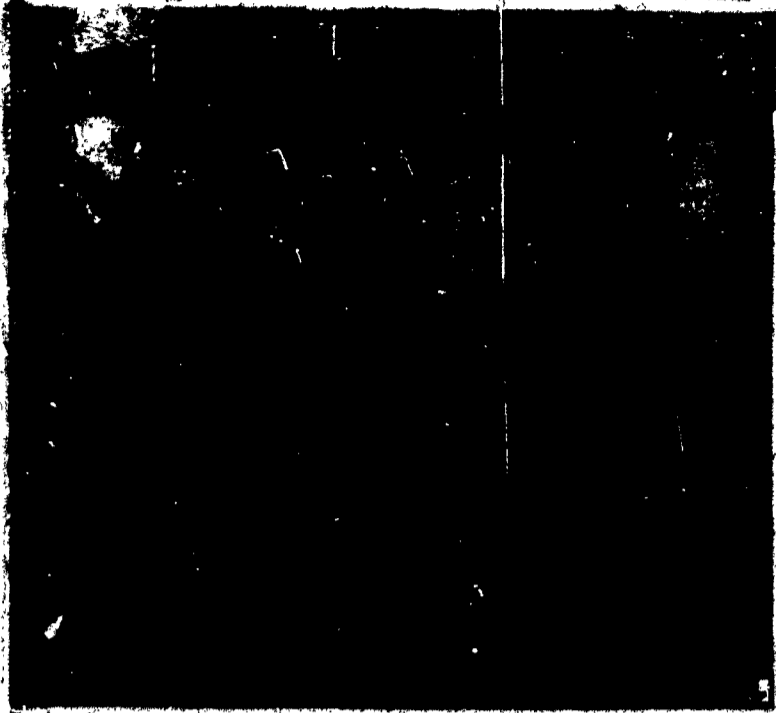


Avers Soviet Volume Belies Russia's Religious Situation

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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.)

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 practice 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 send it necessary within the next few weeks to call upon those women who volunteered to accept work through the Womenpower 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 Plans Means 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 better 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 delinquency, particularly among teenage 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 again in Rochester. Teen-age girls have been seen late at night in the vicinity of the cantons in the company of servicemen. Investigators report that they are to be found in taverns and dance halls. The police and local law enforcement authorities will do their utmost to combat this evil. But the 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 partially employed. Note the less arrests of girls under 21 years increased 35.7. Prostitution and commercialized vice among minor girls increased 64.8. Those arrested for other sex offenses increased 164.7. Drunkenness and disorderly conduct among this same age group increased 29.3 and 28.5 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

LISBON, Spain (AP)—At

the close of last year an elaborately illustrated book, entitled "The Young Communist Religion in Russia," was issued by the Soviet Government. It is an attempt to depict and justify the religious situation existing in Russia. It is a book which should be read by every patriotic citizen of America.

The picture which is set forth by one who has lived in Russia, and who has seen the "Young Communist Religion" in its own country, is a picture which is a far cry from the picture which is set forth in the "Young Communist Religion in Russia." The picture which is set forth in the "Young Communist Religion in Russia" is a picture which is a far cry from the picture which is set forth in the "Young Communist Religion in Russia."

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This "counter-propaganda" points to the following salient facts:

1.—The book, although published in Russia, is actually not in that country and it is being widely circulated 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 Kulyshov.

2.—The "truth" as presented in this book is so at variance with fact that it constitutes a superlative 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 troops 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" Sevastopol.

5.—Many tales about religious persecution in Russia are in the opinion of this author, without foundation. Nevertheless, Serge's assumption that all religious persecution is fictitious is an insult to historical veracity. Serge himself, prior to the Nazi "crusade," was subject to the customary practical interpretation of Article 134 of the Soviet Constitution affording the right to carry on anti-religious propaganda.

The writer of this "counter-propaganda" challenges Serge 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 Krestinsky; about the "liquidation" of hundreds of Church dignitaries, and thousands of priests and deacons who "disappeared" from the face of the earth; about the closing of all monasteries and the displacement of religious; and about the reduction of 41,000 organized Orthodox parishes in 1917 to not more than 300 now open for divine worship in the entire U.S.S.R.

apt to increase this trend, until we find ourselves faced with these problems. This fact alone is a further insistence that the proper authorities must get busy now to assume the supervision of the children of these mothers who will be called for employment to meet the demands of the War Production Board.

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 at commanding officer of the cruiser Boise in the Battle of Espirance, off Guadalcanal Island, October 11 and 12.

By the way — BUT WAS WORSE



My dear People

Since the month of March has been set aside for the Red Cross Campaign, I feel that my spiritual and material support to the Red Cross Campaign is my duty.

May I ask that you, my dear people, do your part for the success of the Red Cross Campaign by giving to the Red Cross Campaign as much as you can, and by giving to the Red Cross Campaign as often as you can.

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May I then urge upon every one a whole-hearted support of the Red Cross Campaign during the month of March.

Your devoted Bishop in Christ,

John E. Kearney
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

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

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney will offer Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Nellie McGinnis Wheaton, mother of Father John Wheaton now serving as a Chaplain in the United States Army at St. Patrick's Church, Friday, Mar. 4, 8:30 A. M.

Fr. Heindl Commanded For Troops' Morale

(Continued from Page 1) Regiment, A.P.O. No. 27, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal., wrote home in part as follows:

"They say that the infantry is the Queen of Battles—well the queen is getting her share today! It happens to be the rainy season in this part of the hemisphere—consequently they call it 'rainy season' for the type of activity which you read about in this section of the war front must be an un-sunshine (hot) or P.M. (muddy) just two pleasant ways of becoming acclimated to the tropics."

"Just take a peek at my dress—uniform—then forget it because I certainly wouldn'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 a down! Their spirit is surprising."

"I've had it easy in other ways. You able to say most of my morning Masses (lots of them) for all of you and your intention 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—in a real church for a change—see they (and I) enjoy it—and I have breakfast after with the Brothers. So my Mass Kit is getting a welcome run and repair during the week—though I have to travel with it on Sunday."

Civic Club Donates Funds For Altar To Catholic Chaplain

MONTREAL (AP)—A check for \$100 was presented to Lieut. Colonel the Rev. C. E. Charter, Catholic army chaplain, by the St. Laurent Knights Club for a portable altar to be used by the army chaplain.

Fr. Regan, La Salle Provincial, Dies

The very Rev. Paul M. Regan, M.S., American Provincial of the Missionary Fathers of Our Lady of La Salle, 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 visited various churches in the interests of his missionary priests. The Rev. Stanley Matson, M.S., of Rochester, is a successor of the community of which Father Regan was the Provincial.

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