

Secular Press Commends Work Of NCCS Network

WASHINGTON—The Star Spangled Network, a "power-line" radio hookup originated by the National Catholic Community Service for the use of service men in military and

naval reservations continues to receive recommendation from the lay and technical press.

Latest publications to recognize the network which involves a miniature broadcasting studio in a USO club and telephone wires transmitting broadcasts to the camp or base served by that club, are *Newsweek*, weekly news digest and *Communications*, a scientific magazine for radio enthusiasts.

"Since December," says *Newsweek*, "soldiers at Madison Barracks in Sackets Harbor, near the New York-Canadian border, have been sharing themselves a bit of fun that is not Government issue. From the USO clubhouse some of the soldiers have been broadcasting a nightly hour-long program of swing music, quizzes, stunts, and their own unabashed soap operas, *The Adventures of Pvt. Joe Healy*. And at camp 3 miles away the rest of the boys are tuning it in by wired radio."

"Now the Star Spangled Network is about to expand and possibly be a real network. For the Special Services Branch of the War Department last week prepared to rig up similar equipment in other Army posts."

"Madison Barracks" station was pioneered by Dr. Franklin Dunham, former NBC executive who is Executive Director of the National Catholic Community Service of the USO. He called in as consultant Martin Work, 23 year-old director of Loyola University's radio workshop in Los Angeles. Together they chose Madison Barracks as a testing ground because it was the post closest to a USO clubhouse and because it offered a minimum of technical problems.

"From its Dec. 200 inaugural, the station was a hit. It gave the en-

gineers and technicians among the men at Madison something to toy with, provided trainees with microphone experience and brought to light plenty of talent among the service men.

"After the Madison Barracks success, the USO at first planned to set up similar networks for every camp in the country. Then the USO decided that the problem of broadcasts in every camp was something the Army could best handle itself. So it turned over to the Army not only all its equipment and knowledge but also gave leave for the duration to Martin Work, who as expert consultant to the Secretary of War, assigned to the radio section of Special Services, will set up the camp networks."

The tribute of *Communications* covers several pages and consists of an analytical article by the editor, Lewis Winner, with the collaboration of Emil Frank of the NCCS Public Relations Department, and many pictures and diagrams. The cover illustration is the first reproduction of the new insignia for the Star Spangled Network created for the USO by H. M. Rundle, head of the art department of RCA Manufacturing Company.

The "power-line" broadcasting system is one of three divisions of the NCCS Star Spangled Network—familiarly known as the Red, the White, and the Blue divisions. The Red Division embraces stationary dual-speed recorders in USO clubs. The White Division is the club-to-camp "power-line" network, and the Blue Mobile Recording Division comprises a specially designed sound car capable of making transmissions in any military area without the aid of outside current.

Sixth Priest Named To Sodality Secretariate

ST LOUIS, Mo.—The Rev. Leo Wobido, S.J., who, before studying for the priesthood, worked as a pharmacist, a newspaperman and an assayer in western mining camps and who was "All Rocky Mountain Shortstop" in 1924, when in semi-pro baseball, has been assigned to the staff of The Queen's Work here, national Sodality secretariate. The assignment was made by the Rev. Peter A. Brooks, S.J., provincial. Father Wobido's appointment brings the number of priests on The Queen's work staff to six. Lay employees total nearly half a hundred.

Father Wobido will be a Sodality organizer and also will contribute to the various publications issued by the Sodality central office, including the official organ, "The Queen's Work," which will be streamlined in content and make-up, beginning with the October issue, which comes off the press next month. His newspaper career included employment in the editorial departments of dailies in his native Denver and he has never departed from his interest in writing.

He received his degree in pharmacy at Denver University; his A. B. from Regis College, Denver; and his M.A. from St. Stanislaus Seminary, Florissant, Mo. Following his ordination at St. Marys, Kan., in 1940, he did street preaching in the Leavenworth Diocese, after which he was sent to St. Stanislaus Novitiate, Cleveland, O., where he was stationed until his appointment to The Queen's Work staff.

After winning the shortstop honor, he was "graduated" from semi-pro basketball to mining camp "outlaw leagues." While at Regis College, he was a backfield ace and assistant to Coach Tom McNamara, who later became coach at the University of Pennsylvania. He was athletic director at St. Louis University High School here in 1936-37 and coached the junior teams and was Sodality prefect from 1934 to 1937 when he was professor of English and speech.

Society Buys Bonds

Chelsea, Mass. The Holy Rosary Society of Chelsea has voted to make regular purchases of United States War Bonds and already has \$300 worth of these securities.

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Fordham Curriculum Meets Wartime Need

With a program geared to the requirements of National Defense, Fordham University will inaugurate its scholastic year in the first week of September. From present indications the registration will be normal but at that time the entire University, with the exception of the Graduate School will be on the accelerated program designed to give students every opportunity to complete their college and professional careers before induction into the armed forces of the United States.

Several of the schools have already started the accelerated program. In Fordham College on the campus, last year's Junior Class have been continuing their studies right through the summer and will complete their Senior year in January. The Law School and the College of Pharmacy have also been operating since June; in the case of the Law School for all their classes and in the College of Pharmacy for the Senior Class.

The School of Business will move to the campus and will begin its acceleration also in September. The evening sessions of what was formerly known as the Downtown Division of Fordham College will come to the campus at the same time.

Commission Available

The Navy and the Naval Air Corps will continue their enlistment for those forces and the direction of programs for those students who take them. A particularly important feature in connection with these courses is a change in the curriculum of Fordham College which now permits Freshmen in the Bachelor of Arts course to take courses in Mathematics and Physics which formerly they could not take in their Junior and Senior years.

The United States Army will also institute at Fordham in September a program to be called the Enlisted Reserve Corps which will be available to all undergraduates of the University and will lead to commissions in the Army Air Corps and other branches. This will complement the work of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps under whose direction it will be one of the most important features of the Fordham Defense Study.

One of the important features of the Fordham program of particular interest to those engaged in civilian defense will be the continuance of the First Aid classes inaugurated last Winter under the direction of Dr. Leonard Flocoll, Professor of Pharmacy College in the University. The instruction has also been given to Police and Fire Units in the Greater New York area.

Change in Location

Two important changes in location of Schools of the University have taken place during the month of August. The School of Business and the former Manhattan Division of Fordham College both formerly located in the Woolworth have moved to the campus. The School of Business will occupy its own building on the campus, Collins Hall which is centrally located on the West campus. The day students of the Downtown College will be absorbed in Fordham College, the evening class will be continued on the campus. A greater integration and centralization of the University will result, providing as it will an opportunity for all to participate in the extra-curricular activities of College life which are only truly obtained on the University's own grounds.

The other move is that of the School of Social Service which was also located in the Woolworth Building. A building has been pur-

Church Prelates Speak Against Evils Of Drink

LIQUOR CONTROL MAY HELP WIN WAR, BISHOP STATES

BUFFALO, N. Y. Aug. 12.—In a sermon delivered at a Solemn Mass celebrated in connection with the seventy-first annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, the Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Buffalo, declared that "control of liquor by voluntary action of American people may be the deciding factor that will win the World War."

Noting that scientific students concede that the use of liquor is a "form of escape," Bishop Duffy said: "In a war period, escape from reality is a form of treason."

"Totalitarianism can destroy totalitarianism," the Bishop said. "No one surely can deny the fact that all nations are seeking today some secret weapon by which they may paralyze the strength of their enemies and conquer them on land and sea. More powerful than any secret weapon is the determined will of an entire nation."

"If word could be brought to the enemies of America that the 130,000,000 American citizens had determined to avoid the use of all intoxicants, if for no other motive than to promote the efficiency of the nation and to strengthen it for the conflict, such a message would strike terror into the hearts of our most powerful enemies."

"The enemies of America would realize that when an entire nation determines to curb its appetite in order to strengthen its power of offense and defense, they are dealing with a country that cannot be beaten."

"If ever there was a moment in the history of America when sobriety was demanded of our citizens, that moment is here and now. Mental and physical alertness is the watchword of this time. No one knows the day nor the hour when full alertness will be demanded of every American. None of us may place himself in a position by indulgence of any kind as to find himself unable to respond day or night to a particular call to faith, with physical alertness and moral courage, every demand that may be made upon us."

"It seems generally admitted today, at least by scientific students, that the use of liquor is a form of escape. In a war period, escape from reality is a form of treason. The use of anything that will withdraw any man or woman from the problem of the hour and limit his support of his country's demands is something certainly that should be dropped, at least for the duration."

"All this does not imply the support of a prohibition movement. Experience has taught us that you cannot legislate on what people shall eat or drink. Summary laws have proven unenforceable. Only a voluntary acceptance of religious and moral principles can make such laws of general acceptance."

Notre Dame Students Study Raid Shelters

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—Air raid shelters are being studied by students of the College of Engineering at the University of Notre Dame as a result of the addition of a new course to the curriculum in conjunction with the accelerated war program recently inaugurated by the university.

This course, designed chiefly to study bomb resistance structures, is taught in the light of the recent experience of the structures in England and the results of official tests in the United States.

Maritain Rejoins

New York.—Dr. Jacques Maritain, French Catholic philosopher, has been named a Visiting Professor at Columbia University for the coming academic year, university officials announced. Dr. Maritain served in a similar capacity at the university last year.

He was chased for it at 124-126 East 57th Street. The location is centrally accessible and in the close vicinity of the hospitals, welfare and other agencies so vital to successful field work in Social Service.

CARDINAL WARNS AGAINST NATIONAL DEGENERACY

BUFFALO, N. Y. Aug. 12.—Warning that "alcohol causes national degeneracy," His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, in a letter to the Rev. John W. Knogh, President of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, urges relentless warfare against the evil of drink. The Cardinal's letter said:

"This meeting of ardent opposers of total abstinence from alcoholic drink brings to mind the work accomplished by Father Mathew a century ago and the manifold fruits of his preaching, among which was the establishment of Total Abstinence Societies in countless parishes of the United States, not to speak of Ireland, England and Scotland. Hundreds of thousands, who took the pledge from Father Mathew, and others, who later on pledged to parish temperance societies, and their pledge against intoxicating liquor throughout their lives, were the great profit of their spiritual welfare, as well as of their health and worldly prosperity."

"Unfortunately Prohibition meant as a cure of the drink evil, was not successfully enforced. It proved the occasion of ill-effects in intoxicating drink and of resultant handiaps and even murder. It was openly flouted by many young men and women. Now it has become fashionable to serve the cocktail as an indispensable introduction to dinner. Time was when it would blast a young girl's chance to get married if it leaked out that she drank. In 100 many cases young women drink knowingly in public and sometimes are carried out intoxicated from hotels, taverns and private dwellings. Worse still, there are too many mothers, who encourage their daughters to drink so as to conform to modern usage and peer for up-to-date members of so-called fashionable society. No wonder that drunkenness, broken marriages, divorces and shameful scandals abound; no wonder that jails, reformatories, hospitals, insane asylums are crowded with the victims of drink."

"Your admirable Total Abstinence Society should stress the fact that a life pledge against alcoholic drink is a vital matter, since by drink God is blasphemed, scandal is given, conversions in the faith are prevented, families are wrecked and—near relatives of drunkards go down in their graves with broken hearts because of the disgracefully drunken lives of sons that were dear to them."

"Scientific bodies and expert individuals, who made thorough studies of alcoholic drink arrived at the same conclusion, namely that it undermines body and mind. Not many decades ago an international conference on Alcoholism, held in London, and attended by experts from all nations, came to the same conclusion. These experts declared that alcohol destroys all life, whether plant or animal life, that it has no food value; that it lessens efficiency; that it is a narcotic, not a stimulant; and that so-called stimulation by alcoholic drink is a paralysis of the higher powers in man, which coordinates his lower faculties; and that it sets loose criminal tendencies and energy."

Magazine Cited For Post Office Mail Ban

WASHINGTON.—Postmaster General Frank C. Walker has announced that the publishers of a publication entitled "Law" have been cited to show cause why they should not be removed from the grounds of obscenity. The August and September issues of the magazine, which is published in New York, have been ruled non-mailable by the Solicitor for the Post Office Department. The Postmaster General revealed.

Oakland, Cal., prepared for readers by availing in 200 volumes as special policemen. A paragraph or thinks they will, at least, attract attention.—Illinois State Journal.