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# K. OF C. HERE OPENS ANTI-RED CRUSADE

## Communism Seeks to Wreck Church, Nation and Home, Carmody Declares

### DRIVE TO BE NATION-WIDE

### No Quarter Can Be Given to This Foe of Religion, Delegates Are Told

NY Times

More than 350 delegates from the forty-two Manhattan, Bronx and Westchester County councils of the Knights of Columbus, at a meeting yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Capitol, Eighth Avenue and Fifty-first Street, heard Michael H. Carmody of Grand Rapids, Mich., Supreme Knight of the order, launch the organization's local drive against communism.

Declaring that "there can be no quarter between the position of the Catholic Church and communism," Mr. Carmody called upon the delegates to support the recent encyclical of Pope Pius XI and ally themselves with a crusade against communism which, he said, will be "vigorously conducted in every one of the 2,500 Knights of Columbus councils throughout the United States and Canada."

Mr. Carmody characterized the recent sit-down strikes as the work of Communists and held that communism, through its beliefs, constituted a direct threat against religious liberty, the unity of the family and the processes of "orderly, representative" government.

#### Warns of "Fool's Paradise"

"There are today many in this country who live in a fool's para-

dise, who comfort themselves with the thought that the destructive forces now ascendant in Europe can never become a menace to America," he said. "But these forces, call them communism, socialism, modern democracy or other more appealing names, are already here and can no longer be referred to as alien. They now openly proclaim it to be their purpose to use the great privilege of the voting franchise to destroy the very government to which their citizenship demands allegiance.

"By their philosophy of hate and absolutism they would destroy initiative and penalize ability, disorganize labor and industry, discourage thrift and frugality, despoil the sanctity of the home and family, discredit man's ability to direct his own affairs and would in the end regiment him into bondage under a dictatorship.

"In the land of Columbus there is no place for the Communist and the Internationalist, whose doctrine of hate is the most deadening force in the world. By it there are aroused suspicions, dissensions and divisions among those who would live in harmony."

#### Drive to Be Expanded

Mr. Carmody, who in the next few months will open similar drives in other large cities of the United States and Canada, said that the 600,000 members of the order would conduct an educational campaign against communism.

Although the drive, to be known as "The Knights' Crusade," will be conducted solely within the organization, Mr. Carmody explained that his organization would cooperate "in every way" with other organizations opposed to communism.

Pointing out that plans for the campaign have already been forwarded to Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State at Rome, Mr. Carmody said that the Knights of Columbus had been organizing the drive for more than a year.

Joseph F. Lamb, chairman of the New York chapter of the organization, presided at the meeting. The Rev. John J. O'Donnell, chapter chaplain; William J. McGinley, Supreme Secretary of the order, and Michael F. Walsh, New York State deputy, were also present.