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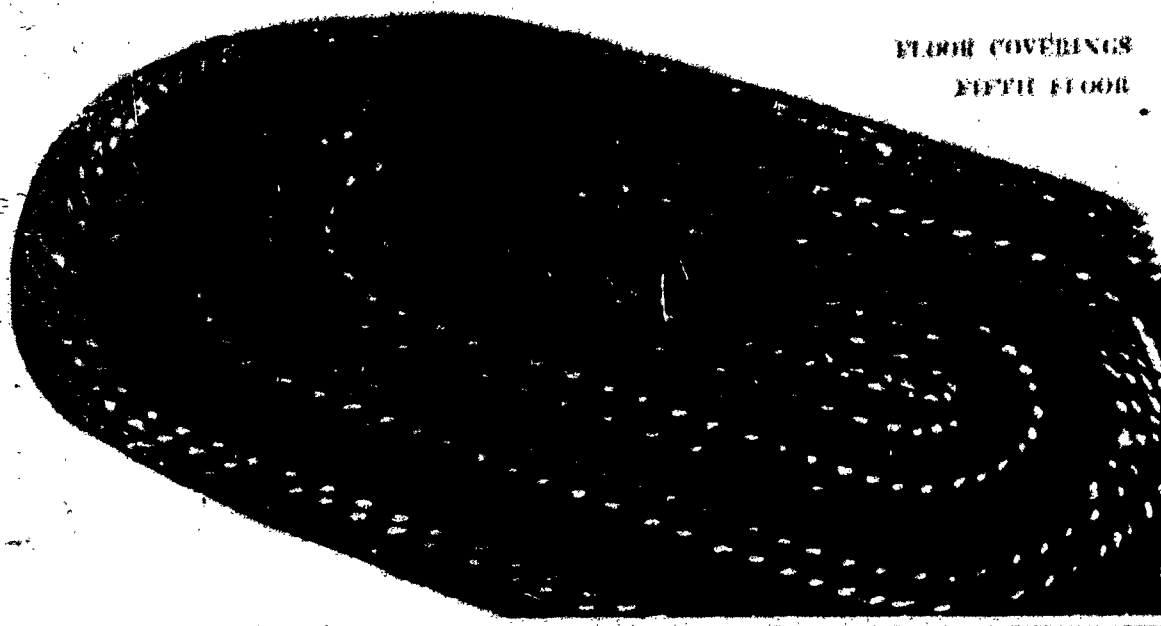
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Postmaster General Pledges Fight On Obscene Mail Laws

WASHINGTON - The declaration that he will continue to execute with diligence "the postal laws relating to obscenity in the mails and alleged unmailable periodicals" was contained in the annual report of Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, made public today.

"The postal laws," Mr. Walker said, "forbid the use of the mails for the circulation of periodicals published for the purpose of profitably pandering to the obscene, lewd and indecent or appealing to lascivious curiosity. This prohibition is irrespective of whether the matter is portrayed under the guise of art, fiction, humor or sex education, or whether indecent matter appears in stories purporting to be detailed factual accounts of actual sexual crimes."

"No publisher who wishes to use the United States mails need have any difficulty in conforming to the injunctions concerning the postal obscenity statutes. His sense of decency and good morals will invariably lead him to resolve any doubt in favor of the public welfare and the public good."

"There have been an increasing number of complaints concerning the character of some publications admitted to the second-class privilege. It becomes my duty to determine whether such a publication has violated the conditions entitling it to be carried as second-class matter."

"The right to use the United States mails is not an inherent right, but a right based upon conditions prescribed by Congress. Those who ask this right must conform to the requirements of Congress."

Careful consideration has been given a number of publications, the Postmaster General stated, public hearings held and a number of publications denied second-class privileges.

"The duty committed by the Congress to the discretion of the Postmaster General," Mr. Walker said, "should be and will be performed with a full understanding of the solemn responsibilities involved, and only upon a careful examination of the particulars in each case and after an unbiased, informed and dispassionate conclusion is reached."

DIES AT 58



Rev. E. A. Duff

First Catholic Head Of Navy Chaplains Dies

PHILADELPHIA - The Rev. Edward Aloysius Duff, 58, first Catholic priest in American history to head the chaplains in the United States Navy, has died here.

Beloved by thousands of officers and men in America's naval service as "Padre" Duff, he was the victim of a heart ailment. He retired from the Navy in 1933 because of physical disability.

Father Duff studied for the priesthood at St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, Md., and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore. He was ordained in 1911 by the late James Cardinal Gibbons.

In 1915, he entered the U. S. Navy as a chaplain and served continuously until his retirement.

He served as chaplain-escort on the Olympia, when the body of the "Unknown Soldier" was brought from France to the United States in 1921.

Father Duff's lecture on the "Unknown Soldier" had been heard by more than 200,000. He was a regular and faithful visitor at the tomb of the unknown in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, but it wasn't until 1940 that he had an opportunity to officiate at a service at the tomb. On that occasion, he spoke at a pilgrimage arranged by the Military Order of the World War.

On USO-NCCS Front Income Tax Assistance Given Servicemen

WASHINGTON - Income tax assistance for service men is being established in many of the more than 1,200 USO clubs and units throughout the United States, it was announced today.

This new and timely service is to be given by professional men experienced in tax work and accounting who volunteer to take over the income tax information bureau in their local USO clubs.

While the great proportion of the 800,000 volunteers assisting USO are women, who serve as hostesses, an increasing number of men are volunteering to serve as "hosts" providing special services which are in keeping with their professional occupations, and also in staffing USO lounges and units, many of which are now operating on a twenty-four hour a day basis.

USO clubs operated by the National Catholic Community Service, Catholic member agency, now number over 300.

Army Denies Taking Over Fordham U.

NEW YORK - A statement published in a secular newspaper here to the effect that the United States Army was taking over the facilities of Fordham University for war activities has been denied at the Army public relations office here.

"The Army is not taking over any college," the statement said, "but is making contracts with some educational institutions for instructional service, housing, meals and medical care. Fordham University has been informed that the Army will use certain of its facilities."

The action of the army authorities will not affect the functioning of any of the schools at Fordham, which has been designated part of a nation-wide plan for specialized training of soldiers in colleges.

Registration at Fordham is 1,600 below normal and 400 of the students now enrolled are in reserve category and may be called for active service any time.

Non-Catholic Labor Leader Leaves 2,000 Books By St. Thomas More

LONDON - Labor Leader John Burns who has died here left what is probably the best collection in the world of books and manuscripts of St. Thomas More. It is stated to contain about 2,000 books and other articles associated with the Saint.

Yet John Burns was not a Catholic.

He discovered Thomas More for himself. When he was a working youth he was turning over old books offered for sale on a street stand near Lambeth Walk when he came across a copy of "Utopia." When he read it he made a vow

that he would spend his leisure making a collection of "everything that man ever wrote."

Irish Culture Leader

CHICAGO - The death of David Ryan Twomey, 78, has removed a leader in Irish cultural activities for five decades. He was born in Cobh, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1883 joining the Irish Colonization Society in Northern Nebraska. He was a co-founder of the Gaelic Society of Chicago and the Irish Choral Society here.