

## Culture Lecturer to Discuss 'Soul of Russia' on Dec. 6

### Helen Iswolsky, Noted Russian Catholic, To Be Heard At Aquinas

Daughter of Russia's ambassador to Paris during World War I, Helen Iswolsky, author, journalist and philosopher will give the fourth address in the Christian Culture Lecture Series at Aquinas Institute on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 8:30 P. M.

The title of Miss Iswolsky's lecture here is "The Soul of Russia." It will be followed by a forum period.

Where does Russia stand? Can the United Nations depend upon her to cooperate in the formation of a sound post-war world? Is there danger of Communism becoming a world menace due to her military successes? Like questions and their answers will be included in the address.



A convert to Catholicism with years of scholarly research into the cultural foundations of modern Russia, Miss Iswolsky presents the case for Russia in a most objective manner. She escaped from occupied France in 1941.

Her "Soviet Man Today" ("Sheed and Ward") selects the historical events which have shifted the Marxist Russian of revolution days to the present status. It has been the misfortune of the English speaking world to have had to depend on news of trends within Russia issued by Communist propagandists.

There has always been another Russia, even in the most trying days of Bolshevism whose existence provides hope for a more Christian future. That is "Mother Russia, Holy Russia" The Russia for which Pope Pius XII has declared his affection is the Russia for which Miss Iswolsky has labored with other Catholic savants to promote.

Miss Iswolsky came to America last year from occupied France. For many years a student of the cultural, political, religious life of Russia, she has incorporated much of her findings in "Soviet Man Today" and the recent "Light Before Dusk." The latter book pictures the intellectual and cultural life of pre-war Paris in which Peguy, the Maritains and others moved.

Miss Iswolsky shared the successes and reverses of this small Catholic elite which sought to give back the Catholic spirit to a France left reeling from the rationalism of the time.

Her researches into Russian problems were done in conjunction with the great Russian scholar, Nicholas Berdiaeff.

### College Alumnae Conduct Meeting

The November meeting of the Auburn Chapter of the Nazareth College Alumnae Association was held at the home of Mrs. Andrew McLane of 123 Lewis St. Mrs. William Stinson was co-hostess with Mrs. McLane.

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### Form Society of Catholic Social Workers In City

Purpose of the newly formed St. Thomas Society for Social Workers was outlined by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney at an organization meeting of Catholics in social work field Monday evening, Nov. 30, in Columbus Civic Centre.

This organization of Catholic men and women engaged in work in the social field was not formed to have them isolate themselves from other workers in their field or the community, the Bishop pointed out.

Rather is it intended to have these people of one profession band themselves together as do Catholic doctors and Catholic nurses for discussion and study of Catholic philosophy, to make themselves better spiritually and thus to be able better to serve in their work.

"We have a distinct philosophy of life," His Excellency said. Being better equipped with that philosophy, Catholic doctors, Catholic nurses and Catholic social workers can contribute to their professions and become more proficient in carrying out their duties.

The members of the St. Thomas Society for Social Workers considered and adopted their Constitution and By-Laws and elected officers and committee heads.

Chosen as President is Miss Mary E. Hynes of Old Age Assistance. Other officers are: Vice-President, Joseph McMahon, County Probation; Secretary, Miss Anita Marra, Department of Public Welfare, and Treasurer, Lawrence Larson, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Committee chairmen named are: Membership, Mrs. Helen McLaughlin, City Court Probation Department; Program, Miss Phyllis McClain, Rochester Catholic Charities; Constitution, Miss Elizabeth Paine, Monroe County Child Placing Department; Nominating, Miss Teresa Quinn, Old Age Assistance. The Rev. Arthur E. Ratigan, director of Family and Child Care

### Army Duty Calls

PORTSMOUTH, N. H. — Rev. Paul A. McDonough, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, has entered the Harvard University Army Chaplain School, preparatory to duty with the Army.

Division, Rochester Catholic Charities is moderator of the Society.

### Patronal Mass Set Dec. 6 By Verein Units

Delegates and members of the Rochester Branches, Catholic Central Verein of America and National Catholic Women's Union, will commemorate the Patronal Feast of the two organizations next Sunday, Dec. 6. The commemoration will be by attendance at High Mass at St. Joseph's Church at 10 A. M.

The Rochester Branches of these organizations have for many years observed the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of their societies, by attending Mass on the Sunday closest to Dec. 8.

### Cited in New Zealand

WATERLOO, N. Y. — Edward Charles F. Franklin, a graduate of Catholic Central High School, Troy, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Franklin, of this city, has been cited in news dispatches from New Guinea as one of the aviators engaged in flying hundreds of American troops from Australia to the New Guinea battlefield.

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