

### Chaplain Carries On In Africa Despite Absence of Mass Kit

WASHINGTON — Two letters from "Somewhere in Africa" to the Very Rev. George J. Collins, C.S.B., Provincial of the Holy

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Ghost Fathers, received here advised him that one of his nephews, now a chaplain with the armed forces, had arrived safely but was without his Mass kit due to refusal of airline transport to allow him to take it aboard a plane, while the other detailed some news of missionary work in the Dark Continent.

One letter, signed by the Rev. James T. Kibbicki, C.S.B., the chaplain, said he arrived on Christmas afternoon and his celebration of Mass "dispelled the gloom which was mine for the first time in my life around Christmas." The gloom wasn't caused by absence from home, or the trip over, which the letter described as "horrible" but uneventful, but because his Mass kit had failed to arrive.

Father Kibbicki related he got his orders and had to leave on short notice. The letter said: "I was carrying my Mass-kit, but the commercial airlines would not allow it on the plane. So I had to ship it out and it will be three or four months in coming."

The other letter, signed merely "Don," related how the writer accompanied by another U. S. Army officer, journeyed more than 200 miles in an Army jeep to look up a priest, mutual friend of Father Collins and "Don." The trip was replete with views of wild animals and the letter related "we even had to chase a cobra and a gila monster out of the road."

### Empire Rally Hears Address By Cardinal

LONDON. — "Looking back to the Christmas of 1940 we must surely see that there is an over-riding power guiding our steps in the way of victory—in victory over the mad forces of aggression that rely solely on their outward strength and mechanical fury," said His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, in an address at an Empire Rally held in the Albert Hall here.

"There is today," he added, "a light in the East which heralds the dawn after the long dark days of our struggles and sorrows. Strength greater than our own is given us from on high if we hold to our faith, if we steadfastly cling to our principles of truth, of justice, of charity."

### Bishop Praises Red Cross In Pastoral

OTTAWA.—The Most Rev. Alexander Vachon, Archbishop of Ottawa, has addressed a pastoral letter to the priests and faithful of the diocese urging the fullest cooperation with the Red Cross Society in its appeal for voluntary blood donors to aid the war wounded. Such action was not only humanitarian but also an act of charity, the Archbishop declared.

### Getting On In The World

MODERATION  
Everything in life is subject to abuse. If we abolished whatever was abused there is nothing in use among mankind, no matter how good or serviceable, that would not have to be abolished. . . . It is in avoiding extremes which concern mankind that the Church has been conspicuous from the beginning. This does not mean that the Church is a weak institution, afraid to take a stand against corruption or abuse. On the contrary she has shown herself throughout the ages the firmest and most courageous champion of right. . . .

Moderation is by no means weakness. In point of fact moderation is an indication of strength. They who go to extremes in any cause have either a poor cause or lack the strength rightly to uphold a good cause. Christ, the most moderate person that this world has known, was also the firmest. In matters of right and wrong He was indelible. But in the application of principle to conduct He showed Himself broad, wise and most human. When the Pharisees complained that His disciples did not observe certain restrictions of the Sabbath, He defended them proclaiming that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. — Religion and Common Sense, by the Rev. Mar'x & Scott, S.J.

### Chaplain Continues Mass In Spite Of 'Alert' Signal

SOMEWHERE IN NORTH AFRICA.—Father Anthony H. Ryan, Army chaplain from Boston, Mass., was saying Mass.

This is how he tells it: "One moment the church was crowded and the next it was as empty as an Arab's tent. The 'church' was the yard of a French hospital; the altar a pile of cement blocks. I was saying Mass when an alert sounded. All the congregation disappeared in the confusion. But we continued nevertheless."

#### MILITARY SCHOOL

RITERSBURG, N. Y.—The Catholic Farley Military Academy has been dedicated formally by the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar. The school, which is operated by the Christian Brothers of Ireland, has an enrollment of 25 boys, and is situated on former estate of the late Gen. Levi F. Morton, which was the gift of his daughter.

## ST. PATRICK'S (Elmira)

### WELCOME NEW ASSISTANT

The Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, newly appointed assistant at St. Patrick's Church in Elmira, is no stranger to the Southern Tier, having been here and educated in Weavert. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hogan, 125 Province St., Weavert.

Father Hogan has served at St. Michael's Church in Penn Yan as Assistant Pastor for 2 years, having come there immediately after his ordination by Bishop Kearney in Rochester in 1940. He attended St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's Universities in Rochester. Father Hogan has also served as assistant pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Dundee. He will be valedictorian of the training school at Harvard University.

### Texas Chaplain

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—The Rev. Edward Troner, C.S.B., of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, has been commissioned by the Army Chaplain Corps and has departed for the training school at Harvard University.

Our St. Michael, Catholic Daughters of America, and organized Catholic children attending public schools.

While in Penn Yan, Father Hogan organized the Boy Scout Troop, the Young People's Club, and the Newman Club at St. Michael's.

### MILITARY AUTHORITIES RESOLUTION MISSING

VATICAN CITY.—The military authorities of the occupation zone repudiated numerous Italian properties in the Province of Napoli. It is revealed it was from China received by the Fascist Junta's W. Lyons and reported by Field Service.

The Italian authorities continue to function, they were told. The thought was to take the food restrictions on the Italian and have issued the taking of the Jewish high school at Trieste.

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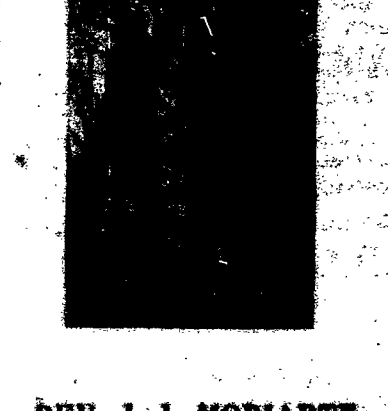
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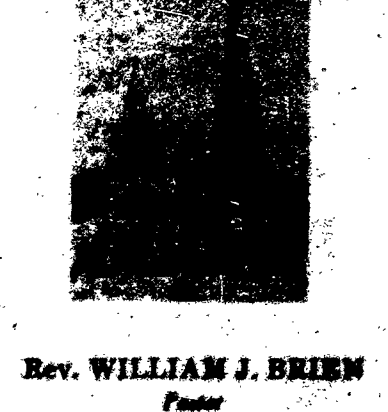
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