

Named Vicar Delegate For American Forces

NEW YORK. In a telegram to the Military Ordinariate, the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Military Vicar of the Armed Forces, has announced the ap-

pointment of a Vicar Delegate for the United States, the Very Rev. Arthur Hughes of the White Plains, N. Y. Father Hughes has for some time acted as Apostolic Delegate to Egypt. He resides at Cairo. Of English birth, he was for several years a missionary in Southeast Africa.

Cites Chief Weapon To Fight Juvenile Crime

JEAN WEEGO. Pleading for fairness to children in the campaign to combat juvenile lawlessness, the Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of San Diego, advocated religious instruction for children in the public schools as the chief weapon for combatting the crime wave among the young.

Bishop Buddy spoke at a meeting of civic leaders at the local school board headquarters, called to discuss means of putting down the spread of juvenile delinquency. "Let us be honest and look at the facts. We have not been fair to the children," Bishop Buddy declared. "Most of the observations made here have dealt with plans for recreational facilities to prevent idleness among the youth of our land. But why not examine the cause of the present crime wave, which has increased 101 per cent in the last year and sex crimes among minor girls 61 per cent according to findings of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

Bishop Buddy stated that in the proposals for new rules and regulations, there was no doubt the highest of motives, but contended that providing recreational facilities and multiplying laws was not the cure because "you cannot legislate morality into young or old, but you can teach it with splendid results in the early formative years." He contended the crime trend had been upward too long to blame it on the war.

ROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHAPLAINS

Letters of Two Priests with Navy Lament Shortage of Catholic Chaplains.

Army Officers Everywhere Evidence Strong, Devout Religious Conviction.

(By N.Y.W.C. News Service)

Somewhere with the Fleet

From two priests of Archdiocese of Dubuque, serving as chaplains somewhere with the fleet in the U. S. Navy, have come letters telling of the dire need for additional chaplains in the armed forces. One of the letters stated:

"This is a busy life and the most discouraging aspect is the lack of Catholic chaplains. I said Mass on three different ships before large crowds last Sunday and heard Confessions on four others during the week. Something has gone wrong in the States or this condition would not exist in the fleet."

From the other chaplain came this message:

"I am glad to hear that you have plenty of newly-ordained priests this year. From the looks of things, I think we are going to need them, so if any surplus can be spared for the Army or Navy I am sure that they will be paid one-hundred-fold. If the amount

of work I am doing is an example of what the rest of the chaplains are doing, I envy the so-called busy parishes. You at home can get along with fewer priests because after this war is over those who have been in the service will be the guiding principles in the successful parishes or I might say, Catholic Church in general."

From Everywhere With the Army

The office of the Rt. Rev. Mgtr. William E. Arnold, Brigadier General and chief of Army chaplains, made public the following excerpts from recent letters of general officers:

"I appreciate your prayers for my behalf, as without guidance from above, in our life and responsibilities, we would be at a loss."

"You may be sure that I will never neglect the spiritual requirements so necessary in a successful military establishment."

"I shall always cherish the tenets of my faith and trust that they will guide me aright."

"Please accept my sincere thanks for your message. With you I pray that God may guide us in his wisdom to better days."

"I earnestly bespeak your continued prayers that the wisdom and power of God may guide and strengthen me."

"With the youth that we have engaged to train now, the average of the division is twenty-one years of age, we all have an even greater task than before. This is particularly true for the Chaplain Corps, as on them falls the brunt of the task to give these youngsters the spiritual lift that will go far to compensate for the heartaches caused by this sudden rift from home ties."

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Catholic Protest Aids Jews

VATICAN CITY.—How the Government of Croatia withdrew a decree leveled against the Jews, following a vigorous Catholic protest led by the Most Rev. Louis Stepinac, Archbishop of Zagreb, is reported by KIPA, the Swiss Catholic news agency.

At the beginning of March, KIPA says, the Croatian Government issued a decree ordering that all Jews, including Catholic Jews, to report to the police. Such orders had previously meant that those reporting to the police would be sent to concentration camps, and the Archbishop of Zagreb immediately lodged energetic protests with the authorities.

On the following Sunday, the Archbishop repeated his protest before a congregation that crowded his church to capacity. "No earthly power," said the Archbishop, "no political organization has the right to persecute a man because of his race. We Catholics protest against this and will continue to combat such decrees."

A few days later the Government withdrew the decree.

India Catholic Group Aids Burma Evacuees

MADRAS, India.—A successful entertainment organized here by the City Catholic Tamil Association for the purpose of raising funds to aid Burma evacuees was held under the patronage of Sir Lionel Letch, Chief Justice of the Madras High Court, and Lady Letch. In an address, the Chief Justice paid a glowing tribute to the Catholic Association for conducting the worthy project and asserted the resignation of Burma was a certainty.

CHAPLAIN IS INTERPRETER AS NAZI GENERAL GIVES UP

NEW YORK.—News dispatches concerning the part played by the Rev. Edward H. Martin, a lieutenant colonel and chaplain in the Army, in the Axis rout in North-east Tunisia, came as a welcome relief to his mother, Mrs. Theresa Martin, here.

"He's been in the Army 19 years," Mrs. Martin said, "and he never before missed sending me a Mother's Day greeting. Now I know why he was unable to do it this year and I am very happy about it all."

Father Martin was called upon to act as interpreter when Gen. Wilhelm Borowietz, commander of the Nazi 14th Panzer Division, surrendered.

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