

OPA Lifts Ban On Church Driving In Rochester Area

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On Guard!

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If the old adage, "The pen is mightier than the sword," be true, then more important than the war of bombs or the war of nerves is the war of books on post-war planning. Indicative of the serious attention being given to the post-war world is the almost simultaneous appearance of three books pertaining to the problem of world security.

U. S. Foreign Policy, a compact little volume by Walter Lippmann, calls upon the United States to establish power alliances with nations whose interests coincide with her own. Lippmann's proposal for world security is simply the old pre-war game of European power politics; nothing but political acrobatics on a global scale. When the frankly realistic Mr. Lippmann suggests that world security demands that the United States form power alliances with nations sharing common interests with her, he is presenting an old play with a new cast. The play, as we have seen it before is, of course, a tragedy. Surely Mr. Lippmann can offer us something more than the pessimistic prospect of playing international "Jodge ball" for the rest of our lives.

Reflections on the Revolution of Our Time, written by Harold J. Laski, sees the world as an economic problem. Mr. Laski, a Britisher and former Harvard professor, is now spokesman for the left wing of the British Labor Party. As a Socialist, who believes in the materialistic interpretation of history, Mr. Laski's view of world security demands a social and economic revolution. Laski's book is important because it may forecast the ambitions of left wing economists and social planners now at work in America. Professor Laski has some very influential followers in high places in this country.

Principles of Peace, an 80-page volume containing the peace pronouncements of the last five Popes, also appears this month and is well timed to compete with Mr. Lippmann's power politics and Mr. Laski's new revolution. This classic and monumental volume has been prepared by the Bishops of the United States as a practical guide for the peacemakers who will seek to give the world a lasting and just peace. Here is one book that offers a peace program for all the nations of the world and not just the forty-odd that make up the United Nations.

The Leftists and their strategy of presenting the Soviet Bear as a mere playful cub or even harmless teddy bear were stultified last week by none other than Mikhail Kalinin himself, president of the Soviet Republic. In a speech published by the "Agitator" Guidebook, organ of the Moscow Communist Party, President Kalinin said:

"We must remember that we do not persecute anyone for religion. We believe that religion is a misguiding institution and struggle against it by education."

Freedom of worship, in the American and democratic sense of the term, does not exist in Soviet Russia. Even today the school-children are taught atheism. All positions of importance in public life are barred to any youth that practices religion. Despite, therefore, any professed sympathy with religion, now manifest in the Soviet policy, it is certain that the leaders still follow the dictate of Marx that "religion is the opiate of the people."

Former Governor Lehman, Director of the Office of Foreign Relations

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Pontifical Rites To Mark Centenary Of SS. Peter and Paul's, Sunday

Permit Driving Cars To Church Services Here

Without fear of inciting the ire of the local OPA, holders of A gas ration book may drive their cars to church on Sunday.

Admitting "the comfort and inspiration which comes from attendance at religious services," Joseph D. Paterson, district director of the Office of Price Administration, announced that permission had been granted by the regional office for driving to religious services between the hours of 9 A. M. and 1 P. M.

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A careful check was made with the other diocesan chancery offices of the state last week to determine if a ban had been placed on the use of private cars to attend church. In every case it was discovered that no such prohibitions had been enacted except in Rochester.

This matter was referred to the attention of Senator James M. Mead on his visit to Rochester Sunday. He expressed surprise and said that any such order should be immediately rescinded for it was in contradiction of one of the Four Freedoms, the Freedom of Religion.

Reasonable Plan

George C. Donahue, Secretary of the Rochester Auto Club, has submitted a proposal governing the ration of gasoline which would seem to alleviate many of the disagreeable features as they exist at present. Pointing out that sugar, meat and other items are rationed and that the purchaser can use them without fear of peering, Donahue recommends that gas be distributed "through regulation of the gallonage value of ration coupons."

In such a plan, copied after that which is being followed in Canada "the consumer would know exactly how much gasoline he can have in a given month and its use would be within the discretion of the individual." In any emergency the value of the A B or C coupon could be reduced to conform to the needs of our mechanized forces overseas.

Donahue's plan does away with some of the present peering methods of the OPA, many of which smacked strongly of "Gestapo" practices. It puts the matter of conservation of gasoline squarely up to the individual consumer and it is entirely the individual's fault if his supply of gas does not cover his essential needs.

Pope Sends 65 Tons Of Flour To Greeks

VATICAN CITY.—To alleviate the suffering among the people of Greece, His Holiness Pope Pius XII has sent 65 tons of flour to Athens. It was made known here that the flour was dispatched to the Apostolic Delegation in Athens to assist in the Holy Father's charitable efforts on behalf of the needy Greek population.

During the warm days ahead, let AUNT JENNIE'S solve your summer problem. See cold Potatoes, Macaroni and Cottage Cheese are a feature at AUNT JENNIE'S BAKE SHOPPE, 222 Niagara Ave. Niagara 222.—Adv.



PARISH CENTENARY observance of SS. Peter and Paul's will be centered in the imposing edifice above of which the Rev. Dr. J. Emil Caffell (inset) is pastor. (Fr. Caffell's photo by Mock).

Mass At Sampson To Mark Naval Victory

The Public Relations Department of the Naval Training Station at Sampson announced today that a Solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, July 4.

'Underground' Battles For Christian Rule

LISBON.—Included in a package containing a number of copies of Polish underground newspapers received here, according to advice to KAP, Polish Catholic Press Agency, were several copies of Prawda (The Truth), the leading Catholic organ of underground Poland. Fighting for a just form of government based on Christian principles, Prawda has made enormous gains in circulation since 1942, when it first appeared, and has outlined its policy in these words:

"Some time ago we adopted the watchword: 'Any system with God is good, any system without God is bad.' That is our whole political creed. We do not formulate our own political program, we do not indulge in controversies with existing movements; but we do definitely oppose any political activities in Poland that may be contrary to the principles of Catholic faith and morality! We demand honesty. We have outlined our political program to demand honest laws, honest government and honest political and social work."

28 Soldiers Confirmed

Blount, Miss.—Twenty-eight soldiers from Keesler Field and other army posts nearby were among the class of 70 confirmed by the Most Rev. Richard O. Grew, Bishop of Natchez, in St. John's Church.

Priests, Former Boys of Parish, To Participate

Named for Saints Peter and Paul, one hundred years ago, the parish bearing that name in Rochester will commemorate a century of Catholic spiritual and material progress on Sunday, June 27. The occasion will be fittingly marked with Solemn Pontifical Mass to be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Keane, assisted by visiting dignitaries and priests of this diocese.

Assisting the Bishop in the Pontifical liturgical ceremony at 11 A. M. on Sunday will be the Rev. Fr. Edgar W. Hest, M. Hest, V. D., an assistant priest.

Former boys of the parish who will participate are: Donald (in honor) the Very Rev. Edward J. O'Reilly, R. M., who after graduation from St. Peter and Paul School joined the Brothers of Mary at Dayton, Ohio, and was ordained in the Holy Trinity and for several years was vicar of the Society of Mary; the Rev. Frank Riley of South W. E. Deane, the Rev. William W. Hest, and the Rev. Donald W. Hest.

The Rev. Lawrence J. Hest, vicar chancery, will be first lector of Communion and the Rev. James C. McNeill, vicar chancery, second lector.

The Church of St. Peter and Paul and its complete and imposing parish plant including school, parson and rectory, is located at 78 Main St., 1914, extending through to Street 21.

Organized in 1843, the parish's original church was situated on King and Maple Streets. The parish was an offspring of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's churches and was in the beginning administered by visiting priests.

Two Pastors in 24 Years

Throughout the century, St. Peter and Paul's Church has had two pastors whose pastorates extended over 75 of the 100 years. The present pastor, the Rev. Dr. J. Emil Caffell, a boy of the parish who celebrated his first Solemn Mass in 1864 in St. Peter and Paul's Church has had a fruitful reign of 24 years. His predecessor, the late Rev. Francis Henry McNeill, ruled over the parish successfully for 24 years.

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Archbishop Speaks At Latin American Air Service Begins

NEW ORLEANS (NC)—The Most Rev. Joseph F. Ruffini, Archbishop of New Orleans, gave the invocation and the benediction at a banquet sponsored by the City of New Orleans, the State of Louisiana and the New Orleans Association of Commerce on the eve of the departure of the ship, Rainbow, which began the Trans-Gulf air service from New Orleans to Central and South America.

Posthumous Award

Dubuque, Ia.—Private Joseph F. Newsum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Newsum, members of St. Mary's Church here, was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart by President Roosevelt for military merit and for wounds received in action.

Military Urged To Attend Newman Clubs

STATE COLLEGE, Miss.—At a recent executive meeting of the Gulf States Province of Newman Clubs, it was decided that clubs of the region should invite military personnel stationed at their respective colleges and universities to take an active part in their activities.