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Father Duffy Cites School Aim

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

She is a very Fashionable Lady. Right now she's waiting for John. He'll be along shortly. They're dining out tonight. Be sure to notice the beautiful living room where the Fashionable Lady is sitting. She calls it ultramodern. At least that's what the architect told John and her. Yes, that oriental on the floor is genuine too. She's very proud of the books that flank the fireplace. John uses them for decoration, but she's read them all—from Hemingway to Steinbeck.

The home is admirably magnificent. John and she worked and planned for years and now they have everything. Well... almost everything. When John drives along it will be in a Packard... eight cylinders and white wall tires. That dog curled up at the Fashionable Lady's feet is a pedigree Sealham. He's just eaten his can of Redheart; that's why he's sleeping... John calls him "Duke" and she calls him "Darling."

The Fashionable Lady spent hours getting ready to go out this evening... She wishes John would hurry along... It's that story in the evening paper that disturbed her... That story of how Tommy brought his plane in "on a wing and a prayer." She knows Tommy and Tommy's mother too. She remembers how years ago Tommy's mother asked her for Tommy... At the time she called Tommy's mother "a fool" but now Tommy's a hero... These planes annoy the Fashionable Lady. Why can't she sleep on other nights when the planes are down to her "ground" and "up" her "sky" when they get my jewelry but I bought her a service pin to wear for me.

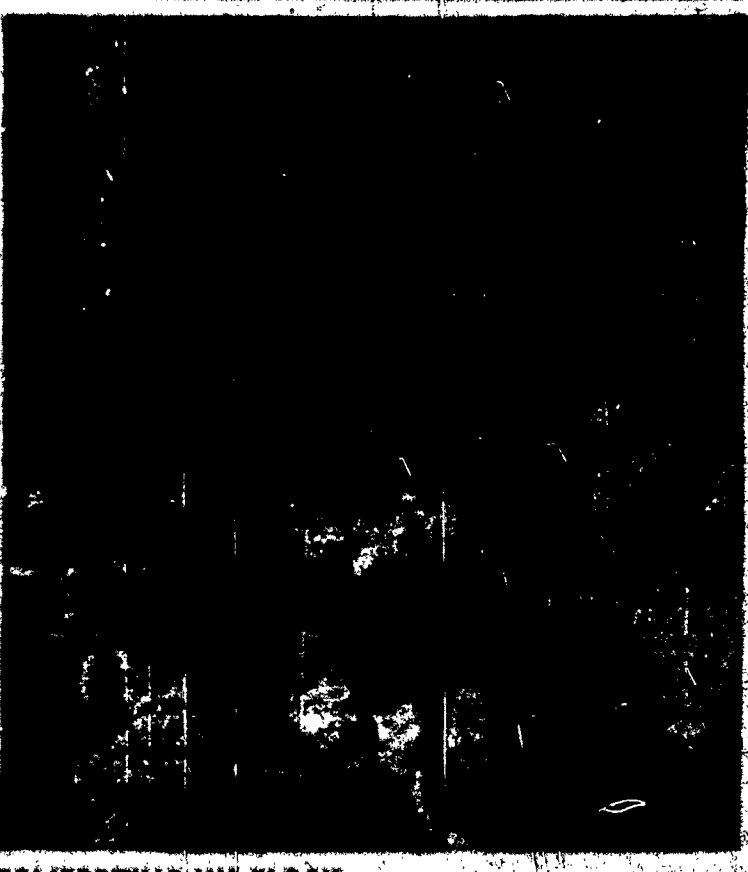
These thoughts are lying in the Fashionable Lady's... Why doesn't John come? she feels so alone... but even when John comes she's not alone. These days she's always alone... even in a crowd she's alone. Tommy's mother has a hero. The paper boy's mother has a little war on her shabby coat. All the Fashionable Lady has is a victory garden and a war bond that she won as a door prize.

How still it is now... Everything is so quiet... Why doesn't John come home?... If only the dog would bark. This house is so silent... the house that John and she gave their lives to build... SILENCE!... Now the Fashionable Lady knows the one fault of this beautiful home. SILENCE was the curse of this home right from the start! Ever when John is home, that silence, that absence is there... Does John know what is wrong with this house? Does he understand the mistake they've made?... Yes, but like the house he too is silent.

But if there is silence in the house, there is thunder in the Fashionable Lady's soul... the voice of conscience is eloquent in reproach... These horrible thoughts are thundering in her brain... Her secret is storming the doors of conscience. The years—her years, and John's—are in rebellion!

Her mind is fatigued now... This wrestling with conscience has exhausted her... How long will this battle of soul go on? All John comes home?... or for all eternity?... Why don't these thoughts stop?... Tommy will be

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COMFORTING HIS FLOCK, His Holiness Pope Pius XII, Bishop of Rome, is shown in a black and white photograph, sitting at a desk and reading a book. He is wearing a dark suit and a clerical collar. The background is dark and indistinct.

Milan Cathedral Shattered by Bombs

VATICAN CITY—The Milan Cathedral has been so damaged in air raids on that city that the structure is endangered and will not be usable for some time, it is stated in an official letter received in Vatican City.

The famous Milan fabric, of varying height and such as measured by a stipes, have been largely destroyed.

The largest of these spires—the central one—while supported a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, titular of the church, is still standing. Many others have been blown off in the bombardments. Some are tottering at a dangerous angle. Some are still standing. In addition, some of the statues surrounding surviving spires are damaged and threaten to fall.

The facade of the Cathedral has been spattered by innumerable fragments. The main doors are irreparably lost. The spot has been hit and a number of columns have

Maryknoll Nun Writes From Japan Camp

MARYKNOLL, N. Y.—First Sister used from Maryknoll Water missioners interned in Japan, has just been received at the Motherhouse here. The letter, written by Sister Mary Gemma, formerly of Beaulieu, Mass., comes from an internment camp in Tokyo, via Switzerland, arriving six months later to the day. It reads:

"With what joy I read your treatise! Kindly let my father know I am well. Our camp is a veritable spiritual powerhouse nearly all the inmates being religious. No news of Maryknollers has reached us since September."

\$700,000 Gift

Aberdeen, Wash.—A gift of between \$600,000 and \$700,000 has been donated to St. Joseph's Hospital here, conducted by the Sisters of St. Dominic of the Most Holy Cross, in the will of the late Nell Cooney, 72-year-old lumberman.

Emphasizes Duty Of Parents In Choosing School In Wartime

"The problem of selecting a school is a matter of consequence for every Catholic parent who has a child of school age," states the Rev. John M. Duffy, M.A., Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, in his annual address of opening statement, which was read today by the Diocesan Board of Education.

Text Of Fr. Duffy's Statement

While leading the spiritual development of Catholic children is every parent's duty, it is also the duty of the school. The primary purpose of the school, however, is not to wage war or to train warriors. The primary purpose of the school is to provide sound education. To prevent the child or youth as to live in the world that he will attain his goal—Heaven, Life Everlasting, God!

"The alarming increase of juvenile delinquency," the statement continues, "is more evidence of the fact that moral training cannot be omitted from the educational process without fatal results."

All elementary and high schools in the Diocese of Rochester will open Tuesday, Sept. 7, according to the announcement of the Diocesan Board of Education.

Gift of Holy Father

Little Rock—As a gift from His Holiness Pope Pius XII, the Rev. John H. Moran, Bishop of Little Rock, has presented \$100,000 to the German property of the quartered at Camp Casey.

500 Air Cadets Move Into Auburn School

AUBURN—This city is now experiencing the realities of war preparation. During the past two weeks more than 500 young men affiliated with the Air Cadets of Syracuse University have moved to Auburn and are being housed at the Auburn Theological Seminary and at the Case Mansion on South Street. Both buildings being formerly occupied by the NYA.

Parish Groups Fete Army Air Cadets

ALBANY—All cadets now in training at the Auburn Seminary were the guests of Holy Family Parish at a dance held in the school auditorium on Friday evening, Aug. 20. Members of the Young Ladies Society participated in a dance between and the music for singing was furnished by a twelve piece orchestra, the Student Band. Cadets wish to kindly volunteer their services.

Famed Violinist

Maryknoll, Ohio—Appointment of Sister Mary, French violinist, as a member of the State Society and head of the string department has been announced here by Maryknoll College.

Jeauite Residence In Holland Seized; Church Demolished

NEW YORK—The residence of the Society of Jesus at Villenavy, Holland, has been seized by the German authorities and is being used as a military camp. The church has been demolished.

WE'VE GIVE OUR MONEY — GIVE THEIR LIVES