

PRELATE GETS A 'THANKS' BADGE



Very Rev. Mgr. Edward Roberts Moore pastor of St. Peter's Church New York receives a "Thanks Badge" for his work and devotion to the Girl Scouts. The presentation was made by Mrs. C. Leslie Moore, district president of the organization at the annual meeting of the National Girl Scout Week. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, honorary president of the Girl Scouts, looks on. (N.C.W.C.)

Priest Terms War 'Spawn of Irreligion'

NEW ORLEANS — Wars are the spawn of irreligion, the Institute of Human Relations sponsored jointly here Tuesday and Wednesday by the South and Southwestern Regions of the National Conference of Catholics and Jews Loyola University of the South and the Catholic Committee of the South was told.

Giving one of the important addresses of the Institute the Rev. Michael J. Ahern S.J. Head of the Department of Geology and Anthropology at Western College Weston Mass. asserted that the way to peace is the way of religion. I have made a study of periods in history in which wars were frequent, he said, and I found that in the seventh century when there was a religious solidarity in the Empire of the Holy Roman Empire, there was the least warfare.

Archbishop Honorary Chairman

As irreligion and so-called liberalism in religion increased in any one period war followed. And the present war follows upon a very definite period of lack of religion. Men make their mistakes because they forget about God and they persist in their blunders because they do not think of God.

The Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel Archbishop of New Orleans who was Honorary Chairman of the session at which Father Ahern, Dr. Everett Whitney, President of the National Conference of Jews and Christians, and Rabbi Morris S. Lazarus of Baltimore spoke declared: we are not going to let our differences divide us here in America. We shall find in our faith in God a common bond to bind us together. His Excellency added.

Archbishop Rummel grouped all the major States of Europe under the head of totalitarianism saying they are built upon the denial of the laws which make America a land of liberty. In the totalitarian States there are no rights, he said there is no moral law, there are no rights of the individual, there are no human relations.

NATIONAL NEWS 60 Members of Hierarchy To Attend Confraternity Meet

PHILADELPHIA — More than three score members of the Hierarchy of the United States and Canada will participate actively in the program of the seventh annual national congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine which convenes here Nov. 15-18. Ranking members of the Hierarchy in each country of South America have been invited to attend.



Rev. Dr. William J. Tallon of the Catholic University of America, in the regalia of Chief Rarongkaka, is giving a lecture on the Mohawk Indians at the opening of the national congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in Philadelphia. The Rev. Dr. Tallon is the author of the book "The Mohawk Indians" published by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. (N.C.W.C.)

The Congress is being held under the patronage of His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia who will be celebrant of the Solemn Pontifical Mass of the congress in Convention Hall Sunday Nov. 16. The sermon at the Mass will be given by His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

The Most Rev. Hugh E. Lamb, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, is General Chairman of the congress and will be celebrant of the Solemn Benediction formally closing the congress. The sermon on that occasion will be given by the Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie.

The largest gatherings of the congress will be at the Pontifical Mass and at two mass meetings for the adult laity and for Catholic high school students in Convention Hall, Nov. 16 and 17 respectively. Fifteen thousand persons are expected to attend each of these meetings.

Congress delegates and visitors will be welcomed by Cardinal Dougherty at a reception in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, congress headquarters, on the evening of the opening day.

Some 70 meetings general and special are scheduled and more than 200 speakers will participate. Discussion at general sessions in Town Hall Theater and the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel will include such topics as the revised New Testament, the Colored apostolate, motion pictures for religious instruction, vacation schools, the apostolate to non-Catholics, religion in the home, the parish Confraternity and the participation of various groups of the Catholic laity in the Confraternity program.

Special sessions luncheon entertainments and institutes will be held for the clergy, Sisters teachers in elementary and high schools, Catholic college professors and students, seminary professors and seminarians, parents, alumni, restaurants and other groups. Meetings of the Catholic Biblical Association of America will be held concurrently with the Confraternity congress.

Among the members of the Hierarchy who will preside, speak or occupy the chair at various sessions is His Excellency the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester.

'LIFE OF CHRIST' OUTLINE BASED ON REVISED BIBLE

WASHINGTON — The Publications Department of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine here has announced the release of "The Life of Christ Part I," of the New Testament Series. An illustrated outline, it is based on the Confraternity edition of the revised New Testament.

Since the release of the revised edition of the New Testament, study of the Sacred Scripture has become a paramount interest. It is stated at the Confraternity headquarters here. Many discussion clubs throughout the country have adopted the New Testament Series as their first choice of text for discussion, it is said.

COLORED CATHOLICS IN U. S. ESTIMATED AT 296,988

BALTIMORE — There are 296,988 Colored Catholics in the United States, according to "Colored Catholics in the United States," a survey made by the Rev. John T. Gillard, S.S.J., and just released by the Josephite Press here. This figure represents an increase of 93,002 over the figure reported a decade ago.

The book, of 390 pages covers every category of Catholic activity for Colored Catholics in the United States. The collection and collation of statistics took two years.

Please turn to the editorial page for Father Gillis' comment, this week.

Catholic Hour Message

Blames Atheism For Rise Of Lenin, Hitler, Stalin

NEW YORK — The cause behind the rise of Nazism and Communism, and all the evils that flow from those two poisoned sources is Atheism, the Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., Editor of the Catholic World, declared Sunday night in the first of his series of addresses over the Catholic Hour.

(Dr. Gillis writes each week for the CATHOLIC COURIER. See Editorial Features, Page 2.)

Speaking on "Cause and Cure Deeper Down and Further Back," Father Gillis declared that "a philosophy from which God is excluded is the cause of the last two major wars the depression, the present political chaos, the Revolution of Nihilism. When you get rid of God, he added, you no longer have an Absolute. If there be no Absolute there remains only relatively. The root cause of all the calamity that now exists and that threatens the death of civilization is the philosophy of the many philosophies, of Relativism.

Father Gillis said that "if there be no Absolute Truth, Right, Justice, the doorway wide open to such a philosopher as Thomas Hobbes

who says Justice is what the State says it is. If Justice is what the State says it is, Father Gillis asserted, Truth is what the State says it is, and Right and Virtue Morality, Patience, everything is what the State says it is.

But from the day when Jesus Christ stood before Pontius Pilate and Herod from the day long before that, when the Prophets of Israel confronted a recalcitrant people and were stoned to death, the martyrs have refused to accept the idea that what the State says is true, indeed, that the State can make or unmake right or wrong, that the State can create or destroy morality with an edict, that the State can delude an unjust war just, that the State can put its official stamp upon fanaticism and make it patriotism; that the State can permit or abolish religion at will or say what religion shall be tolerated and what religion be outlawed, that the State in brief can take possession of the whole man, body and soul, that the State can proclaim its own Absolute Sovereignty with the words: Nothing above the State, nothing beyond the State, nothing outside the State.

"This blasphemy is the essence of Nazism and Communism, ultimately, philosophically, they are one and the same. The two add up to this: There is no Absolute God, the only Absolute is the State. One step more and you have Hitler and Lenin and Stalin."

Father Gillis said "they who say that there is not in their philosophy a place for the Absolute, that is to say a God, are the makers of Lenin and Stalin and Hitler, they with their philosophy are the cause of chaos."

"The cure," Father Gillis declared "is to bring back God, the Ultimate Absolute Truth, Justice, Right. Do that and you shall have a basis upon which to reconstruct even this tottering civilization."

'Comics' Nudity Trend Hit

CLEVELAND — The prevalence of nudity in the "comics" which are read by millions of children throughout the country is deplored by Sister Mary Clare, of Notre Dame College here in the Universe Bulletin, Catholic weekly newspaper here.

In the second of a series of articles in the paper on a study she has made of the current popularity of "comics" Sister Mary Clare stresses that the latest degree of fashion designers for clothing suggesting nudity has been reflected in recent "comics" for she says in most of the "comics" she has studied "the major characters wear what may be called 'Lady Eve' and 'Lord Adam' attire, and the garments are usually a couple of sizes too small."

"If we recall that the philosophy of the 'comics' is based on the anarchic theory that each man is free to do what he will without let or

hindrance from any source whatsoever outside himself, Sister Mary Clare adds, we will not be surprised to find this prostitution by many of the 'comics' of the strongest force within man — the sex instinct.

Finds Catholic Soldiers More Loyal To Faith

GREENSBORO, N. C. Evidence in the South of the faith and devotion of Catholic soldiers stationed at camps in the southern area is furnished by a secular editor who himself made a survey of the church-going habits of service men.

Mr. London, Editor of the Rockingham Post-Dispatch, describing his findings which are quoted in the Greensboro Daily News here, says he found in Rockingham that a Mass, celebrated in the town for the first time in 156 years was so heavily attended by service men that they were standing in the aisles of the local theater where the Holy Sacrifice was offered and even outside. On the other hand, Mr. London found the services in local Protestant churches only sparsely attended.

"Believe me, those Catholic boys are loyal," Mr. London writes. "They piled into that theater in a steady stream. Not only every seat (716 of them) was occupied, but by my count there were 418 standing up in the aisles and in the rear. Many hundreds of soldiers could not get in at all. This service lasted from 10 to 10:45 o'clock."

"After 11 o'clock, I took a look at the four Protestant churches, and at all four there were not over 125 soldiers — 40 at the Episcopal Church, 28 at the Baptist, 42 at the Presbyterian and 45 at the Methodist. yep, these figures were accurate, not just a newspaper estimate."

"Contrast those 155 with the 1-12 who were actually in the theater attending Roman Catholic Mass. I'd never admit that the Catholics have anything that we haven't, and our Protestant churches are not most cordial and hospitable to the soldiers, but the fact remains that more Catholic soldiers go more readily to Mass than our Protestant soldiers do to their Church. Why?"

Candles From Cathedral Light City Hospital 'Blacked Out' In Fire

BOSTON — (NC) — A "black-out" in the Administration Building of Boston City Hospital Sunday night due to a fire was ended by 1,000 candles from the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. When the fire put out the lights of the hospital's Administration Building, the Rev. Harry M. O'Connor, Administrator of the Cathedral, rushed over 1,000 candles and the hospital had light in this way until electric power was restored.

Pastor Meets Namesake At NCCS Reception

JACKSONVILLE — It was the weekly dance for service men at the NCCS center here.

"Father, may I present Private Meehan?"

"Did you say the name was Meehan?"

"Yes, Father."

"And your first name?"

"James Joseph, Father."

"Well shake hands on that Private James Joseph Meehan, we both have the very same name," said the Rev. James Joseph Meehan, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, here, to the soldier from Pawtucket, R. I., serving with the 112nd Infantry at Camp Blanding.

Today God invites you to do good, do it therefore today tomorrow you may not have time, or God may no longer call you to do it.

Letters Hail USO Program

CHICAGO — Letters from thousands of men in the armed forces, women defense workers and parents of men in the service testify to the "monumental" work being done by the USO for the people engaged in national defense, said Francis P. Matthews, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Catholic Community Service and one of three USO Vice-Presidents in an address before 350 workers attending a USO institute here.

Mr. Matthews, who is Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, said further testimony to the work of the USO was evident in the reports made by newspaper writers, columnists, and editors who have inspected USO operations throughout the nation.

"When good morale exists in our army, the soldier will do more than his duty," he declared. "The differ-

ence is victory. What gives the soldier morale? Confidence that the people back home are behind him. They must know that their sacrifice is not met with selfishness and ingratitude. The people back home have proven that they are behind the boys. Every citizen in the United States has a stake in the USO. This accounts for the enthusiasm with which the American people in every walk of life have put over the USO campaign."

He explained the rapidly enlarging scope of USO operations in the past few months. "This work of USO clubs has been handled admirably considering that the job is being done from temporary quarters, most of them rented," he said. "The plans for 256 of our permanent USO club houses have been approved and we hope to have a large number of them in operation by January 1."