



## Joan of Arc

is switching steel  
for fighting ships!

Joan's a welder, of course—she's a welder. She's helping to carry another ship down the road to war. What's the magic of this welder's rod that builds boats so much faster and lighter? What's the secret of the big arc blazing between Joan and her weld? Electricity! Thousands of Joans—and Jims and Jane—busy on hundreds of freighters and fighting ships, depend on electric power for their amazing accomplishments. And that is just one of the many marvels of production that is made possible by the fact that America has the world's greatest power systems.

and produces more electric power every year than all the nations combined.

But, just because we have the power doesn't mean any license to waste it. Much electric power is made from coal and coal is a vital war weapon that should be conserved. Likewise railroad equipment that transports it. Electric light bulbs use tungsten, that precious

metal as essential to the manufacture of Radar, the mysterious detection device that is proving so effective in this war.

So let's all save electricity in order to save all these things and help speed the glorious day of victory. At home use what you need for proper light, safety and the operation of electrical appliances but avoid all waste and needless use.

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## Veterans Of Fighting Officers Vouch For No Atheists' Saying

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Two Army officers, one a veteran of the North African campaign, the other a participant in the Guadalcanal fighting, are the authorities for the statement that the sentiment of the famous "There are no atheists in the foxholes," coined at Batista, has spread wherever American soldiers are fighting.

Col. Harry F. Laddick, motion picture producer, who had charge of the training of American lands and advance in North Africa and related, in his book, "Tunisia Campaign," his sensations while being constantly subjected to dive-bombing and machine gunning, declared, "The person who coined the phrase about there not being any atheists in a fox hole certainly knew his business."

Capt. Gerald H. Shea, serving in the South Pacific combat area, writing in "Lessons of Guadalcanal," in the Infantry Journal, publication of the U. S. Infantry Association, declared:

"Our chaplain's wife always busy conducting services and taking care of the many jobs that no one else seemed to have time for. And let me assure you that as on Batista there are no atheists on Guadalcanal. Religion plays a large part in men's lives during war everywhere; many a man wears his cross of St. Christopher's medal right along with his dog tags."



Marines "Somewhere in the Pacific" saw her picture in "The Register," official newspaper of the St. Louis Archdiocese. Now they have adopted Miss Madeline Jean Deilly, as their mascot queen. An airmail letter to the 16-year-old St. Louis girl explained that while it is customary to adopt a movie star, they preferred just "a pretty girl." (N.C.W.C.)

## On Guard!

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But the story of the Assumption is also a public affair because the whole world demanded to know what Mary's tomb was empty. Every century of Christendom, like the Emperor Marcian, has asked the Church to tell where the Mother of God is buried. And in every century the Church has responded by telling the story of the empty tomb and the disappointed Apostles.

Always the story of the Assumption is a story that begins and ends in Heaven. From the first century to the twentieth, from St. Peter's in Rome to the meanest mission in Guadalcanal, always the Church tells the same story of how Mary was conceived free from original sin, how she became the Mother of God, and how finally she died in the arms of the Apostles only to awake in

Sunday will find the Catholic world again celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady. The Pope in his chapel, the priests in Malakal, Chinese in embattled Chungking, novitiates in prison, nuns in the hinterland of India, shop-girls and lady war workers, blackmen in darkest Africa, capitulates from Wall Street, G.I.O. miners from Pennsylvania and Illinois, monks in their monasteries, Sicilians under the rule of AMGOT, Carmelites under the rule of St. Teresa, Yankees in fort-holes, and bomber pilots in the shadow of their planes—all these will stop on Sunday to salute the Mother of God. All Christendom, in fact, will remember again that time in the Garden of Gethsemane when the Apostles peered into the fragrant but empty bosom of Mary and realized with perhaps some shock that angels can steal!

Even though, at this late date, we may be tempted to reprobate the angels for taking away the body of Christ's Mother from us, we are nevertheless restrained by the certain conviction that after all One Lord Himself must have put them up to it.

This history of the common man, as Vice-President Wallace calls it, is the sign that man has the "meaning of the human soul and the human body. When man destroyed the dignity of the soul, he very soon disregarded the dignity of the body. It was no accident that this world's history of the common man, because also the history of civilization, is the history of ever-increasing filth, debauchery, blackened the rewards of Christ for the pleasures of sense and even the pleasures of lust.

But if this century succeeded in denying the soul it cannot, as it is now aware, successfully deny the reality of the human body. Nowhere in this century of the common man, which has now become a jungle world, human flesh is feeling the sting of pain. Hu-

## Woman Film Producer Baptized By Msgr. Kirk

LOS ANGELES (N.Y.) — Mrs. Fanchon Royer Gallagher, for 15 years a Hollywood film producer, was received into the Church here last week, the baptismal ceremony being performed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Kirk, spiritual director of the Catholic Film and Radio Guild in St. Basil's Church, of which he is pastor.

Mrs. Gallagher, who has been a member of the Guild for several years, produced and directed "Mission to America," the first sound and color documentary film of the Franciscan conquest of California.

Recently her three young daughters, now pupils at Ransom Convent of the Holy Names in Alameda, were baptized. Two older sons had been previously received into the Church.

## Pope Thanks Mexico Prelate For Rome Bombing Message

MEXICO CITY — A cable from His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, to the Most Rev. Luis M. Martínez, Archbishop of Mexico, expresses the Holy Father's appreciation of the expression of sympathy sent to him on the occasion of the bombing of Rome.

## Thanksgiving In Quiet For Africa Liberation

QUITO — At the request of the French Colony of Quito, the Rev. Leon Schimpff, Rector of the Seminary and a veteran of the first World War, on July 14, celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for the liberation of North Africa.

Red blood stains the stones of the street and the floors of the fields. Mangled bodies, tortured and wounded, lie in the wake of war.

The Feast of the Assumption reminds the century of the common man that the human body was made to share in the dignity of the human soul. The story of the Assumption challenges the century of the common man to build not planes or guns or tanks but a generation of men and women chaste in body and soul.

The story of the Assumption also reminds the century of the common man that the human body has a happier destiny than death on a battlefield. For even though thousands of bodies already lie dead and though thousands more shall also fall, nevertheless, there is hope for all of us in the story of the Assumption. Someday the Angels of the Assumption will come back again for the rest of us.