

# Committee Opens Inquiry On Communist Infiltration In O. C. D., Dies Reveals

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—Broad investigation of reputed Communist infiltration into the Office of Civilian Defense and local defense units throughout the country has been started by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, it was revealed Feb. 8.

## U. S. PRINTING 500,000 NEW TESTAMENT VOLUMES FOR CATHOLIC SOLDIERS

BROOKLYN One-half million copies of "My Daily Reading from the New Testament," arranged by the Rev. Joseph F. Stedman, Spiritual Director of the Confraternity of the Precious Blood, are being printed by the United States Government Printing Office for free distribution to Catholic men in the United States Army. It was announced today at the Confraternity's headquarters here.

Father Stedman's volume is being printed on order of the War Department, which has simultaneously arranged for printing of similar pocket-size volumes of Scripture readings to be distributed by chaplains to Protestant and Jewish soldiers.

The Army edition of "My Daily Reading" was prepared by Father Stedman from the revised New Testament published last year by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. It aims to present a complete harmony of the life and teachings of Our Lord from the four Gospels, the Epistles and the Apocalypse. Texts are arranged in selections for each day of the year each calculated to take about three minutes to read.

Every copy of the three Army Bible editions contains letters to the soldiers from their Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt, and from the Army (Chief of Chaplains, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold.

Commenting on the printing of his edition for Catholic soldiers, Father Stedman said he hopes it "will be the tie that binds our Catholic boys in the armed forces and their folks back home, no matter what distance or other material circumstances separate them."

"Literally," he said, "we are crusading so that, by pre-arrangement, soldiers and their loved ones will read at the same time each day the same text from Holy Scripture."

## To Meet In Newark

NEWARK, N. J. — The first meeting in New Jersey of the New York-New Jersey Section of the Catholic Library Association will be held at St. Benedict's Preparatory School here Feb. 21. The monastery library, with its 13 incunabula and more than 600 books printed between the years 1500 and 1800, will be open for inspection.

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# Launch National Holy Name Day Of Prayer For U. S. Leaders

## President Voices His Gratitude

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

January 28, 1942

Dear Father Carey:

I have heard with a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation of plans of the Holy Name Society throughout the country to ask, at special services on March eighth next, for Divine Guidance of the President and all National Executives in the days of trial and crisis through which our Nation now is passing.

In times such as these we need more than ever before the wisdom and prudence which can come to us only from the Most High. I shall find comfort and strength in the assurance of their re-assurance in the prayers of Holy Name men.

Very sincerely yours,

Reverend Thomas F. Carey, O. P., National Headquarters of the Holy Name Society, Lexington Avenue at 65th Street, New York, N. Y.

# Score Issuing Prophylactic Devices To Service Men

NEW YORK (NC) Advocacy by the New York Daily News of military issuance of prophylactic devices to minimize venereal disease among men in the armed forces is assailed here by the Catholic News, official organ of the Archdiocese of New York.

In a front-page editorial replying to one in the New York secular daily, the Catholic News declares "we have been told that the United Nations are the defenders of Christianity in this war," but the editorial adds, "it would be difficult to follow the logic of this statement if the Army and Navy departments were to officially order the men to take prophylactic devices as a part of their standard equipment, with heavy penalties for failure to use them, since to do this would be decidedly against

the principles of morality taught by Christ."

The Catholic News reminds that "the issuance of prophylactics is based upon the presumption that men, by their nature, are and must be immoral," adding that "no decent-minded person would want to admit that statement as applying to all men."

The editorial further says: "Our suggestions for the remedying of this evil are the following:

- (1) To teach our men of the armed forces that the violation of the moral law is definitely wrong—and that self-control in life is necessary.
- (2) To put every suspected place out of military bounds, with strong police protection, as was done in the last war.
- (3) To give our soldiers and sailors adequate clean recreation on military posts."

**ON VALENTINE'S DAY...**

Remember Uncle Sam, too!

Also Give U. S. DEFENSE BONDS STAMPS

# 60th Anniversary Fetes Mapped By K. of C. Units

NEW HAVEN, Conn. Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the country are making plans for the celebration of the organization's sixtieth anniversary in March, according to reports received at K. of C. headquarters here.

The celebrations will be held March 22-29, this period to be known as Founders' Week, and will take various forms recommended by Supreme Knight Francis P. Matthews, in a letter to all Grand Knights. Mr. Matthews suggested Corporate Communion and Breakfast either on March 22 or March 29; an anniversary Open Meeting; an anniversary First Degree; radio broadcasts of the K. of

C transcription record, "60 Crowded Years"; membership campaign. On March 29, 1882, the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut granted a charter to the Knights of Columbus.

## Cites Significance Of Press Month

WASHINGTON—Catholic Press Month is "of particular significance in these times," writes Mrs. J. W. McCollum, President of the National Council of Catholic Women, in the Monthly Message of the National Council to affiliated organizations.

"Your organization will, perhaps, wish to pay more attention to a subscription campaign for your diocesan paper," Mrs. McCollum says. "Very important, too," she adds, "is the resolve, somehow, to find more time for reading and discussing Catholic papers and magazines."

## Marks 80th Birthday

Embrun, Ont.—Parishioners have honored their parish priest, the Rev. J. D. Forget, on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. Father Forget holds an unusual distinction, he has been parish priest here for 46 years, and, as he says himself, he is "still going strong." This town has educational facilities in the province, including a high school, and it is all due to the work of Father Forget.

# Societies Urged To Offer Communion For Authorities, March 8

NEW YORK (NC) —A movement to observe March 8 as a Day of Prayer for the National Leaders of the country has been launched by the national headquarters of the Holy Name Society here.

In a letter to the spiritual directors of all Holy Name units throughout the country, the Rev. Harry C. Graham, O. P., National Director of Holy Name Societies, urges that on March 8, the regular Communion Sunday for all Holy Name men, prayers be said for the nation's leaders in the present grave days, in order that "the corporate action of all Holy Name men may be efficacious in bringing into the conference of our leaders the whisperings of Divine Wisdom."

In the suggested outline of activities for the observance of the Day of Prayer, Father Graham asks that Holy Name men fill out a card with their names and addresses, which later will be placed on a scroll, indicating that the signatories received Holy Communion for the President and other leaders and recited the Prayer for Public Authorities composed in 1800 by Archbishop Carroll.

In his letter to the National Headquarters of the Society, President Franklin D. Roosevelt expressed a "deep sense of gratitude and appreciation" for the Society's plans.

(The letter appears in adjoining columns.)

In his letter to the spiritual directors Father Graham declares that "no matter what our personal feelings may be toward war, we now find it a grim reality affecting Catholic Culture the world over." "We are, furthermore, somewhat alarmed over the fact that the consciousness of a Divine Being is apt to be ignored in the hurried plans for defense which are now being drawn," he adds, "and still more apt to be forgotten in the peace plans which are to follow."

"Since by our Faith we profess belief in the Divine Providence of God and the efficacy of prayer, we propose that March 8, the regular Communion Sunday for the Holy Name Society, be set aside as a day in which we acknowledge God as the God of Nations as well as individuals. We propose that Holy Name men receive Holy Communion for the Divine Guidance of our National Executives."

If the world does not accept Christian standards and live by them, civilization is doomed.

# A 'COKE PLANT' IN COLLEGE LAB



Ann Patti, senior chemistry student in the College of St. Rose, Albany, N. Y., constructed her own miniature coal-gas plant, and succeeds in the complicated process of manufacturing coke from bituminous coal, an unusual feat for a college laboratory. The college is conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. (N.C.W.C.)