

Aides Named For Corning's Junior Catholic Daughters

CORNING. At a meeting held recently at the home of Mrs. Robert Berns, Painted Post, chairman of the Junior Court of St. Joseph of the Catholic Daughters of America Mrs. Walter Swale was

electd vice-chairman, Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald, secretary and Mrs. Angelo Buffamonte, treasurer.

Present at the meeting were Miss Margaret Habel of Elmira, chairman of Junior Court of St. Rita, C. D. A. and state chairman of the Senior Court, and Miss Camille Teas, also of Elmira.

Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald and Mrs. Paul Lovette were named chairmen of a committee for a turkey supper to be held Sept. 22, by the counsellors for the members of the Junior Court.

Sailors of U. S. Warship Sunk Off Java Went To Confession in Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia. When the U. S. S. Houston arrived in the harbor of Fremantle about ten days before the vessel was sunk off Java, one of the first things the Catholics among the crew did was to send a messenger ashore to get a priest to come aboard and hear confessions.

The priest, an Oblate from St. Patrick's Church, heard Confession aboard the warship for about three hours. The following morning about 50 of the men were able to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Church. Ten days later some of them went to a glorious death.

Pastor Dies

PHILADELPHIA. The Rev. John C. Vitt, retired pastor, has died here at the age of 72. A native of Westphalia, Germany, Father Vitt came to this country in 1901 and was pastor successively of the Church of the Assumption, Stratton, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Minersville, and Our Lady Help of Christians Church here. He retired in 1938.

POST OFFICE CHALLENGES MAGAZINE'S MAIL PRIVILEGE

WASHINGTON.—The publishers of the publication entitled "Pictorial Movie Fun" were cited by the Post Office Department to show cause on Sept. 3, why their second-class mailing privileges should not be suspended, annulled and revoked on grounds of obscenity.

At the same time, Postmaster General Frank C. Walker revealed that the September and October, 1942, issues of this publication, which is published and entered as second-class mail matter at New York, N. Y., have been ruled non-mailable by the Solicitor for the Post Office Department.

We should conquer our circumstances by a resolute and courageous spirit, and never suffer them to confine us as in a prison.

N.C.C.W LEADERS CONSIDER WAR PROBLEMS



Leaders in the activities of Catholic women throughout the United States meet in Washington at the first Institute for the Board of Directors and National Committee Chairmen of the National Council of Catholic Women, and discuss wartime problems faced by their organization. Left to right: Dr. Maud Loeber, of New Orleans, member of the Committee on Family and Parent Education, N.C.C.W.; Miss Elizabeth Eastman, Assistant Advisor of Civilian Mobilization, Office of Civilian Defense, and Mrs. Robert A. Angelo, N.C.C.W. President. (N.C.W.C.)

Attack On American Jesuits In Philippines Draws Rebuke From Quezon's Chaplain

NEW YORK.—Despite the many accounts related by Army and Navy officers of the heroism of the American Jesuit missionaries in the Philippines, says a statement of the Jesuit

Mission Press, a certain K. H. Salter of Madison, Wis., wrote a letter to the Springfield Republican of Springfield, Mass., accusing the Jesuits of having tried to undermine the patriotism of the Filipinos. The instance cited was a radio broadcast, given by students of the famous Ateneo de Manila University, conducted by the American Jesuits.

It so happened, says the statement, that the only Jesuit to reach this country from the Philippines was the man who was immediately responsible for the broadcast, the Rev. Pacifico Ortiz, S.J., former Assistant Director of the Commonwealth Hour in Manila and now a Captain in the Philippine Army and Chaplain to President Quezon. He characterized the charge as "a downright lie" in a letter to the editor of the Springfield Republican which pointed out that Mr. Salter's authority for his charge was the Philippine Magazine owned and edited by Mr. Abraham Van Hellig Hartendorp, an anti-Catholic publication which was banned from the Philippine public high schools by the Protestant Secretary of Public Instruction; that most of the young actors in the radio play fought heroically on Bataan, that 200 undergraduates of the school fought through the entire Philippine Campaign and many of them were killed; that the testimony of Army and Navy heroes such as Lieutenant-Colonel Clear have extolled the heroism and cooperation with the American Armed Forces of the Jesuits all over the Philippine Islands.

"It is really unfortunate, Father Ortiz wrote, that Mr. Salter should accuse his own fellow-Americans, the Jesuit Fathers of the Ateneo de Manila, of being fifth Columnists. It is twice unfortunate that by implication he should brand as Fifth Columnists 200 or more Ateneo boys who fought in Bataan. For I want Mr. Salter to know that out of the 600 college students of the Ateneo at least 200 were mustered into the Philippine Army that fought in Bataan. I know 25 of these youngsters who did not have to go. They were below the age of 20. But they readily volunteered. And I know that many of them are now dead. They have gone down fighting for your country's flag, Mr. Salter! This is the kind of Fifth Column work they did. And if you care to know, Mr. Salter, the first Filipino fier who died in actual air combat with the Japanese airmen was Lieutenant Cesar Baza, an Ateneo boy. He was one of those six Filipino pilots under Captain Villamor who fought against a formation of 36 Japanese planes.

Salter to know that most of them took part also in the Battles of Bataan. Leon M. Guerrero, for instance, who played the hero's role in the broadcast, was no less heroic in war. He handled the government morale broadcasts in Manila, until the very eve of the Japanese entry into the city. Then leaving on the last motor boat that pulled out of Manila, he joined our forces in Bataan. Here he was until he caught malignant malaria. Then he was taken to Corregidor and the last time I heard of him, they told me he was too weak even to stand or move while the Japs bombed and shelled the Rock night and day.

"Manuel Colayco who played the hero's part in the Tagalog version of the play, played a hero's part, too, in the bloody Battles of Mambuan and Morong. He was in the very frontline in Bataan. Between him and the Japanese was No Man's Land and far behind the Japanese lines, he knew were his wife and five young helpless children.

"I wonder if Mr. Salter knows that from the first day of the war almost all the Jesuit Fathers of the Ateneo were assigned to the various city hospitals and those dangerous city zones like the Port Area that were likely to be bombed. I wonder if Mr. Salter knows that all the school buildings of the Ateneo were offered to the Government to be turned into emergency hospitals or army barracks? I wonder if he knows that it was the Superior of the Jesuits, Father Hurley, who, together with Colonel Andres Soriano, removed all the boats that were anchored in the Pasig River and constituted a military objective and thus saved the city from a second bombing? I wonder if Mr. Salter knows the wonderful help that Father Andrew Cervini, S.J., and the rest of our Jesuit Fathers in Mindanao rendered to the Army."

WEEKLY NOVENA SERVICES FORMERLY HELD ON SHIP

CHICAGO. With the launching of the U. S. S. Wolverine, lake steamer converted into aircraft carrier for practice on the Great Lakes, it was brought to mind that the Wolverine, under her old name, Secandbee, while plying the Great Lakes as a passenger liner had regular services each Friday in honor of Our Sorrowful Mother.

The Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother aboard the Secandbee was conducted by the Rev. John Brady, C.M., of the Chicago Archdiocese.

Argentine Envoy Received By Pope

VATICAN CITY. Hadriar Escobar, Argentine Ambassador to Spain who has been transferred to Brazil, and Carlos Goyeneche, Argentine Envoy to Mexico, were received by the Pope.

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