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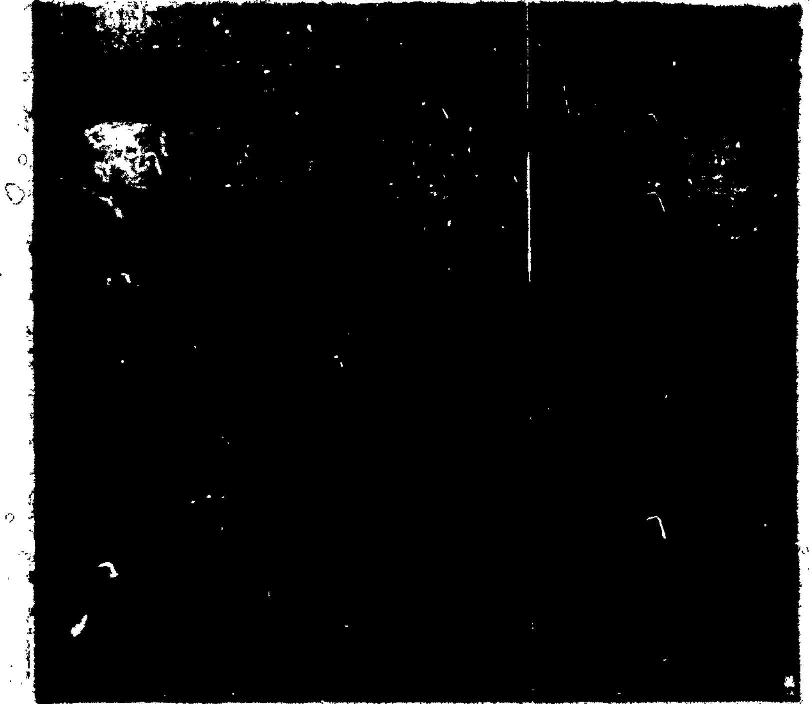

Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General of the U. S. Navy and personal physician to President Roosevelt, delivered the address and received the honorary degree of doctor of science at the recent mid-year graduating exercises of Marquette University School of Medicine, Milwaukee. Left to right: Capt. Dallas D. Dupre, commandant of Marquette's Naval ROTC unit; Admiral McIntire, the Rev. Raphael C. McCarthy, S. J., president of Marquette, and Dr. Eben J. Carey, dean of the medical school. (N.C.W.C.)

LISBON, Spain (SC)—At the close of last year an elaborately [illegible] volume "[illegible] Religion in Russia" was released by the Soviet Government [illegible] an attempt to [illegible] the religious situation [illegible] ing in Russia. It is being [illegible] buted strictly for [illegible] pose outside of Russia.

The preface [illegible] book, by one [illegible] "Sergei, Guardian of the Patriarchal Throne, [illegible] Moscow and [illegible] [illegible] Liberté, a Swiss Catholic [illegible] published at Fribourg.

The author of the "counter-preface" is a [illegible] conversant with the [illegible] tion of religion [illegible] bloods this volume [illegible] from against [illegible] that the "Moscow [illegible] actually [illegible] in Soviet Russia [illegible] [illegible] Polish Subject [illegible]

This "counter-preface" [illegible] the following [illegible]

1.—The book, although published in Russia, is actually not on sale there and it is being carefully concealed from the Russian people. No reviews of the book have appeared in any of the local papers with the exception of the "Moscow News," which is published in English. The entire edition has been sent abroad, principally to England and the United States. A few elaborately bound volumes have been distributed to influential foreigners in Moscow and Kuibyshev.

2.—The "truth" as presented in this book is so at variance with fact that it constitutes a [illegible] tive offense against the very concept of truth.

3.—Once again the Soviet Government is using the Russian Orthodox Church for political purposes. The Government now realizes that through its twenty-five year policy of absolute atheism it has played itself right into the hand of Hitler. It prepared the way for the Nazi trump of "religious liberation." The Russian Church hierarchy is numbered among Hitler's most ardent supporters. A cathedral has been erected in Berlin at Hitler's personal expense. Thus, the Russian Orthodox Church has become the pawn of both the Nazi and Soviet Governments.

4.—In occupied countries it has been converted into a gigantic Hitlerite bloc for the avowed purpose of "conquering" Sovietism.

5.—Many tales about religious persecution in Russia are, in the opinion of this author, without foundation. Nevertheless Sergei's assumption that all religious persecution is fictitious is an insult to historical veracity. Sergei himself, prior to the Nazi "crusade," was subject to the contemporary practical interpretation of Article 124 of the Soviet Constitution allowing the right to carry on anti-religious propaganda.

The writer of this "counter-preface" challenges Sergei to explain the whereabouts of Metropolitan Philip of Moscow, missing since 1930; of Metropolitan Cyril of Kazan, who disappeared some time ago. He inquires to know about the "liquidation" of Metropolitan Peter Kroutitsky; about the "liquidation" of hundreds of Church dignitaries, and thousands of priests and deacons who "simply vanished from the face of the earth"; about the closing of all monasteries and the dispersement of Religious; and about the reduction of 46,000 organized Orthodox parishes in 1917 to not more than 200 now open for divine worship in the entire U.S.S.R.

Youth Delinquency Rise Causes National Interest

WASHINGTON—Juvenile delinquency is decidedly on the increase. This rise in crime forces observers to wonder if those on the "home front" aren't leaving a whole sector of their line dangerously unguarded.

The need for drafting fathers may continue and the practise may have to be extended, although some legislators believe it should be avoided as long as possible, as they feel it is disruptive of family life.

There is still just as much, and just as widespread, opposition to the employment of mothers in war work, unless and until every other source of employees has been exhausted.

(In Rochester the United States Employment Service reports that the supply of employable men has been exhausted. They will find it necessary within the next few weeks to call upon those women who volunteered to accept work through the Womanpower Survey. It is felt that this call will make certain inroads upon those with families. Rochester war industries alone will require at least 10,000 women within the next six months.)

Hoover Places Blame

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, points to a shocking increase in juvenile crime in 1942 and puts the blame on "a deplorable lack of parental guidance and discipline in many homes." He believes that boom conditions in many communities and "easy money in youthful hands accompanied by a sense of wartime abandon" is largely responsible. He warned, however, that these conditions cannot be blamed entirely upon the war. Rather, he said, a large segment of American parents have relinquished their control over their homes.

A gradual rise of youthful delinquents, particularly among teen-age girls, in neighborhoods adjacent to military encampments, is noticeable. Authorities have called it "a social problem of extreme importance." But mere talk will accomplish nothing. As Mr. Hoover and others have pointed out, it is a question involving morality. It can only be conquered with a true appreciation of the real sanctity of the home and with the realization that religious education in the school and the home are the best safeguards of youth against a wayward life.

(It has been frequently reported of late in our daily press that this problem goes on apace in Rochester. Teen-age girls have been seen late at night in the vicinity of the stations in the company of servicemen. Investigators report that they are to be found in taprooms and dance halls. The police and local law enforcement authorities will do their utmost to combat this evil. But its final solution rests with the home and proper parental supervision.)

The FBI survey for 1942 becomes more alarming when we are reminded that millions of young men are with the armed forces and many juveniles are gainfully employed. None the less arrests of girls under 21 years increased 55.7. Prostitution and commercialized vice among minor girls increased 64.8. Those arrested for other sex offenses increased 104.7. Drunkenness and disorderly conduct among this same age group increased 39.9 and 69.4 respectively.

The situation is indeed alarming. While it is reported by the SPCC of Rochester that no apparent increase in juvenile crime is as yet noticeable, the future in this regard is most uncertain. The needs of war industries for women are apt to increase this trend, until we find ourselves faced with these problems. This fact alone is a further insistance that the proper authorities must get busy now to assume the supervision of the children of those mothers who will be called for employment to meet the demands of the War Production Board.

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Awarded Navy Cross

Washington. — Capt. Edward J. Moran, heroic Catholic naval officer, was presented with the Navy Cross here by Secretary of Navy Frank Knox for his valorous service as commanding officer of the cruiser Boise in the Battle of Esperance, off Guadalcanal Island, October 11 and 12.

By the way — BUY WAR BONDS

My dear People:

[illegible] the month of March [illegible] Red Cross Campaign [illegible]

[illegible] the American Red Cross [illegible] of all creeds, and [illegible]

In the name of [illegible]

[illegible] American Red Cross [illegible]

May I [illegible] the Red Cross Campaign during the month of March.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

+ James E. Kearney

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

St. Monica Guild Mass For Fr. Wheaton's Mother

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney [illegible] Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mrs. [illegible] Wheaton, mother of Father John Wheaton [illegible] Rosary [illegible] Church [illegible] a. m.

Members of St. Monica's Guild will attend the Mass.

Mrs. Wheaton [illegible]

Present in the sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. [illegible] Rev. [illegible] Rev. Vincent [illegible] Rev. Thomas [illegible] of St. Michael's Church, Warsaw.

Mrs. Wheaton is survived by her husband, Henry E. Wheaton; [illegible] of Rochester; one son, Father Wheaton; [illegible] two grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. [illegible] and Mrs. [illegible] of Rochester; one brother, Hugh D. [illegible] of Newark, N. J., and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery, Warsaw.

Fr. Heindl Commended For Troops' 'Morale'

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Regiment, A.P.O. No. 37, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal., wrote home in part as follows:

"They say that the Infantry is the Queen of Battles—well, this queen is getting her shirts muddy! It happens to be the rainy season in this part of the hemisphere—summer they call it—in preparation for the type of battle by which you read about in this section of the war front—what goes—sunshine (hot) or rain (muddy) just two 'pleasant' ways of becoming acclimated to the tropics.

"Just take a peek at my glamorous uniform—then forget it, because I certainly couldn't be recognized as the same soldier, especially with a few days' growth of beard! . . .

"But don't think I'm not enjoying it! It is so rugged and the fellows take it in such good spirit usually that you can't get me down. Their spirit is inspiring. . .

"I've had it easy in other ways too. I'm able to say most of my morning Masses (lots of them for all of you and your intentions and the only (and best) birthday gifts I can send) in a missionary brother's chapel near one of our company's camps. The men can come there—to a real church for a change—one they (and I) surely enjoy—and I have breakfast after with the Brothers. So my Mass Kit is getting a welcome rest and repair during the week—though I have to travel with it on Sunday."

Civic Club Donates Funds For Altar To Catholic Chaplain

MONTREAL— (SC) —A cheque for $100 was presented to Lieut. Colonel the Rev. C. E. Chartier, Catholic army chaplain, by the St. Laurent Kiwanis Club for a portable altar to be used by the army chaplains.

Fr. Regan, La Salette Provincial, Dies

The very Rev. Paul M. Regan, M.S., American Provincial of the Missionary Fathers of Our Lady of La Salette, of Hartford, Conn., died at Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital, Detroit on March 1.

Widely known in the Diocese of Rochester, Father Regan had made many friends when he [illegible] many churches in the [illegible] missionary priests.

The Rev. Stanley [illegible] M.S., of Rochester, is a member of the community of which Father Regan was the Provincial.