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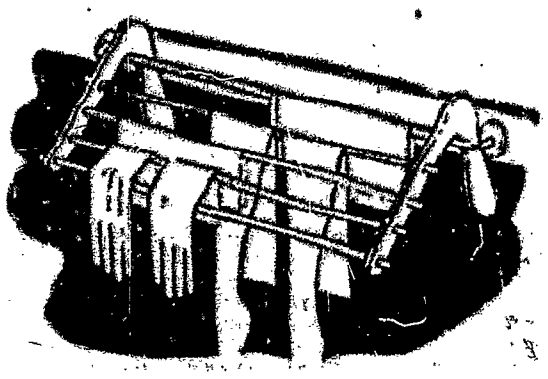

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pomps. In an effort to forget the blood, sweat, and tears that hound his every step and his ever approaching rendezvous with death and eternal judgment, this poor Regular Guy becomes an escapist. He is a sucker for every intellectual hoodlum that unscrupulous propagandists can plant. He feeds his insatiable curiosity for knowledge but not truth before the only oracle that he knows—the radio. Outside he buries his head behind romantic magazines and comic papers. Often he sits in the dark and insipid world of the theater where through the vicarious genius of actor and actress he can shoot it out with Humphrey Bogart, fall in love with Lana Turner, dance with Ginger Rogers, and trade erotic wisecracks with Bob Hope.

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Ever dreaming of making his first million and always hoping to live another few years, Mr. Average American suddenly dies. He leaves some insurance policies which his creditors and relatives fight to possess. His last friends are the doctor, the undertaker, and the gravedigger. Always a dreamer, Mr. Average American dies without ever discovering that only God can dream and make dreams come true.

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The American Catholic, according to Francis Stuart Campbell in his fascinating book, The Woman of the Herd, distinguishes himself by very few external traits from his fellow Protestant or fellow pagan—except by eating fish on Friday and his membership in some Catholic society. The weakness of Catholic life in America, as the observant Mr. Campbell sees it, is that too many Catholics are content to be merely Average Americans, "fellows just like you and me," and American Regular Guys.

If, however, the Catholic American is content to be an Average American, then he risks selling short both Christ and the Church. The Catholic can no more be an Average American than he can be an Average Bolshevist or an Average Turk. The standards of the Average American or the heroes of Ringside Gaylord are incompatible with the true standards of Catholic life.

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In its simplest terms we Catholics are faced with the historic challenge of "Christ or Chaos?" Wearing miraculous medals and praying for the virtue of chastity and at the same time remaining tolerant and approving of lust, though it may masquerade in the garments of respectability, is suggestive of something diabolically burlesque. It is frightening to see so many Catholics entering into mixed marriages, despite all the spiritual risks entailed, with all the calm indifference of a sneering agnostic. When Catholics, as is unfortunately so often the case, have more respect for the madcap prattle of some magazine writer or radio speaker than they have for the authority of Christ's Church, then they are definitely "off the beam" and headed for the social ditch where so many unhappy Average Americans already lie in the mud of confusion.

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We Catholics are vulnerable to all the degrading influences of modern society. When the atmosphere is impregnated with moral poison we too can be infected. We can not, however, go off and lock ourselves up in some remote part of the country. We can not live alone and love it even as a matter of self protection. We can not create a network or chain of Catholic ghettos from coast to coast. The only alternative to isolating ourselves in some new catacomb world is to go out and conquer America for Christ! If we continue to live shoulder to shoulder with agnostics, freethinkers, liberals, and even libertines and at the same time hope to survive the tragedy of becoming only Average Americans, then we must become intensely Catholic in everything we do. Instead of being changed by those around us we must change them. Before, however, we change others we must first change ourselves.

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Dr. Joseph C. Fenton of the Catholic University of America chose a happy title for his recent and brilliant book, We Stand With Christ! Dr. Fenton recalls that when Christ was put on trial for His life in the court of the high priest, HE STOOD ALONE. In an outer room and in the midst of soldiers and servants who were indifferent to Christ, the Apostle Peter sought the warmth and comfort of a fire and while there he denied his Master.

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Through His Church, Christ is on trial in America today. As often as we Catholics accept the standards of Mr. Average American and content ourselves with the warm comforts and pleasurable existence of Mr. Regular Guy, we run the risk of denying Christ and His Church. Again we have the old challenge of "Christ or Chaos?" more freshly presented. We can degenerate to the level of those anonymous Regular Guys for whom life is nothing more than the monotony of brushing their teeth twice a day and worrying about their rationing books; or, we can join the proud ranks of those courageous Catholics who have seen a vision of what God has prepared for only those who stagger battle scarred and bloody into eternity with the proud boast on their lips: "WE STAND WITH CHRIST!"

Catholics In Canada Comprise 43.3 Pct. Of Total Population

OTTAWA — Catholics in Canada, including Greek Catholics who are under the Holy See, comprise 43.3 per cent of the population of Canada, according to the 1941 census, results which have just been issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This compares with 41.3 per cent in the 1931 census.

Total for the largest denominations, with comparative 1931 figures, are given below:

Catholics in 1941 totalled 4,986,482 or 43.3 per cent; in 1931 they totalled 4,285,388 or 41.3 per cent.

Members of the United Church of Canada in 1941 totalled 2,264,575 or 19.2 per cent; in 1931 the total was 2,017,375 or 19.4 per cent.

Anglicans in 1941 totalled 1,751,186 or 15.2 per cent; in 1931 the figure was 1,635,515 or 15.7 per cent.

Presbyterians in 1941 numbered 830,147 or 7.2 per cent; in 1931 they numbered 870,728 or 8.3 per cent.

Baptists in 1941 totalled 483,002 or 4.2 per cent, and in 1931 their percentage was also 4.2.

Quebec has the highest proportion of Catholics of any province with 81.9 per cent. New Brunswick's population is 48.2 per cent Catholic; Prince Edward Island, 44.7 per cent; Nova Scotia, 35 per cent; Ontario and the three Prairie provinces, approximately 30 cent; and British Columbia 12.9 per cent.

C-Men Make Retreat

Chicago.—More than 25 men actively working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this area made a closed retreat at St. Francis Layman's Retreat Center, Mayslake, over the weekend.

If you wish to help our Catholic men and women in service in a needed spiritual way, may we suggest that you cooperate with the Defenders of the Faith. Full particulars on request. Address:

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