

Two Battles To Fight Avers Msgr. Sheen

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gling for existence today. The first is Totalitarianism in its four forms of Communism, Nazism, Fascism and Japanese Imperialism. Next we have the secularist culture of the western world—the world in which we live and attempted to build an Irreligion. Lastly, we have Christianity.

"We are citizens of an apostate world," declared Monsignor Sheen in the beginning of the whole world was Christian. In the middle ages belief in God was at its peak. By that, he said he did not mean that everyone was perfect but that when sin was committed, sin was recognized for everyone knew that he must render an account to God. Today, men sin and deny that there is sin.

Two Influences

The decay of Christianity came from two influences: (1) decay from without or the pagan influence; and (2) decay from within or the time when men's souls grew tired. Then came regeneration or the Protestant Reformation in which the reformers choose one of two methods of reformation. First, they could change faith or the way men think; and secondly they could change morals or the way men live. They concluded that faith must be changed and morals left as they were. Thus the individual was left to interpret the Bible as he saw it and each individual was regarded as infallible and the Pope the Vicar of Christ on Earth whom we believe is infallible was thrust aside. Now we come to the civilization in which we live. Men became interested in the natural laws and thus we have despots.

In Russia the people became indifferent to the church so the church was taken away from them. Then Germany came along and built a god for their people to worship and Hitler came into being. America was indifferent to persecution in the world. She watched persecution in Mexico, Russia and Germany with perfect indifference. Then Pearl Harbor came along and America woke up. Pragmatism Dangerous.

Monsignor Sheen declared that the teachers of pragmatism in the secular universities of America are more dangerous to the youth of our country than any fifth columnist. Thousands of dollars are being spent on the education of the youth of America who are graduating from college without the slightest idea of what life means.

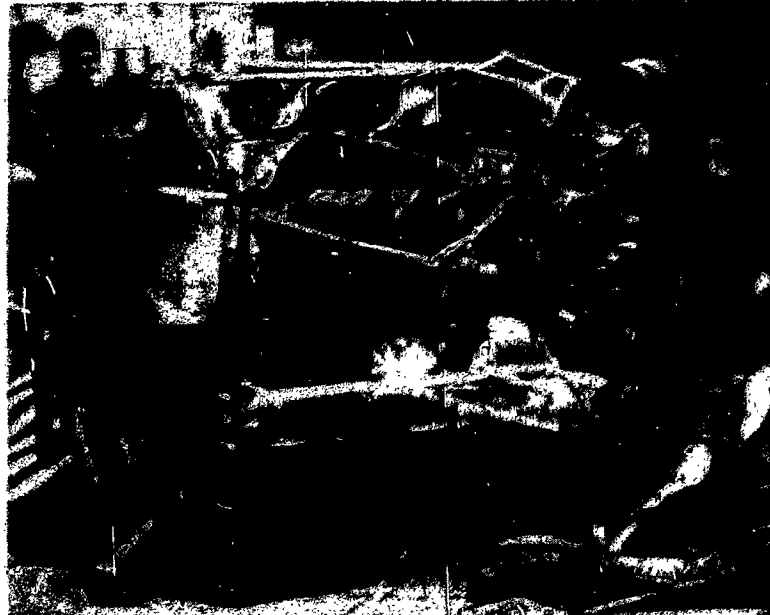
Hundreds of theses are written each year on topics which mean nothing to the world or to the individual and yet the authors of these works who have spent years of their lives studying these worthless topics, have not spent one second trying to find the reason why they are living.

At this point Monsignor Sheen told of a young man, a graduate of a secular university, who had written his thesis on the war. After it was finished he came to him and told him that he knew all about the war and that Hitler was right. After questioning him Monsignor Sheen discovered that the young man had not read a single book which gave him any real information about the war.

The Monsignor described the intelligentsia as those who are educated beyond their intelligence. He also said that in the coming generation the world must look for guidance to those who have not been educated in the theories of pragmatism. No professor of pragmatism will admit that he is a son of evil. A few years ago students from Japan came to America to study. They learned their lesson well and went back to Japan and on Dec. 7 they put William James' theory into practice. Our men in the armed forces are fighting for values they believe worth living for and yet we are teaching utter nonsense in our secular colleges and universities. We are telling our youth that there is no such thing as truth.

We have two battles to fight. One from without and one from within. From without we must beat the Axis which we are sure of doing; from within we must rid the world of the secularist culture which please God we will. The western world must get back to moral order or fall into anti-religious order.

One must give humbly to earn the right to receive. "Every Catholic child in a Catholic school?"



CATHOLIC COURIER Staff Photo

SCOUT SCRAPPERS—Boys of St. Andrew's parish Boy Scout troop pile up scrap collected by their troop for the drive. They are (from left) Donald Gaddard, Paul Contestabile, William Giffello and Gerald DuPlessis who were aided by Earl Banwitz and Myron Amico.

AT AQUINAS INSTITUTE

By ROGER TRABOLD

Canistas High 15 Aquinas 0

Playing to a powerful Canistas High eleven by a 15-0 score, the Aquinas gridsters suffered their first defeat of the season, last Saturday, Oct. 27, at Buffalo.

The Canistas Prepters, taking advantage of Aquinas' fumble, scored a touchdown in both the first and second periods. Recovering the ball on the Irish 35, these Buffalo lads marched on to score just eight plays after they had kicked off. Their second touchdown drive was also started from the visitor's 35 after they had recovered a punt fumble.

Aquinas on its part threatened seriously three times penetrating deep into Canistas territory. In one drive they moved the ball to their opponent's 30, only to lose the opportunity on a fumble. Another time the Irish penetrated to the home team's 8, but failed to score in four downs after Bill Reynolds had been thrown for a five-yard loss. Their last threat was squelched in the fourth quarter when Canistas intercepted a pass, ending a sustained drive.

Next Saturday Oct. 31, Elmira High will invade Edgerton Park for one of the toughest games on the Aquinas schedule. Last year Johnny Sullivan's boys suffered their only defeat at the hands of this school and consequently they are eagerly waiting to get revenge in this coming tussle.

Society Sponsors Spaghetti Supper.

Members of the Ladies Altar Society of St. Francis Xavier Church will serve a Spaghetti Supper in the Church Hall, Bay St. (tonight) Thursday, Oct. 29 between 5 and 8 o'clock.

Parishioners and the public are invited to this affair the proceeds of which will go towards the Church funds.

The English language is spoken by more than 270,000,000 people of which over half are Americans.

Signal Corps Training Open

Another group of trainees of the new Army Signal Corps Training School was graduated on Oct. 28 from the schools in Troy, Paul Smith's, and New York City. These men are the forerunners of other groups who will complete their training periods and will then enter the Army with valuable skills. However, with the scope and extent of the present conflict many more men are urgently needed for that branch of the Army whose purpose is "to get the message through."

The Signal Corps Training Schools are intended to train men between the ages of 18 and 44, in the installation, maintenance and repair of Army Signal Corps Radio Equipment, and to meet the demand for large numbers of radio repairmen and technicians for service with the Signal Corps. Trainees are paid while learning "mechanic teachers" at the rate of \$1,020 per year and "junior radio repairman" at the rate of \$1,440 per year. The training courses are for periods of three months each. No previous experience with

Bowling CATHOLIC LEAGUE

(Start of Friday, October 23)

Table with bowling scores for Holy Aquinas and St. John's Green. Columns include player names, scores, and totals.

Table with bowling scores for St. Michael's and St. Boniface. Columns include player names, scores, and totals.

Table with bowling scores for Holy Family and St. Mary's. Columns include player names, scores, and totals.

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Blesses Sacred Heart Statue At St. Agnes High School

Through the generosity of a friend, St. Agnes High School has received and placed in its chapel a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The unusual treatment of the subject by the sculptor presents a strikingly beautiful and devotional image of Christ under this title.

With solemn ceremony the new addition to the equipment of the School Chapel was blessed yesterday by Monsignor William M. Hart, V.C., assisted by the Rev. Roy B. Morphy and the Rev. John D. Malley. In speaking to the girls of the school after the blessing, Monsignor Hart referred to the words of the ritual in which all present pray that while we view this Statue of the Sacred Heart with the eyes of our body, we may with the eyes of our soul see the life and the salutary acts of Christ, and so secure present blessings that may lead us eventually to those that are eternal, through the devotion these thoughts will engender.

The student body attended in their new white academic gowns, with sashes of red silk, matching caps of the same material and color. St. Agnes now offers a standard high school course of three years, with the prospect of adding soon the fourth year that will establish it as a fully equipped High School for Catholic girls.

"Wisdom is knowing what to do next. Skill is knowing how to do it, and Virtue is doing it."

The Week At— ROCHESTER NIAGARA U

Niagara University—Day Vincentian Club will bow to the changing times when for the first time in its history, the group will induct two feminine members at its annual banquet and initiation to be held at Caruso's restaurant Monday evening, Nov. 2. Induction of over 10 new members will take place. The committee in charge is headed by Herbert Peck.

The Senior Class has announced the committee chosen for their annual banquet and ball to be held Dec. 12. Leonid Bohdanow and Charles Schwartz were named co-chairmen. The various other committees were named as follows: Arrangements, Herbert Peck and George Hagenbach, Publicity, Benjamin Salzman and Freelan Kerry; Tickets, Dino Agostinelli and Eugene Roth, Decorations, Al Klemmer and Elmer Taylor, Reception, Leo Muldoon and Sebastian Flichera.

Holy Childhood Association Rev. John S. Randall DIRECTOR

In the Holy Father's Name: Apostolic Delegation, United States of America, Sept. 3, 1942.

The Very Rev. Richard Ackerman, C.S.S.P., National Director Association of the Holy Childhood, Pittsburgh, Penna.

Very Reverend and Dear Father I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the beautifully prepared Spiritual Bouquet presented to His Holiness on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of his Episcopal Consecration by the members of the Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood. I shall be happy to transmit this splendid tribute of affection to His Holiness as promptly as possible.

While awaiting the time when I may be able to transmit to you an expression of appreciation from the Holy Father, allow me to assure you even now of the profound gratitude of the Sovereign Pontiff for this generous offering of prayer and sacrifice which will most assuredly comfort, console and strengthen him greatly in these troublous times. This manifestation of attachment and loyalty will

be all the more acceptable to His Holiness, coming as it does from an Association whose glory it is to have him as its venerated Supreme Head and Protector.

With sentiments of esteem, and with a word of congratulation to the good Sister who is responsible for the artistic preparation of the Bouquet, I am Sincerely yours in Christ.

J. A. G. COGNACIA, Archbishop of Lodiaca, Apostolic Delegate.

Watch next week's CATHOLIC COURIER for the Holy Childhood Column! All those whose adoptions or dues report or mission activity has not yet been reported will appear in that issue. The work during the past two weeks has been splendid and we are preparing our report to appear in next week's issue.

For those who sent in compositions on the Mission Sunday Poster—our thanks. We are reading them with interest and appreciation. It is a real pleasure to know that you boys and girls have shown such an enthusiasm and interest in Mission Sunday and the Missions generally.

SODAL TALK

The Rochester Sodality Union is sponsoring a scrap drive. Of course, all the metal scrap is being used for defense but any paper scrap on which is written news of Rochester Sodality activities will be welcomed. The Sodalist collecting the most material for the Union scrapbook will be offered a prize. The deadline is the December meeting but don't wait until the night before the Boy Scouts might get there first.

What could be a more fitting way to honor Our Lady during October than to form a Living Rosary? St. Michael's Sodality always seems to bring things out at the right time.

Hay straw is cheaper and grass is free but St. Michael's have picked the most expensive of the three and are going to have a hayride on Nov. 8, followed by a belated Halloween party in the church hall.

It is a custom of American Sodality to present the Holy Father with a Spiritual Bouquet on the feast of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8. It does seem far away but it is not too early to begin a triduum for this intention. This information will be sent to The Queen's Work and then forwarded to Our Holy Father.

One of the particular tasks of Sodality is to publicize the work of

their organization. November is a splendid month to show the Holy Souls just what the Sodality can do. Then, too, the Holy Souls never forget a good turn.

Ithaca K. of C. Open Radio Series On 'Crisis' Sunday

ITHACA—A radio series on the general theme "The Cross and the Crisis" will be sponsored by Ithaca Council, Knights of Columbus over Station WHCU, the Cornell University station opening Sunday, Nov. 1.

The opening speaker who will be heard at 1:15 p. m. will be the Rev. Vincent Donovan, O.P., brother of Colonel William Donovan. The series will present other widely known speakers. After the opening talk, the series will be heard each Sunday night at 8:15 p. m.

The program, those in charge state, will attempt to present the Catholic viewpoint on current topics, such as education, family life, social justice, war and peace.

A man's forgiving faculty is in proportion to the greatness of his soul. Little men cannot pardon.