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On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Mr. Roger W. Babson is the man, if we remember correctly, who forecast the depression. Mr. Babson is a widely-known and very eminent statistician and last week he pulled something new out of his bag of statistical erudition. Unless the practice of birth control in America is stopped, Mr. Babson warns, "America will some day be conquered by some other state! (Attention, Premier Tojo!)

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"The truth is," declares statistician Babson, "that the United States birth rate has been going down for years. Even more serious is the fact that the decline is greatest among those more fit to raise good children. This tendency must be stopped or America will some day be conquered by some other race." (Yellow or brown, Mr. Babson?)

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"Babson Battles for Babies!" has all the potency of a great war song. When a man who predicts depressions and advises Wall Street begins to worry more about the birth rate than he does about the interest rate, even the Birth Controllers should be impressed. Facts and figures, we are told don't lie. When a statistician challenges the Sangerites, then the latter have something to worry about. The Birth Controllers who so seemingly dispatch the Catholic standard of marital virtue as "Anglo-Saxon prudery" can hardly dispatch the careful researches of Mr. Babson as Anglo-Saxon statistics.

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If the statistical warnings of Mr. Babson can in anyway result in rescuing our declining birth rate then Mr. Babson deserves to be immortalized in the highest priority bronze next to Miss Liberty in the Harbor of New York. Historians, moreover, should glorify the hour when our national birth rate takes the up swing as the Era of the Babson Baby.

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Some of us hail from the romantic Stork Age which antedates the days when Mrs. Margaret Sanger and the Freudians made sex education a parlor subject and even a public subject. To us the spectacle of the Babson Baby presenting his statistical credentials to life may be a bit fantastic. But remember that in this small world of aeroplanes there are poised practically on the very shores of our Planned Parenthood country the Red hordes of Russia and the Yellow Peril of the Far East. Tomorrow and this is what Mr. Babson means—the Russians may pour over our borders. The Japs, prolific as they are, may easily out live us after they have failed to out fight us. Even the teeming masses of China may yet be our gravediggers.

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The Babson Baby, of course, is a real baby. Mr. Babson, if statistics mean anything, has proven that the Birth Control Baby is simply a myth. His statistics decimate real children; not dream children. Birth Control propaganda has always promised us fewer children but healthier children: children we could feed better. Children we could afford to educate. Mr. Babson proves—and facts don't lie—that Birth control has given us not only fewer children but as time goes on less and less children and even no children! Planned Parenthood has made it possible for America not only to afford to feed and educate a small family but also to feed and educate no family at all.

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Pope Pius XII

President Roosevelt

Pope, President Try Vainly To Have Rome Declared 'Open City'

Pope Pius XII and President Roosevelt, world leaders who once lunched together when the Pope, then Cardinal Pacelli, visited America in 1936, have revealed in separate statements that they each had made desperate but futile attempts to have Rome declared an "open city" prior to its bombing by American planes.

In a letter to his Vicar General for the District of Rome, Francesco Cardinal Marchetti-Salvaggiani, the Holy Father promptly deplored the bombing of the Eternal City and called upon Catholics throughout the world to pray for a speedy peace.

"In our messages to all peoples," explained the Pope, "we called upon the belligerents on both sides that if they wanted to hold the dignity of their country high, and the honor of their arms, they should respect the inviolability of peaceful citizens and monuments of faith and civilization."

Hope Unrealized

Pointing to the historical, cultural and religious importance of Rome, the Pope then said:

"All that we put before competent authorities on several occasions in clear terms, recommending to them in the name of human dignity and of Christian civilization the inviolability of Rome."

"This so reasonable hope of ours," grieved the Pontiff, "has been disappointed."

The Pope expressed the new hope that the air raid on Rome would not be repeated, because of the danger that Allied bombs may hit and destroy some of Rome's many historic churches, shrines, and other historic Christian landmarks.

President Roosevelt, in a Friday press conference, declared that Rome had been bombed to save American and British lives after every argument, even pleading, had been used to convince the Axis leaders that they should declare the Italian capital an "open city."

Military Necessity

The President, who on July 19, before the invasion of Sicily, sent a note to Pope Pius XII, promising him that "churches and religious institutions will, to the extent that is within our power, be spared the devastations of war in the struggle ahead," insisted in his Friday conference that the Allied decision to bomb Rome was a matter of military necessity.

"It seemed perfectly clear," explained the President, "that the danger of all the American troops and the British troops in Sicily was being made greater by the constant influx of troops, ammunition, guns and planes from the north. Main supply for all that," he said, "were the airfields and especially the railroads of Rome."

During the past year, Mr. Roosevelt told, the Allied leaders were very anxious to have Rome declared an "open city," but the Italian leaders would not do it. "We used every argument," added the President, "and pleaded that it might be made an 'open city,' but it didn't work. We did our best," he continued, "and we still hope that the Germans and the Italians will make it an 'open city.'"

The Pope's letter following the bombing took no sides in the controversy over responsibility for the mass bombing of military objectives in Rome, but expressed disapproval of both sides.

"The Holy Father," according to a subsequent Vatican broadcast, "is very willing to believe that the bombs were not intentionally dropped on the basilica" of San Lorenzo, which was hit in the historic raid.

Charities Stand

"In his letter," the Vatican broadcast continues, "the Holy Father says his words are not intended to incite to anger and hatred, but are meant only to rep-

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National, Diocesan Authors To Prepare Jubilee Publication

To mark the diamond jubilee of the Rochester Diocese and the golden jubilee of St. Bernard's Seminary, the CATHOLIC COURIER will publish a special jubilee supplement next November.

A staff of writers, representing the cream of national and international Catholic thought, is being assembled to present special articles for the jubilee supplement according to an announcement by the Rev. John S. Randall, managing editor.

Among those who already have consented to prepare these articles are several members of the American hierarchy, noted Catholic editors of national repute, a prominent industrialist and a famous woman author of books and national magazine articles.

Record History

Their work will be coupled with that of diocesan writers who will present sections on the past and present history of the Diocese and its major Seminary with special emphasis on the impact of war. Articles by the guest writers will be included in a section on the post-war era. These writers are expected to deal realistically with some of the many problems we will face after victory in a series of thought-provoking studies which the CATHOLIC COURIER feels privileged to bring to its readers.

The Rev. Dr. Robert McNamara, professor of history at St. Bernard's, is preparing an article on diocesan history while the story of the Seminary will be told by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James J. Hartley, P.A., rector emeritus of St. Bernard's and a member of the original faculty.

The Rev. John M. Duffy, superintendent of diocesan schools, will recount the history of the school system and the teaching orders which are responsible for bringing that system to its present high level. The Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, associate superintendent, will contribute an article on the contribution of the school system to the present war effort.

To the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., editor-in-chief of the Catholic Courier has been entrusted the task of reviewing the impact of the present war on the Rochester Diocese in its many fields of activity.

Doctor McNamara is editing the section devoted to the history of the Diocese and its Major Seminary while the Rev. Patrick J.

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Fr. Wurzer Rites Set Saturday

REV. JOSEPH C. WURZER

Widely known as an educator and beloved pastor of Church of the Holy Ghost, the Rev. Joseph C. Wurzer, 46, died unexpectedly, Wednesday Wednesday morning, July 28, 1943 at his rectory in Coldwater.

Funeral services will be held at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Coldwater, on Saturday, July 31 at 10:30 a. m. Complete plans had not been made as this issue went to press. The Solemn Requiem Mass will be offered by his brother, the Rev. Michael Wurzer.

Born Nov. 1, 1896, son of Mr. John and Amelia Wurzer, 14 Inwood Street, Father Wurzer was graduated from Holy Family School, St. Andrew's Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary.

13 Years A Priest

He was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 29, 1920 and his first assignment was as instructor in Rochester Catholic High School, forerunner of Aquinas Institute when it was founded and became vice principal under the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady. His work brought him in contact with hundreds of boys now grown to manhood who will mourn his death.

Father Wurzer was appointed on June 24, 1937 as Pastor of the Church of the Holy Ghost and won the esteem and affection of his parishioners by his able administration and kindly manner.

Besides being an editorial he was also a talented writer. His work "A Course in Apologetics" is now being used in some of the Catholic high schools of the diocese.

Father Wurzer earned his Ph.D. degree at St. Bernard's Seminary in 1917 and his M.A. degree at St. Bonaventure's in 1935.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wurzer, and his brother, Father Michael Wurzer, he is survived by another brother, John Wurzer and a sister, Mrs. Harold Zimmer.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness: without which no man shall see God. Hebrews, Ch. 12, v. 4.

St. Hyacinth Boy Killed In Pacific, Parents Learn

AUBURN—Another of St. Hyacinth's boys has given his life for his country. A telegram from the adjutant general at Washington, D. C., brought to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Dziurzynski of 50 Pulaski Street, Auburn, word that their son, Sgt. Thaddeus J. Dziurzynski, 20, technician third grade, had been killed in action in the Pacific area on July 14. The message conveyed the sympathy of the adjutant general.

Sgt. Dziurzynski was born in Auburn on April 28, 1922. He attended East High School and was a communicant of St. Hyacinth's Church and a member of the Polish Falcons. On May 29, 1941, he enlisted in the U. S. Army and was sent to Hawaii for duty. Last November, he was transferred to the Solomon Islands, the theater of fierce fighting with the Japanese. Two month ago he was promoted to the rank he held when he was killed.

Sgt. Dziurzynski is survived by his parents; a brother, Stanley, and three sisters, Boleslawa, Jane and Lottie. The parents of the young soldier received a letter from him about ten days ago which stated that he was well and in which he asked that he be sent some articles from home. The package containing the desired articles was sent.

CHAPEL FOR INDIANS

Window Rock, Ariz.—An all-day ceremony, attended by Church, Government and State dignitaries and more than 100 Catholic Navajo Indians, marked the dedication and blessing of the new chapel community house for the area in the shadow of Tsehill peak.