

DR. LAPP NAMED
 Washington. — Appointment by President Roosevelt of Dr. John A. Lapp, of Chicago, as one of nine members of the new National Railway Labor Panel has just been announced by the White House. Dr. Lapp was Co-Director of the Department of Social Action, National Catholic Welfare Conference, in the early years of the Conference.

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Dean Francis X. Swietlik, of Marquette University School of Law, Milwaukee, congratulates Clifford Thompson, of Scandinavia, Wis., upon his enrollment there recently. Mr. Thompson is 8 feet 7 inches in height, said to be the "tallest man in the world." Milwaukee Journal Photo. (N.C.W.C.)

Catholic Nurses Among First American Women Decorated

WASHINGTON—That the siege of Bataan had a spiritual side as inspiring and as heroic as the military defense was evident from its story as related in an interview here by Lieut. Dorothea M. Daley, of the Army Nurse Corps.

Miss Daley was one of two Catholic women among a group of six United States Army nurses who were awarded royal blue citation ribbons yesterday at the Red Cross National Headquarters for their distinguished service on Bataan and Corregidor. She is a member of Annunciation Parish, Kansas City, Mo. The six nurses were the first American women decorated for service in this war.

Receiving awards with Miss Daley were Lieut. Florence MacDonald, of St. Edward's Parish, Brockton, Mass., and Lieut. Mary Lohr, a non-Catholic from Greensburg, Pa., who received her nursing education at Santa Rosa Hospital, San Antonio, Tex., conducted by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

In Bataan's crowded improvised hospitals, no Catholic was without the ministrations of a priest, and daily religious services were kept up to the very end, Miss Daley reported.

"No Doubt" of Hostile Attack
 War came suddenly for the defenders of the Philippines — as suddenly as it did for Oahu — but from the very first moment there "wasn't any doubt" about its being war, Miss Daley said. She was at the Army Hospital at Fort Stotsenburg in Pampanga Province, some 60 miles northwest of Manila, when the Japanese bombed Clark Field, the air field connected with the fort.

That first bombing, which occurred on the day of the Pearl Harbor attack although the date was December 8 beyond the International Date Line, lasted an hour and a quarter. The first wave of bombers was overhead for 45 minutes and after a ten-minute interval the attack was renewed for about 20 minutes.

It was only five minutes from the time the first bomb fell until the first casualties were brought to the hospital, Miss Daley said. From then until they were evacuated from Corregidor the Army nurses made farewell to leisure. Five hundred casualties were brought to the hospital as a result of the first bombing, about 20 per cent of them serious.

Miss Daley spent four months in the larger of the two improvised Army hospitals on Bataan Peninsula.

GENERAL NEWS
MINNESOTA WIFE—The Rev. Edward P. Hennig, C.S.P., of Plover, Ill., has been graduated from Saint Ignace here with the degree Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Vocational Education, and is said to be the first priest to receive this degree. He is also the first priest elected and pledged to Epiphany Pi Tau, national fraternity for industrial education students.

Not one word of complaint from the hundreds of wounded men who lined the long porch of the Fort Snodgrass hospital, Miss McDonald said. "The title of that book, 'The Wounded Don't Cry,' is more than true."

March among the nurses was attention in the face of the "tremendous number of wounded," she said. "Naturally we were nervous, particularly at first, but we didn't have opportunities to think. There simply was no time for fear. Ordinarily a nurse cares for ten patients, but 150 or 220 were not unusual there."

The citation ribbons were pinned on the six nurses' blue uniforms by Maj. Gen. James M. Hays, United States Army Surgeon General. They were awarded by Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy "in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of the deserved honor and distinction earned by these officers of the United States Army."

The group represented more than 70 nurses who carried out their duties in the thick of warfare from the outbreak of war to the fall of Corregidor.

Russia Still Holding 150 Catholic Priests

LONDON—Soviet authorities in Russia are still holding 150 Catholic priests who were deported to Kolonki Island, though requests have been made for their release, according to a report sent to London by Bishop Gawlina, Polish Army Bishop, who is now making a tour of the Polish camps. His report is quoted here by the Polish Ministry of Information.

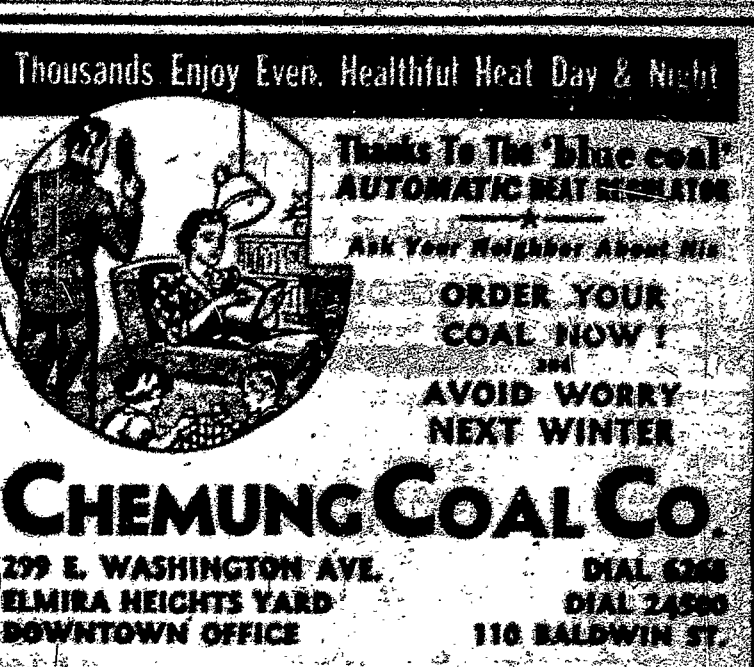
Bishop Gawlina says the Polish Army in Russia is served by 20 Catholic chaplains and that 25 other priests minister to Polish civilians.

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