SECOND BLACK-OUT MISHAP FATAL TO ENGLISH PRIEST

LONDON.—(NC)— In the black-out an auto struck the Rev Gilbert Smyth, of Standishgate, Wigan, and he died from his injuries

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Catholic Hour

Scores Idea Defeat Of Nazis, Reds Will End Ills of World

NEW YORK — The widespread conviction that with the destruction of Nazism and Communism "all will be well for democracy and for our form of civilization" was scored here Sunday night by the Rev James M. Gillis, C.S.P., Editor of The Catholic World, in his address over the "Catholic Hour."

The "Catholic Hour" is broadcast over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company through Station WEAF here and is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men.

Speaking on "Total Reform or None: Economic, Political, Moral," Father Gillis asserted that "now that the world is face to face with calamity," the "wiseacres still spurn the assistance of moralists and theologians," still imagine "that the ways and means and methods that led them into the predicament will guide them out of it." "They still pursue a form of education from which God is excluded," he added, "they still think they can construct a workable code of ethics with no assistance from religion, they still subscribe to the superstition that you can set the world right when it has gone wrong by enacting laws, more laws more mountains of laws."

World's Own Ruin

Father Gillis said "the world has destroyed itself with worldly wisdom" and "cannot resurrect itself with worldly wisdom." "When the world is shattered no one can put the pieces together again except the one who put them together in the first place," he said. "The One Who called the world into order out of Chaos can again make Cosmos to succeed Chaos. But the world must cry to Him to do it. When you leave out God out of education, out of scientific progress, out of government and the affairs of nations out of private and public life all goes to wrack and ruin. If you will but call God back again He will come and recreate the world."

The solidarity of society, which everyone now admits must be achieved before there can be peace or order Father Gillis said, cannot be realized except by religion. "The brotherhood of man means nothing without the Fatherhood of God," he said. "If there be no God, if He be not the Father of all mankind; if we are not His offspring, if we are not all one race and all one family because He has created us all there will be no effective realization of the unity of mankind."

When one says "we must love all men and hate none," Father Gillis reminded, "you are clean out of the atmosphere of wordly wisdom, of science, and of secular education." "You cannot teach men that sublime truth of the Mystical Body of Christ without reference to religion," he added, saying "you cannot persuade men to believe it unless upon the authority of God Himself."

Father Gillis declared that "the greatest calamity to this world is not this or that particular philosophical system, this or that totalitarian tyranny," but that which "has caused the present crisis" — Godlessness

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be that either this command was given by Christ himself to the Apostles, or the Apostles received it by a special Revelation after Christ's Ascension, and imposed it on the infant Church. Neither is recorded in the New Testament. But the observance of the Lord's Day was quite different from that of the Jewish Sabbath.

Since the Christians were expected when possible, to assemble "on the Lord's Day" for prayer, instruction and the Eucharistic feast it is common sense to suppose that they could not on that day follow their ordinary occupations. But Tertullian writing in the beginning of the third century is the first writer on record to mention the Sunday rest. But it is also clear from the practice and legislation of the Church for centuries that the extent of this rest was left by the Apostles to be an open question for the Church to decide in future generations. The article on "Sunday" in the Catholic Encyclopedia states that "the obligation of rest from work on Sunday remained somewhat indefinite for several centuries." In fact it seems to me—I mean again in extent it still remains somewhat indefinite. For instance: The method of reckoning Sunday from sunset to sunset continued in some places down to the seventeenth century

At times some local councils forbade buying and selling on Sundays. Yet today you go into some towns in Catholic countries and you find "fairs," "public markets" on Holidays of Obligation and even on Sundays, especially if some Festival falls on Sunday. Is this a breach of the law, in other words is it sinful? I don't believe it is. Good, pious, practising Catholics do not believe it is. They never think of mentioning it in confession. Nor do the Catholic authorities believe it is sinful. They never forbid it. They never preach against it. They seem to proceed on the old principle - consuetudo abrogat legem—custom abrogates a law (that is not of divine origin or prohibits what is intrinsically wrong.) The law as it stands is a "precept of the Church" and as such binds under pain of sin. The the Church can modify it as she has done throughout the ages. Our separated brethren can give no such answer when they allow now and do now on Sunday what would have horrified their ancestors two centuries ago. Let us thank God that we are Catholics.

'Wanted—A Slogan' For U. S. Army's Chaplains' Corps

WASHINGTON — (NC) — "Wanted A Slogan."

In a circular letter distributed to the members of the Chaplains' Corps of the United States Army, Msgr. William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains, has sent out this message.

"This office," the letter says, "will welcome suggested slogans applicable to the Corps of Chaplains."

LARGEST COLORED PARISH IN COUNTRY OBSERVES ITS SILVER JUBILEE

NEW ORLEANS The three-day silver jubilee began today of Corpus Christi parish, said to be the largest organized Colored Catholic parish in the United States, and perhaps in the entire world. This parish claims the largest Colored Catholic parochial school in the south and the largest catechetical classes for Colored children in this country.

The Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, presided at the Solemn Mass which was sung by the Rev Michael J O'Neil, S.S.J., who served the parish as pastor five years and who is now pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Baltimore.

Masses on the two succeeding days are scheduled, one for the children of the parish and the other for deceased parishioners and deceased priests and Sisters who have labored in the parish.

Four parishes for Colored have been carved from the original Corpus Christi territory, but despite the division Corpus Christi parish numbers more souls at its silver anniversary than at any time in its history. The membership is estimated at close to 10,000. The names of more than 7,700 are on the parish Baptismal register, and of these more than 400 are converts.

In the quarter of a century 1,650 marriages have been solemnized at Corpus Christi and more than 2,300 burials have taken place from the church

The school enrollment this year is 1,350 children, who are taught by 15 Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and four lay teachers. Twelve Sisters and three lay catechists teach 800 public school children four days after school hours and one Sundays.

SIX CATHOLICS NOW ON GIRL SCOUTS' DIRECTORS BOARD

NEW YORK (NC) The election of three new Catholic members brings the total of Catholic Women now serving on the National Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts to six.

The new members are Mrs William Augustus Blout, of New York Mrs E. J. Kenny, of Duluth, Minn., and Miss Carmelita Rosecrans of Gardena, Calif. Mrs. Paul T Kammerer, Jr., of New York, has just been re-elected to the Board, and there are two incumbents, Miss Anne Sarachon Hooley, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs John Cavanagh of East Norwalk, Conn.

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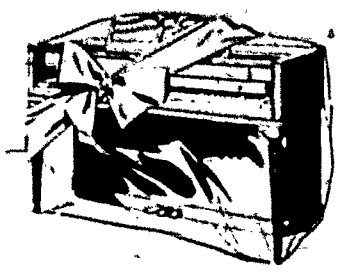

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