

Symposium On Sunday

Knights, Legion Cooperate With Collegians In "Democracy" Talks At Statler

In accordance with the recent pastoral letter of the American Bishops, calling for study and instruction in American democracy, the Student Sodality Conference of Western New York will stage its ninth annual symposium Sunday afternoon, March 5, on the subject of American Democracy". The scene of the affair will be the ballroom of the Hotel Statler, where the discussion is scheduled to begin at 2:30.

Follows Letter

This marks one of the first public responses to the appeal of the hierarchy by any Catholic group in the country. The plan of the Symposium

follows the suggestion of the Pastoral Letter of Nov. 24, 1938, which states: "A precise definition must be given of both democracy and of the rights and duties of citizens in a representative republic such as our own. They must be held to the conviction that love of country is a virtue and disloyalty is a sin."

The American Legion and the Knights of Columbus are co-operating in the presentation of the Symposium. Chairman Leo V. Lanning county commander of the American Legion, will introduce the five student speakers.

Suchan Our Rights

Mr. Charles A. Suchan, the speaker from Canisius College, has been assigned the subject of Social Rights; in his address, he will develop the need of social justice and charity in

the field of labor, education and the family.

Mr. James F. Crowley of St. Bonaventure College, the opening speaker, will explain the American tradition of democracy, based on the principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Miss Marguerite T. O'Donnell of Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pa., will discuss "The Personal Rights", taking up freedom of thought, freedom of speech and the right to property.

Miss Helen A. Kinsley of D'Youville College has the topic of "Religious Rights". Mr. Maurice N. McGrath of Niagara University will conclude the formal speeches by showing how loyalty to the country is a practical application of the love of God.

Two Objectors

After the main discussion, objections will be put to the speakers by Miss Marie C. Whaling of Villa Maria College, Erie, Pa., and Miss Elizabeth M. Doran of Nazareth College of Rochester.

The Symposium is open to the public; no tickets are required.

