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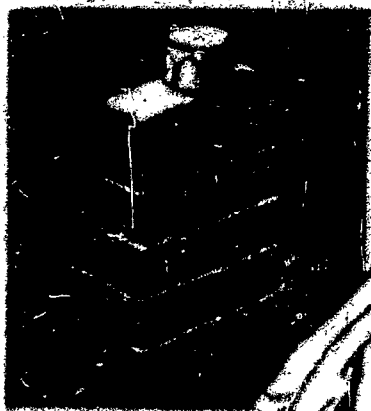
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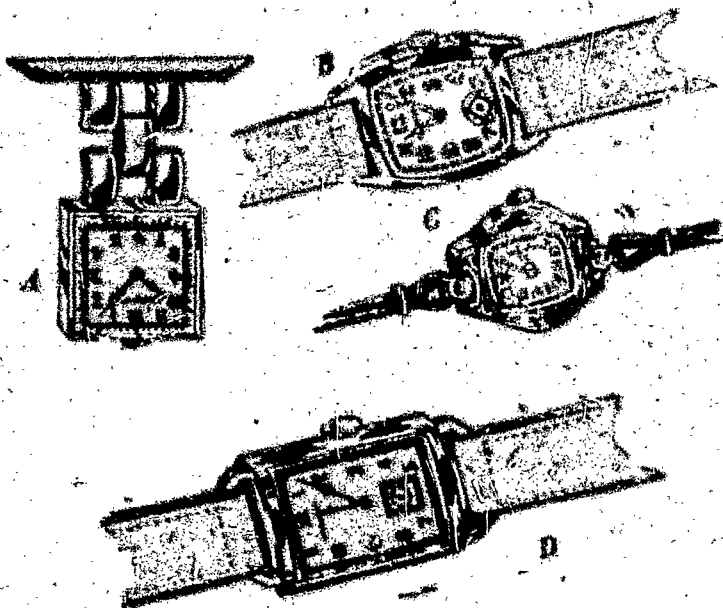
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WATCHES, FRONT AISLE A TO C, MAIN FLOOR

On Guard!

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last Sunday 12,000 factory work-
ers, in a moment of grave na-
tional crisis, travelled to Rome
to listen to the Holy Father.
This remarkable tribute to the
Supreme Pontiff strongly im-
plies that a confused nation is
turning once again, as it has
done in many times in the past,
to the Pope in a desperate plea
for Christian leadership.

The most lavish praise of the
United States ever published in
Soviet Russia marked last week
the first anniversary of the Amer-
ican-Soviet agreement of June 11,
1942. According to very substan-
tial press reports, the Soviets em-
phasized "collaboration," "coopera-
tion," and "understanding" be-
tween themselves and the United
States, but they were eloquently
silent about any reference to the
Four Freedoms, especially the
Freedom of Religion.

Soviet Russia is now claiming to
be a protagonist of liberty. An
elaborately printed and fully illu-
strated volume is being distributed
to important visitors to establish
the delusion that religion in Rus-
sia once more enjoys freedom. All
Soviet pretensions to the con-
trary, the cold hard fact is that
Russia still maintains the fake ar-
ticle of religious liberty in its con-
stitution. The declared constitu-
tional right of religion in Russia,
as found in the notorious Article
34 which the Stalin government
refuses to change, grants "liberty
of confession and worship," but
expressly omits freedom of propa-
ganda—such freedom being still
reserved for the champions of
atheism and anti-religious convic-
tions. This means that in Russia
you can worship as you wish (if
you can find a church open) but
you can not preach, or teach, or
write about religion. Even today
propaganda is the constitutional
privilege of the League of the
Godless!

When Wendell Wilkie was in
Moscow, Mr. Stalin said to him:
"Mr. Wilkie, we are a democratic
country." To this and all other
hypocritical gestures of Stalin in
the name of liberty and democra-
cy, we repeat the rowdy rejoinder
of Ex-Governor Al Smith: "Since it
anyway you like but it's still be-
loney!"

The WAACs are under the fire
of verbal criticism. A week ago
religious leaders, including the Rt.
Rev. Monsignor Michael J. Ready,
head of the National Catholic Wel-
fare Conference, after visiting the
training centers of the Women's
Army Auxiliary Training Corps at
Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and Fort
Oglethorpe, Georgia, issued a joint
statement reassuring parents con-
cerned about the moral and spiri-
tual welfare of their daughters.

On the heels of this reassurance
came a bombshell. The same day
that Mrs. Roosevelt in her White
House press conference flatly de-
nied all reports of sexual promiscu-
ity among the WAACs serving
in North Africa, John O'Donnell,
Washington correspondent for the
Daily News of New York, made
this shocking report:

"Contraceptives and prophylac-
tic equipment will be furnished to
members of the WAACs, according
to a super secret agreement
concluded by the War Department
and the WAAC chieftain, Mrs.
Oweta Culp Hobby."

The War Department followed
O'Donnell's allegations with a vig-
orous denial and branded the
charges as Nazi propaganda. Let
us hope, at least that this is not
another case of "where there is
smoke there is fire."

The CATHOLIC NEWS of New
York promptly reacted to the al-
leged super secret agreement in
these words:

"It is impossible for us to be-
lieve that responsible officials of
this nation which maintains that
it is fighting for Christian civi-
lization could countenance, much
less sanction or issue, any such
order. It and its implications
would be an insult to the Women's
Auxiliary Training Corps
and the heroes from which they
came, an insult which their par-
ents and families would resent
deeply and bitterly."

Grace of Matrimony

"In order that the grace of this
sacrament may produce its full
fruit, there is need . . . of the co-
operation of the married parties,
which consists in their striving to
fulfill their duties to the best of
their ability and with unwearied
effort." Ecumenical on Christian
Marriage (N.C.W.C., Washington,
D. C.)

U. S. AID FOR AFRICAN ORPHANS



More than a thousand dollars was collected by American soldiers and sailors in a large town in North Africa recently to aid the orphans who were bombed out of their convent home, pictured in the background. Corporal Sherman W. Cooke, of Forest Hills, N. Y., and Staff Sergeant John T. Wogden, of Brooklyn, are shown presenting the money to two of the orphans and their chaplain, a Father Cassinus, U. S. Army Signal Corps photo, (N.C.W.C.)

Commons Told Britain Has Made No Promise Not To Bomb Rome

LONDON (NC)—Britain has made no promise not to bomb Rome, it was stated in the House of Commons by Under Secretary for Air Capt. Balfour when he was ques-
tioned on this much debated point which came to life again with the acceleration of the air attack on continental Europe.

Dedication Of USO Club In Geneva Set

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munally Service, Captain Harry A. Badt, Commandant of the Sampson Naval Training Station; Lt. Col. A. D. Elliott, Post Commander, Seneca Ordnance Depot and representatives of the Federal Works Administration, Federal Security Agency and USO. Operated by NOCS

The Geneva USO Club is a joint occupancy, operated by the National Catholic Community Service. The co-operating agencies are the Young Men's Christian Association and the Jewish Welfare Board. The Travelers Aid Association provided personal services for the servicemen.

The building was renovated by the Federal Works Administration and will be jointly dedicated by the Federal Security Agency, the Geneva War Recreation Committee and the USO.

The public is cordially invited to attend the dedication ceremonies. After the dedication the evening will be completed with a dedication ball which will be attended by men from the Naval Station and the Ordnance Depot. Music will be provided by the Sampson Naval Training Orchestra.

The Geneva USO opened temporary quarters in the basement of the Masonic Temple on Oct. 5 of last year and has operated daily since then. Attendance has steadily increased at the Club during the last eight months rising from about 5,000 in October to over 34,000 for May, the first month in the new building.

Monday, last, saw over 14,000 servicemen and civilians checked in at the front door and it is estimated by Anthony F. Williamson of the National Catholic Community Service, Club Director, that over 100,000 servicemen and civilians will have attended the Geneva USO by the day of the dedication.

The National Catholic Community Service committee in Geneva is comprised of representatives of every Catholic organization in the city. The Catholic groups contribute valuable assistance to the Club's success by providing hostesses, transportation, home hospitalities, volunteer typing, snack bar assistance, cookies for distribution, ect., as do other religious, fraternal and civic organizations.

Oppose Farrot Cry
Catholic feeling here concerning the bombing of Rome has been moulded and solidified largely by the fact that anti-Catholics have made a party point of the parrot cry "Bomb Rome!" Long before there appeared to be any special need to attack the Italian capital with bombs, the "Bomb Rome!" cry arose with such insistence in so many quarters that had previously showed unanimity on political matters that a common inspiration seemed evident.

The Catholic Press here has never opposed the idea of bombing Rome if it should be clear that such an action was a military necessity; but quite naturally it has opposed the "Bomb Rome!" cry when it appears evident that what is really meant is "Bomb the Pope!"

Most thoughtful people here see that the bombing of Rome would be fraught with the very great danger that a bomb might, by inadvertence, fall on Vatican City's neutral territory, and it is recalled that in such an unfortunate case the sympathy of Catholics in many parts of the world would be lost to Britain.

Some months ago it was suggested that the Italian propaganda machine would "plant" a bomb over Vatican City border if British planes should drop bombs in the vicinity.

Statesmen Wanted

What the world needs today are statesmen of noble principle, far-reaching vision, and indomitable courage—men with a humane and universal mind.