

tes Family Duty In sacerdotal Recruiting

QUEBEC—His Eminence Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, has announced that a "National Congress of Sacerdotal Recruiting" will be held in November in an effort to raise vocations to the priesthood.

The problem of sacerdotal recruiting is of a nature to cause concern, the Cardinal said. "The vocations are multiplying rapidly; we have numerous works of Catholicism; and on the other hand the vocations are not increasing. On the contrary, there is reason to believe that in other countries, a crisis of vocations is being experienced. The lack of vocations in the education of children doubtless is the principal cause.

"But the priests are not the only ones concerned in this problem. Each family has its responsibilities in the sacerdotal recruiting. That is why we have considered a diocesan Congress, where the question can be examined and discussed together. Has not the time come to interest the laity directly in the work of vocations, which is the Holy See's greatest concern, as raised to the rank of a pontifical work?"

Chicago Jesuits Go to India Mission

CHICAGO—Five missionaries from the Chicago Province of Society of Jesus have left on a half-year-round-the-world journey to India. They are Rev. John E. Mahoney, S.J., and the Rev. Messrs. Alfred E. Howard, Edmund P. Burke, Robert C. Stegman and Thomas M. Downing.

Rise of Post-War Political Problems, Stand of Russia, Concern Capital Observers

By J. J. Gilbert

WASHINGTON (NC)—In spite of the obvious effort of official Washington to keep public attention centered upon the military aspects of the war, the political aspect is the subject

of increasing speculation. It goes without saying that the first thing to be done is to win the war. That is the immediate object upon which all of the Allied Nations are agreed. But as the tide of victory rolls on, the necessity of formulating some sort of program to meet the situation which will arise when the victory is complete becomes more and more apparent.

The transition from a war to a peace states involves many difficult problems. There will be many differences between the Allied Nations to be composed. Because they have united in the common purpose of winning the war does not mean that they will be equally united in rebuilding the shattered world. All have their nationalistic aspirations and to reconcile these is not going to be easy.

Positive Also In Sight

We have the word of the President and Mr. Churchill that the Allies are not merely fighting against something—the destruction of the evil forces represented by the totalitarian powers—but that they are fighting for something. The establishment of international as well as national security or, as it has been eagerly called, a new and better world. If this is to be accomplished, it will demand unity of purpose no less than the war itself.

Common effort is an essential to the attainment of political victory as it is to the attainment of

military victory. Political victory cannot be brought about if conflicting nationalistic claims are to be made. If the war is global, the postwar reconstruction will also be global, unless the victorious nations follow courses of their own choosing and thereby the rule of every country for itself, which will lead inevitably to more war.

This question is being large in the background of Washington discussions. Congress is concerning itself with the roll it should play in this momentous postwar undertaking, with continued viewing in the direction of United States participation and the abandonment of isolationism, which wrecked the peace of Versailles in the First World War. There is much concern, too, over the possibility that others of the United Nations will tear their own courses. The uncertainty with which they are fighting the war may disappear when it is over.

Probably the important question, at the moment, is what Russia intends to do. On the surface, at least, the United States and the British Empire, under the leadership of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, are in accord. Stalin, however, is not taking part in their deliberations. He is apparently following a noncommittal policy.

It looks very much as if he is pursuing a nationalistic policy of promoting Russia security in his own way. Whatever his purpose may be, his failure to take part in the deliberations of the President and the British Premier is giving rise to some misgivings in Washington, as the most prevalent opinion seems to be that without Russian cooperation, whatever postwar program may be devised for world security, especially European security, would be of little avail.

Stalin has cooperated fully in the war effort. What he will do to bring about peace is another question. Many persons outside administration circles would like to know the answer.

Plan Film On Reporter's Devotion To St. Dismas

LOS ANGELES—The "Hudson Hawk" based on the life story of the late Dempster MacMurphy, Chicago newspaper reporter whose special devotion was to St. Dismas, the good thief to whom the Saviour on the Cross promised paradise, will be the title of a film to be produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Story writers for the studio who have just returned from Chicago after a study of MacMurphy's life and charitable activities indicate they have found a wealth of material on which to base a modern American screen play.

ST. LOUIS—The Rev. Edward Dowling, R.J., an assistant national Sodality director, has been invited by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to go to Hollywood as an adviser on a feature picture to be built around the life of the late Dempster MacMurphy, known as the modern apostle of Devotion to St. Dismas, the Good Thief. Father Dowling was a close friend of Mr. MacMurphy, who was business manager of the Chicago Daily News at the time of his death.

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