

SCENE OF "CATHOLIC HOUR" PROGRAMS



The new religious studio of the National Broadcasting Company, in New York, where each the Sunday "Catholic Hour," produced by the National Council of Catholic Men, will be held, as well as other religious programs. The studio will seat 200 persons. The director is the work of Alfred James Talk, of Stamford, Conn. (N.C.W.C.)

Catholic Hour Message

High Morale, Morals Will Assure Victory Says Navy Chaplain

NEW YORK (NC) — Combination of a high morale and a high moral standard, which is the constant objective of the Navy chaplain, prevails among men of the Navy today and "history then cannot be denied these Christian Warriors, but because as certain as God's stars above our fighting forces," the Rev. John R. Boelet, Catholic Assistant to the Navy Chief of Chaplains, asserted here Sunday evening in a "Catholic Hour" radio address.

Father Boelet, who holds the rank of Lieutenant Commander, related the duties of the selected Navy chaplain on the radio program, produced by the N.C.W.C. and carried on a country-wide N.B.C. network.

Primary duties of the Navy Chaplain, Father Boelet explained, are those of the ordained man of God, "to bring God to men and men to God." To achieve this objective, Father Boelet explained the chaplain makes use of every channel available to him, "divine services, administration of the Sacraments — private consultations and men to men talks."

Victory in the present war and progress in the peace to come, Father Boelet said, depends upon the unity of all Americans, and that unity must be free from "racial mistrust, class hatreds and religious bigotry. The Navy chaplain, he said, exercises a powerful and lasting influence in the development of the true American spirit by bringing "this desired mutual respect, understanding and tolerance" to all men.

"Navy Chaplains are always interested in explaining and defending the true liberty for which our nation is waging war today," Father Boelet said, "namely, the freedom to do what is right — right before God and right before men. Moreover the Navy Chaplain realizes that the fine youthful lives of your sons are not built by physical well-being or intellectual training alone."

Basic Belief in God "True — these are necessary and important helps to his well-being, but as the foundation for everything else, there must be the basic belief in God, knowledge and observance of His Commandments and constant awareness of God's design for living and God's love for your son — the creature of His creation."

Father Boelet related that a ranking admiral recently returned from a tour of the Pacific area and quoted him as stating: "In the South Pacific, with the sea and at our advance bases, I became intimately acquainted with the splendid work being carried on by the chaplain corps. Your Navy men know that he stands to the Chaplain for friendly help in any problem—whether he's worried about his God, his family back home, or his own chances for leave. Quiet, comforting, invariably a 'right guy,' the Chaplain comes through—and brings his men through."

'ROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHAPLAINS

Sgt. Jim Boland, in death, was a soldier in his faith, Chaplain writes.

Y-Letter to Father Boelet says he got \$200 in Commission on Honor, Mother's Day.

Chaplain's Letter Angrily Rejected Mission in Southeast Pacific, Australia.

(By N. G. W. O. News Service)

New Guinea The Rev. Justin E. Freeman, O.S.B., Army chaplain, writing from the field of New Guinea, said, "I believe the Military Ordinate should have a medal for man like First Sgt. Jim Boland" and then proceeded to tell the reason why.

On his last boat trip, Father Freeman wrote, he met Sgt. Boland, who served his Mass and that "a bit unusual by the way for First Sergeants." Father Freeman continued "I didn't know him very well but I noticed him receiving Communion at every opportunity as I dared to write up a 'moving the rag' section with him and pretended to be a thief in his side in future calls for assistance, but he was Irish and smiled broadly."

Father Freeman said he also noted the Sergeant had an inseparable companion, a Chinese boy turned American soldier, who was at Mass everywhere the Sergeant was. Later the priest discovered the boy had been told he could do everything the Sergeant did, but he couldn't receive Communion.

Then tragedy struck and Sgt. Jim was killed in action, leaving the Chinese boy, whose name was Gee terribly alone. Father Freeman struck up an acquaintance with Gee, who continued coming to Mass, reading the Sunday Missal and that Sgt. Jim had given him.

The chaplain continued: "Finally, Gee came to me and in his best English told me he would like to go to Communion like Jim used to do, and I told him about the initiation that preceded reception. Gee was thoroughly sincere and this time was not in the preliminary—Baptism came—and the name, I thought Eugene would rhyme with Gee, but Gee straightened me out on this point. He wanted Jim and that's his new name. I often think of Sgt. Jim and marvel at the big things he did in such a quiet, silent way."

North Africa Writing from North Africa, the Rev. Joseph M. Clark, S.J., told of how 4,000 Catholic soldiers, many of whom had been army

Iron Ore Reservoirs for years were brought into a campaign to receive Holy Communion on Easter and on Mother's Day through the simple medium of a form Y-Letter to the father back home.

Father Clark said the letter was composed by one of the chaplains on duty with him and contained a pledge to receive Communion on Easter and Mother's Day for the intention of Total Victory and for Lasting Christian Peace. There was a request for the father to come to the Service. Father Clark reported the letter first was introduced in a hospital unit generally provided among the men and "so far we have passed out over 1,000" and "believe it or not, not one refused and many had been away from the Reservoirs for years." He added there were a few who had requested to make their First Communion and came to him asking for instructions as they could make their Communion by Easter and send one of the letters home.

Southeast Pacific Every Catholic in camp at a Southeast Pacific base attended Easter Sunday Mass, the Rev. Austin Henry, Army Chaplain, of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, reported in a letter. With him are the Revs. Edward Connolly, C.F., Bernard F. DeCrane, of the Diocese of Cleveland, Stephen J. Dolan, of the Archdiocese of Detroit, and Joseph Whelan, of the Diocese of Lansing. The letter continued:

"One of our soldiers tells me a beautiful altar superimposed with a Cross seven feet high. One of our Catholic officers trained a 30-voice choir as they were better perfect in singing the Mass. We had a guard of honor while full battle equipment of eight men. During the Mass, there were decorated arms at both elevations and at the base Agnes Dei. Instead of bells, we used four whistles to blow an especially beautiful flourish at the Consecration. Previous to the Mass we used two military bands to play a concert of sacred music."

Cripple Attends Mass Five Times Daily

LONDON — A Catholic, West Lothian, Scotland, member of the Catholic Young Men's Society attends Mass five times every morning between 5:30 and 5:45. He is a cripple.

Second Decoration

Decorated by the Navy for his gallant service in the Pacific, the Rev. John R. Boelet, Catholic Assistant to the Navy Chief of Chaplains, was awarded the Legion of Honor by the French Government.



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St. Cyril and St. Methodius are known as the Apostles of the Slavs. Wednesday, July 7, is their feastday. Let our missionaries offer a Triduum or Novena of Masses for God's blessing on our hope and work to bring Christ back to Russia.

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