the top spot for the balance of the season or might have knotted the two of them all up, if Madrid managed to win two of the games.

Standings through Feb. 24:x-

	W.	L.
Pinta	37	23
Madrid	36	24
Salvador	32	28
San Domingo	31	29
Christopher	30	30
Nina	29	31
Genoa	27	33
Isabella	27	33
Columbus	26	34
Santa Maria	24	36

(Note that score-keeper Bill O'Brien's Genoa team has climbed off the bottom and now rests in seventh place)

- High Individual Average - Tymoff, 113
- High Individual Game - Tymoff, 177
- High Individual Set - Fishenden, 418
- High Team Game - Nina, 590
- High Team Set - Nina, 1608
- High Strikes - Fishenden, 37
- High Spares - J. Walsh, 144.

FLASH (! ! ! ! !)

The Catholic Action Committee is preparing a resolution regarding the bill now up in Congress regarding "Federal Aid to Education". If you have any ideas or thoughts on this subject contact Tom Protz immediately.

Also under Catholic Action, better start thinking in terms of that weekend for the Council Retreat, which is the third weekend in June. It's not too early to remind you.

You might also remember that March 2 was Ash Wednesday!

The meeting of March 17 will be held on March 24.

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MINDSZENTY
(from Page One)

SQUIRES-SPONSORED RETREAT
IS GREAT SUCCESS

America, by those Atheistic Communist controlled puppets of the USSR.

"We do protest the bestial mistreatment and the murder of men and women of all Christian faiths in Hungary, who have devoted their lives to God, by those same Godless robots of the Communist regime.

"In furtherance of our protests outlined above, we do, as citizens of the greatest freedom-loving nation on the earth, the United States of America, earnestly beseech you as the Diplomatic Power of our country, to officially protest to the Hungarian Government, to the God-hating country which controls Hungary, and to the United Nations, the acts committed as enumerated herein, and demand, not only in the name of all God-fearing citizens of our country, but also in the name of the Most High Heavenly Father of us all, that Cardinal Mindszenty be immediately released from his unjust incarceration, and that he be permitted to continue his life in the service of the God Whom he and we all love, and on Whom we are all dependent.

"With our best wishes for your continued success, we are

Cordially and sincerely yours,

/s/ - THE COMMITTEE:-

- George Kramer
- John McCabe
- Harry Herrity
- Tom Protz
- Jack Trainor
- A.B. Clohosey

copies to:

- Mr. Harry S. Truman, President
- Senator Harry F. Byrd
- Senator A.W. Robertson
- Representative Howard W. Smith

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NOTICE

Please make your returns on the Minstrel Show tickets if you have not as yet done so.

The Building Fund Committee would also like to hear from you in the way of pledges or CASH.

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The Edward Douglass White Circle of the Columbian Squires, under the direction of their Father Prior, Rev. L.L. Speight of St. Agnes, sponsored a three-day retreat for Catholic boys attending public high schools and junior high schools in Arlington County on February 23, 24 and 25.

It is reported by Chief Counsellor Basil Molseed that 74 boys were in attendance for the exercises which were conducted at St. Charles Church by Father Speight from 9:45 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. on each of the three days.

The Circle's basketball team didn't do as well as it had been hoped they would in the 135-pound court league of the Arlington Recreation Athletic Association but they did have a good time and learned well at the hands of Brother Johnny Heatwole who was their coach.

The boys are now looking forward to putting together a baseball team to compete in one of the ARAA leagues, probably the one for boys age 17 and under and will soon be holding practice sessions.

Meanwhile the regular Monday night meetings each week are being very well attended and the complete program of the Squires is being carried out.

Our Circle has been invited to preside at the investiture of another Circle of the Squires being formed in Virginia and the boys are now in training to carry out this responsibility in a thoroughgoing manner.

Within the next few weeks the officers of Edward Douglass White Circle will be officially installed in office by the Chancellor of the Council.

All of the Brothers are invited to drop in on the Squires' meetings at the club-house on any Monday night.

The boys are also planning an investiture of 15 to 20 new members in the near future. Get applications for any Catholic boys you know who will qualify and turn them over to Brother Molseed.

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