

# Red Cross Aide Disapproves Birth Curb Center Cooperation

WASHINGTON — The National Home Service of the American Red Cross does not approve of workers being referred to birth control centers by its chapters. It is making this disapproval known to "our Home Service field staff so that they can know of the position of the Red Cross in such matters," Charlotte Johnson, National Director of the Red Cross Home Service stated in a letter made public here today.

The letter was written by Miss Johnson in reply to a message of protest from the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmiedeler, Director of the Family Life Bureau National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Reported by N. F. F.A.P.

The protest followed a report of the President of the National Federation on Planned Parenthood. This report stated that the Red Cross Home Service was referring workers to birth control centers.

In her reply Miss Johnson expressed appreciation for having the report called to her attention and said:

"We can assure you that the National Home Service does not approve Red Cross participation in such matters. You will realize of course that there are times when our chapters or individuals in chapters participate in community activities without consultation with or approval of the National organization."

In his letter, Dr. Schmiedeler told of his distress at seeing the name of the Red Cross "linked with a meeting of the former Birth Control Federation of America."

"I write to ask whether we can consider the affair just another trick of this underhanded organization, which has done so much to lead our country through its doctrine of uncontrol, down the road to certain decay and eventual destruction," Dr. Schmiedeler wrote.

## OFFICER PRAISES HEROISM OF AMERICAN MISSIONARY

NEW YORK — The heroism of an American missionary, the Rev. Jeremiah Kelleher of the St. Columban's Foreign Mission Society, who served as a chaplain with the British forces defending Burma, is described in a letter received at the National Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from an army officer, a veteran of the campaign.

Father Kelleher, the officer stated, was constantly in the front line trenches ministering to the wounded. He recalls that, even under merciless bombing, the American priest refused the opportunity to be evacuated and shared all the dangers and hardships of the troops.

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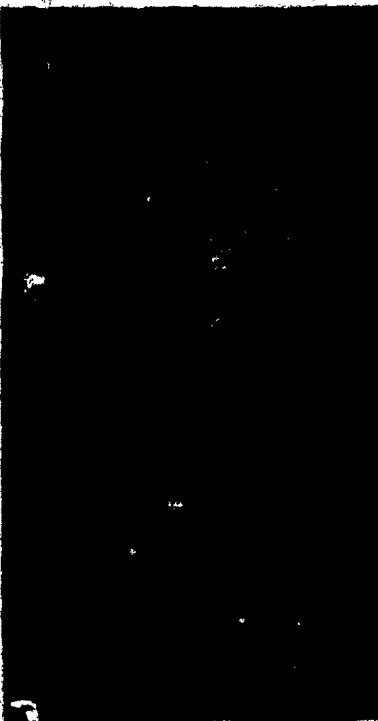
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## On the New Guinea Front

Religious men flourish among our troops in New Guinea, according to those pictures just received. In Gona, Chaplain J. E. Lynch says Mass for his men shortly before they went into battle. Pvt. Louis Shureck (upper photo), of Crookston, Minn., somewhere on the Hunuata front, openly displays his crucifix. A former chef, he is taking biscuits in a makeshift oven. (N.C.W.C.)



## Bishop O'Hara Asks Prayers For Chaplains Who Have Died

NEW YORK — The Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., has requested prayers for the repose of the souls of ten chaplains who have given their lives in the armed service of the United States.

Two of the chaplains have met death this year—the Rev. Daniel P. Foley, O.M.I., an auxiliary chaplain, and the Rev. Curtis

Sharp, S.J., at Camp Carson, Colo. Those who died in the preceding year were: The Revs. Michael Duggan, Jesus Vlado, Jose Miranda, James P. Dunleavy, O.M.I., William F. F. Duffy, C.S.S., Lawrence A. Gough and Clement M. Falter, C.P.F.S., army chaplains, and Aloysius Schmitt, Navy chaplain.

## Latin American Bishops Call For Unity In 'Hour of Hate'

WASHINGTON — The Bishops of Latin America have organized a committee to emphasize the need "for union of thought and desire, together with a decided cooperation of all

in this hour of confusion, hate and destruction that devastates the world."

The Most Rev. Luis Chavez y Gonzalez, Archbishop of San Salvador has been named Secretary of this committee. In a letter to the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference he conveys to the Bishops of the United States "cordial greetings."

Bishop Gonzalez states that he has been authorized by the committee to enter into communication with the Hierarchy of North America "for the purpose of obtaining through their effective action to prohibit the immigration into our countries of Protestant pastors, who, ordinarily, come armed with hatred, calumny, falsehood and contempt for our holy Catholic religion and clergy."

His Excellency states that many Catholics because of their "simplicity and lack of full understanding have become members of Protestant sects. This condition in the Bishops opinion has contributed in a large measure to the development of a basis for Communism in our countries."

Bishop Gonzalez also petitions the Bishops of this country to assist in preventing the shipment of motion picture films, so conducive to sin, which are dechristianizing our faithful people. He says that

## Gets Navy Award

ALAMEDA, Calif.—Lieut. John J. Lynch, 21-year-old alumnus of Boston College, was one of a dozen officers and enlisted men recently returned from the Pacific theaters of war, who received decorations and citations for bravery at the U. S. Naval Air Station here.

## Christian Democracy Should Be Victory Goal Avers Bishop

NEW YORK — Declaring that "we cannot hope to build an earthly paradise" when victory comes, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, on Sunday urged the establishment of Christian democracy as the goal of victory. "In the term 'Christian democracy,'" he said, "it is not democracy that is of most importance, but it is Christian."

Bishop Kearney was the principal speaker at the twenty-fourth annual convention commencing breakfast of the Newman Club Federation of the New York Province, in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria.

His address on "Victory and the Peace" marked the second day of the convention, which closed last night after an informal reception on the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf-Astoria. The breakfast was attended by 200 members of the organization.

"The spirit of Christianity," Bishop Kearney declared, "can dictate a lasting peace, but materialism, exploitation or totalitarianism cannot, whether of Nazi, Communist or Fascist variety."

Scoring the "aim of some certain groups, which seem to be building of a Utopia on earth,"

he warned "we must hope to build an earthly paradise, because Christ has said: 'My Kingdom is not of this world.'"

In a reference to human and communism he said:

"I take it for granted that the Christian people of America, of the world, are not so stupid as to allow their enthusiasm for the coverage of the Russian fighting the immediate part on the European front, to blind them to the fact that communism, both in theory and in practice, has been one of the heaviest contributors to the tragedy that is unfolding before us."

Miss Margaret O'Connell, chairman of the New York Province of the federation, presided. She introduced Bishop Kearney, who is Episcopal Moderator of the federation and the National Catholic Youth Council.

Members of the federation attended Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman.

## Juvenile Delinquency, Truancy Rise With Mothers At War Jobs, Survey Shows

CLEVELAND — Increases in truancy, malnutrition and juvenile delinquency are a few of the evils which have fallen "war orphans." This designation refers to children

both of whose parents are engaged in war work.

During their hours of employment the children are left to virtually shift for themselves. These conditions were uncovered in a survey conducted by the Catholic University-Bulletin, the official paper of the Diocese of Cleveland.

Dr. W. P. Edmunds, Director of the War Manpower Commission, Cleveland area, asserted that he was anxious "to go on record as not wanting to disturb the home life. I think mothers are essential

in the bringing up of children, no one can take their place."

High ranking officials concurred in the conditions reported in this survey. Superintendent Arthur V. Roth of the Police Department reported an increase of juvenile crimes and a growth of general insincerity; whereas Dr. David J. Weiss of the Bureau of Education declared that school attendance has become "very poor."

It was claimed by the Rev. Albert J. Murphy, Diocesan Director of Charities, that social agencies were reporting an alarming increase in cases. He asserted that women with small children can best serve the war effort by staying at home.

"England's experience," Father Murphy said, "has been very helpful. After going through some of the insecurities and growing pains earlier in the war, England came to realize that mothers in industry were a greater loss than gain. In part, this was due to their absorption in detached attitude in war work and failure to stay on the job."

## Conducts Last Rites For Father Finneral

Father John A. Finneral of Salt Lake Diocese died suddenly at his desk in his rectory at Midvale, Utah, and was buried in his native city, Lowell, Mass., on Monday, Feb. 8.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, presided in the sanctuary and offered the last prayers as the remains of the beloved priest were interred in the cemetery of his native city.

Father Finneral has visited Rochester several times and is known to many of the priests here.

## 'My Favorite Saint' Is Topic of Contest

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — "My Favorite Saint" is the title of a literary contest for high school freshmen held at the Queen's Work here, national Society headquarters, the sponsoring organization. Rules call for two pages, or less, of double-spaced typing, with the final paragraph giving the contestant's views of the author's treatment. A school is limited to two entries, which must be at The Queen's Work, April 1. Special medals will be struck for the winner and the runner-up.

## Copies of Book Given To Pope, Archbishop

NEW YORK — Two copies of "A Catholic Philosophy of Education" have been presented by the authors, Dr. John D. Redden and Dr. Francis A. Ryan, of the Fordham University school of education, to the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York. One volume, bound in white calligraphy, is for His Holiness Pope Pius XII, who is an alumnus of Fordham having received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws in 1926 when he visited this country as Papal Secretary of State, and the other, bound in red maroon, is a personal gift for the Archbishop.

## Island Government Makes Donation Of \$265 to USO

NEW YORK — (AP) — In recognition of the lack of a third child to Crown Princess Juliana, the Netherlands Government in the Island of Aruba, at the coast of Venezuela, made a donation of 265 Florins (265) to the USO in Aruba, according to cable advice received from William E. Leigh, Director of the USO Overseas Service. The gift was accompanied by a request that it be used for the purchase of supplies of permanent value to the work of the organization in Aruba.