Bishop Confirms 190 At St. Michael's Church

LOWELL—Rev. Thomas J. Currier, pastor of St. Michael's Church, yesterday afternoon, confirmed 190 members of the church at the annual Confirmation Mass at the church.

In welcoming the newly confirmed, Bishop Francis C. Murphy, auxiliary bishop of Lowell, said: "The process of confirmation is an important step in the life of the church. It signifies the acceptance of the faith and commitment to live it."

The confirmation ceremony was officiated by the Bishop, assisted by Father Richard D. Currier, pastor of St. Michael's Church, and Father Charles C. Currier, associate pastor.

The newly confirmed were presented by their families and included children from the parish who had been members of the Church since infancy. They were joined by students from other schools who had made a commitment to the Church and its teachings.

In his homily, Bishop Murphy emphasized the importance of faith and the need for the newly confirmed to live their faith in the midst of the challenges of modern life.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at the church, where refreshments were served.

At Lafayette Club

Mark Lafayette Day In Lowell

LOWELL—Mark Lafayette Day in Lowell was celebrated yesterday with a special program at the Lafayette Club.

The Reverend Ralph Currier, pastor of St. Michael's Church, gave the opening remarks, saying: "Lafayette Day is a special day to honor the memory of a great man who dedicated his life to the struggle for freedom.

Following the Reverend's talk, a parade was held through the city, with floats and music. The program concluded with a festive dinner at the Lafayette Club.

At Lafayette Day Dinner

Part of the head table group at the annual Lafayette Day dinner, held at the Belvedere Hotel, were: Mrs. J. R. Tilton, sponsors of the program; Rev. John H. Tignor, pastor of St. Michael's Church; Rev. Ralph Currier, pastor of St. Michael's Church; and Mrs. J. R. Tilton, sponsor of the program.

The dinner was a special occasion to honor the memory of Lafayette, a hero who fought for freedom and justice.

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Court Denies Motions To Dismiss Assault Charges

LOWELL—A motion to dismiss the assault charges against the five men arrested in the recent disturbance was denied by Lowell District Court. The five men are facing charges of assault with a dangerous weapon.

The denial of the motion was based on the District Court's findings that there was probable cause to believe that the defendants committed the act of assault.

On May 18, a group of five men were arrested after an altercation at a local night club.

The court ruled that there was sufficient evidence to support the charges and that the defendants had acted in a manner likely to produce the type of injury that was alleged.

No Compromise Seen In Pre-peace Talks In Paris

By John M. Nightingale

AP—The United States and South Vietnam said yesterday that there were no signs of a compromise in the pre-peace talks in Paris.

U.S. officials said that the talks were still at the preliminary stage and that the two sides were still far apart.

The statements were made by U.S. and South Vietnamese spokesmen, who both indicated that the talks were progressing but that there was no indication of a breakthrough.

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