Bishop O'Hara Foresees New Understanding of Missions

NEW YORK—A very mission-minded generation of Catholic laymen may be expected when America's fighting forces return from the war, the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Military Delegate, declared in a letter addressed to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McDonnell, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

"The spiritual benefit of the experiences shared by American servicemen and the natives of far lands has been mutual," Bishop O'Hara wrote.

"Thousands of lives of American soldiers, sailors and marines have been spared because of the good will of natives of far-flung countries whose tutors in Christianity have been the missionaries supported by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith," His Excellency wrote.

"From chaplains and men of the armed forces of the United States have come hundreds of letters telling of the friendly reception accorded our men by the neophytes of these missionaries. Others tell of the joy of the natives at seeing white men from across the sea kneel with them at their prayers, at Mass and at Holy Communion. On one island in the South Seas three beautiful chapels, native style, were built by the joint labor of natives and marines.

"The effect on our chaplains and men has been inspiring. The spiritual benefit of the experience has been mutual. And you may be prepared for a very mission-minded generation of Catholic laymen in this country when our soldiers, sailors and marines come back home in peace to build the Catholic homes for which they are fighting today on a hundred fronts."

Testimony of Faith

The sign of the cross is a public testimony to the faith that is in us. Wherever we see that symbol, we know for what it stands. The perfume born of the night air reveals the flower; the whirr of wings betrays the passing bird; the sign of the cross made on the body of a man reveals the secret springs whence the soul is comforted and strengthened.

It is like a flag above a fortress whence a man looks out upon his foes. In great crises men have made this sign as their last salute to their Redeemer, as their final act of homage to Christ their King. The early Christians loved it because it was the sign of fellowship and spoke of their common knowledge and good comradeship in Jesus.

The Church uses it in blessings, in consecration, in her sacraments, in her Mass. The sign of the Cross was the last definite act of the martyr before the blackness of death enveloped him; it was the loving token of remembrance and resurrection which his friends chiselled upon his underground tomb.—In the Far East.

Declined Freedom

Interned with other Americans in Stanley Prison, Hong Kong, fourteen Maryknoll missioners have reached Kweilin in Free China. Two others declined offers of freedom and safety. They are the Rev. Donald L. Hessler, M.M. (above), of Lake Orion, Mich., and Rev. Bernard Meyer, M.M. (not pictured), who volunteered to remain as chaplains for the prisoners held in the Japanese camp. (N.C.W.C.)

Diocesan History

MEXICO CITY.—The Rev. Jesus T. Lara has published a "History of the Archdiocese of Guadalajara." The Diocese of Guadalajara in the Indies was erected on July 31, 1548, by Pope Paul III. Pope Pius IX raised it to an Archdiocese in 1863.

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American Empire
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Arizona Bloodhound
Army Surgeon
Avengers, The
Avenging Rider
Bangalo
Between Us Girls
Black Rider of Robin Hood Ranch
Boss of Big Town
Cairo
Chetniks
Cheesemo Roundup
Cinderella Swings It
Commando Strike at Dawn
Continental Express
Crime Smasher
The Cyclone Kid
Desperate Journey
Devil With Hitler
Falcon's Brother
Fighting Frontier
Flying Fortress
For Me and My Gal
Forever and a Day
Fugitive of the Plains
Gentleman Jim
George Washington Slept Here
Girl From Moscow
Great Guildersleeve
Heart of the Golden West
Henry Aldrich Gets Glamour
Here We Go Again
Hi, Buddy
Hi-Ya Chum
Holiday Inn
How's About It?
Ice Capades
In Old California
It Comes Up Love
Jacare
Johnny Doughboy
Junior Army
Keep 'Em Slugging
Kid Dynamite
Kid Rider Again
King of the Stallions
Laugh Your Blues Away
Lone Prairie
Lone Star Trail
Lost Canyon
Man In the Trench
Mountain Rhythm
Mrs. Miniver
Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch
Mug Town
Navy Comes Through
Night Plane From Chungking
Night To Remember
No place for a Lady
Northwest Rangers
Old Chisholm Trail
Old Homestead
Oregon Trail, The
One of Our Aircraft Is Missing
Outlaw of Boulder Pass
Outlaw of Pine Ridge
Overland Stage Coach
Paccho Blackout
Pardon My Gun
Pardon My Stripes
Phantom Plainsmen
Pied Piper, The
Pirates of the Prairie
Power of the Press
Pride of the Yankees
Raiders of San Juanito
Rangers Take Over
Red River Robin
Riders of the Northwest Mounted
Ridin' Down the Canyon
Sabotage Squad
Sage Brush Law
Salud a Amigos
Scattergood Survives a Murder
Seven Days Leave
Secrets of the Underground
Shadows on the Sage
Sheriff of Sage Valley
Sherlock Holmes in Spirit of Minnesota
Sombrero Kid
Spirit of Stanford
Springtime in the Rockies
Stand By, All Networks
Stardust at the Sage
Submarine Raider
Sunset Serenade
Sundown Kid
Tarzan Triumphs
Tennessee Johnson
Texas To Batavia
Thundering Trails
Tombstone
Tornado in the Saddle
Truck Busters
Two-Fisted Justice
Two Weeks To Live
Underground Agent
War Against Mrs. Hadley
War Dogs
We Are The Marines
West of the Law
Western Mail
When Johnny Comes Marching Home
Whistling In Dixie
World At War
Yankee Doodle Dandy
Yanks Are Coming

CLASS A—Section 2—Unobjectionable for Adults

A's Husbands Necessary?
Behind the Eight Ball
Behind Prison Walls
Beyond the Blue Horizon
Black Swan
Bombs Over Burma
Bowery at Night
Bugles Roar
Calling Dr. Gillespie
Casablanca
China Girl
City Without Men
Criminal Investigator
Crossroads
Crystal Ball
Down on the Great Divide
Dead Men Walk
Doctor Unknown
Dr. Gillespie's New Assistant
Fairbanks
Fighting Devil Dogs
Forest Rangers
Gentle Man
He's My Guy
Hidden Hand
Hitler's Children
Leland
I Live on Danger
In Which We Serve
Invisible Agent
Isle of Missing Men
Journey For Margaret
Jungle Siren
Lady in a Jam
Lady from Chungking
Life Begins at 8:30
Lure of the Islands
Madame Spy
Major and the Minor, The
Man of Courage
Manila Calling
Man's World
Marvin for Error
Melinda from Brooklyn
Meanest Man in the World
Mr. Wise Guy
Moonlight in Havana
Moonlight Masquerade
My Sister Eileen
Native Land
North Brooklyn Bridge
Night for Crime
Nightmare
Now Voyager
Over My Dead Body
Parachute Nurse
Paroff
Phantom Killer
Pittsburgh
Police Bullets
Perfect Girls
Prison Girls
Prisoner of Japan
Queen of Broadway
Quiet Please, Murder
Random Harvest
Ravaged Earth
Reunion
Rhythm of the Islands
Road To Morocco
Rubber Bachelors
Secret Enemies
Secrets of a Co-ed
Seven Miles from Alcatraz
Shadow of a Doubt
She's In The Army
Silent Witness
Silver Queen
Smart Alecks
Spothers, The
Spy Ship
Stand By for Action
Street of Chance
Sunday Punch
Suspicion
Syncopation
Take A Letter Darling
Tales of Manhattan
Talk of the Town
That Other Woman
They Got Me Covered
This Above All
Time To Kill
Today, I Hang
Undying Monster
Valley of Terror
Wrecking Crew
X Marks the Spot
Yank in Libya
You Can't Beat the Law
You Can't Escape Forever
You Were Never Lovelier
Youth On Parade

CLASS B—Objectionable in Part

Affairs of Martha
Almost Married
Arabian Nights
Bahama Passage
Bedtime Story
Girl Trouble
Dr. Broadhit's Secret
Desert Song
Flying With Music
Gay Sisters
Gentleman After Dark
Gone With the Wind
Hard Way, The
Her Cardboard Lover
I Married a Witch
Immortal Sergeant
I'll Sell My Life
In This Our Life
Keeper of the Flame
Lady Has Plans, The
Lady In Distress
Lady Is Willing, The
Lucky Jordan
Mischievous Husbands
Moon and Sixpence
Mummy's Tomb
My Heart Belongs To Daddy
My Son, the Hero
Navy Blues
Night Before the Divorce
Once Upon a Honeymoon
Palm Beach Story
Rhythm Parade
Shanghai Gesture
Sin Town
Somewhere I'll Find You
Star Spangled Rhythm
Sullivan's Travels
Swamp Woman
They All Kissed the Bride
Three Girls About Town
Three Hearts for Julia
Time to the Sun
Two-Faced Woman
Vengeance of the West
White Cargo
Wife Takes a Flyer, The
Young and Willing

CLASS C—Condemned

It's All in the Mind
Immoral Duck
Harlemite
Fighting the White Slave Traffic
Human Wreckage
City of Sin
Girl from Maxim's
Lash of the Penitentes
Marriage Prohibition
Mike Bambino
No Greater Sin
Pete Is Mine
Reefer Madness
Sace Suicide
Rot, Le (French)
Shameful Daughters
Stolen Paradise
Time In the Sun

Getting On In The World

CHURCH MANNERS

There's a book, or perhaps two or three books, on good manners in church, and now and then a hint or two in some such place as this. And yet there seems always some need of a reminder to some people.

There's the man, or woman, who insists upon having the end seat in the pew. He, or she, makes others squeeze by and climb over his or her feet. This is anything but courteous, it causes distraction to all concerned.

There is also the man, or woman, who insists upon squeezing into a pew already well-filled, when there are plenty of empty seats nearby. Why they should want to do this is a mystery of our queer human nature.

Putting one's feet on the kneeling benches, especially in these days of slush, means that one is likely to get the dirt on one's own knees, or somebody else coming into the place later will soil his or her clothes.

Some folks insist upon sitting, or nearly sitting, even at the most solemn moments of the Mass, and this makes it difficult for those back of them who wish to kneel upright and read from a Missal.

Finally, outside of the church, it's the correct thing for Catholic men and boys to tip their hats when they pass by, in homage to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Often a convert is zealous not through safety, but because of the novelty of his experience.

Movie Guide

NEW FILMS REVIEWED

Amazing Mrs. Holiday, A-1
Fugitive of the Plains, A-1
How's About It? A-1
Johnny Doughboy, A-1
Lost Canyon, A-1
Riders of the Northwest, A-1
Thundering Trails, A-1
Two Weeks to Live, A-1
Behind Prison Walls, A-2
Rhythm of the Islands, A-2
Young and Willing, B
Immortal Sergeant, B

AT THE THEATRES

PALACE

Palm Beach Story, B
Lucky Jordan, B

LOEW'S ROCHESTER

Random Harvest, A-1

CENTURY

Silver Shakes (Not classified)
Time To Kill, A-2

REGENT

Yankee Doodle Dandy, A-1

TEMPLE

Casablanca, A-2
Over My Dead Body, A-2

LITTLE

Mr. V, A-1

Catholic Near East Welfare Association

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The Missionary's Mail

When the mail comes, the first thing the mission priest looks for is a letter from home. Have the folks there forgotten him? Let him know you remember his work and his needs by asking him to say Mass for you.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN A MOSLEM LAND

Nowhere is a Catholic school more necessary than in Mohammedan countries. In most of them, school attendance is compulsory. Where there is no Catholic school, the children must attend a Mohammedan school. There they are taught the religion of Islam, and their own faith is derided. Many are drawn away from the Saviour Who died for them.

In Turkey, this situation is acute. The Turkish government, wishing to achieve higher standards in education, has enacted stringent laws regarding schools. Catholic schools are permitted if they meet government standards. Otherwise, they will be closed. This puts a great burden on the Catholic bishops and priests.

Bishop Vareuchas, of the Byzantine Rite, has been faced with this problem for over ten years. His people are few in number and very poor. They are unable to build new schools and find it very hard to maintain existing schools.

The Bishop is without funds for these purposes. Yet he is mindful of Our Lord's words: "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." In his extremity, he asks your aid.

You can build a school meeting the government requirements for Five Hundred Dollars. Think what it would mean to poor Catholic children in Turkey! For Ten Dollars you can pay a child's way in school for a year. Please come to their rescue.

EASTERN CUSTOMS, No. 6

In Ethiopia many Catholics follow an ancient Rite similar to the Coptic Rite of Egypt. Services are held in Gheez—an old Ethiopic language. One of many distinctive customs is that during Mass a box called "The Ark of the Covenant" rests on the Altar. It is treated with great reverence and is moved from place to place during the service. Thus they link together the Old Testament and the New.

FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

Burn candles for your intentions for a whole year. You can do this if you supply one of our chapels with the candles needed for Mass and devotions. Eight Dollars provides candles for a year.

A NEW CENTER

When a chapel is built in a mission, it becomes a new center of activity for souls and for God. The people have a proper place to hear Mass. Instruction can be better given. Non-Catholics can be invited to attend services. All this means growth of God's Kingdom.

In many parts of the Near East, our missions are struggling along without chapels. Little progress can be made in these places. Five Hundred Dollars will erect a suitable chapel. If you build it, you will be remembered in all services there. You can name the chapel and make it a memorial if you wish.

FOR THE SICK

When the priest brings Holy Communion to the sick, he uses a small vessel called a Pyx in which to carry the Sacred Host. Some of our priests in the Near East need a Pyx. You can give one for Five Dollars.

BOARDS FOR ALTARS

In some of our chapels the Altars are mere boards resting on boxes. This is not fitting for the Holy Sacrifice. A proper Altar can be built for Fifty Dollars. Give one in memory of your departed.

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We call a gift "Stringless" when you tell us to use it where it is most needed. Such gifts we can apply to any emergency needs which may arise. Our "Stringless Gift Fund" needs replenishing. Send us something for it—a large amount or a small one. We will be most thankful.

LIVE IN POVERTY

The priests of our Near East missions live in poverty. They ask only the barest subsistence and devote everything they get to furthering their work. Help these self-sacrificing servants of Christ to continue their apostolic work. Twenty-five Dollars supports a priest for a month.

SUPPORT A NOVICE

In our Near East Missions, many more Sisters are needed and many young women are anxious to become Sisters. But the religious communities often are too poor to receive and support them as Novices. Help supply Sisters by supporting a Novice. Sixty Dollars a year—Five Dollars a month—will do it.

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