

Japan Sets Up Board On Catholic Teaching

WASHINGTON.—The United States Foreign Intelligence Service, reporting Japanese radio broadcasts, announces that a "Board of Instruction" for the Roman Catholic Church in Japan has been set up "to handle all matters pertaining to the teaching of the Church."

Among the extensive powers of the board, according to the Tokyo Radio, are listed the supervision

of prayer books, hymnals, and all books and periodicals published by the Church. All official measures and public documents issued by the Church are also to be subject to examination by the new government board.

Named For Priest

Mexico City.—A street at Cordoba, State of Vera Cruz, has been named for the Rev. Francis J. Krill, "to commemorate the Pastor Benefactor of Cordoba." Born in the United States, Father Krill was for many years pastor of a parish at Cordoba. He died in the Cholula sanatorium near Puebla a year ago.

Catholic Press Cautious Over Tie Reported Between Soviet, Church

London.—(U. S. Catholic)

The Catholic Press here comments with caution on statements from Moscow, telling of the holding of a Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church there and of a meeting which Premier Stalin held with leaders of that church.

Secular press dispatches in the United States describe the meeting between Stalin and the Orthodox Church leaders and suggested it was an evidence of a reconciliation between the Russian State

and religion.

Regarding the situation, the CATHOLIC TIMES commented: "There are some who see in the move a direct response to President Roosevelt's request for religious freedom. If Stalin is moving just kind of articulate public opinion, we may be about to witness great changes in the structure of the Soviet Union."

The CATHOLIC HERALD said:

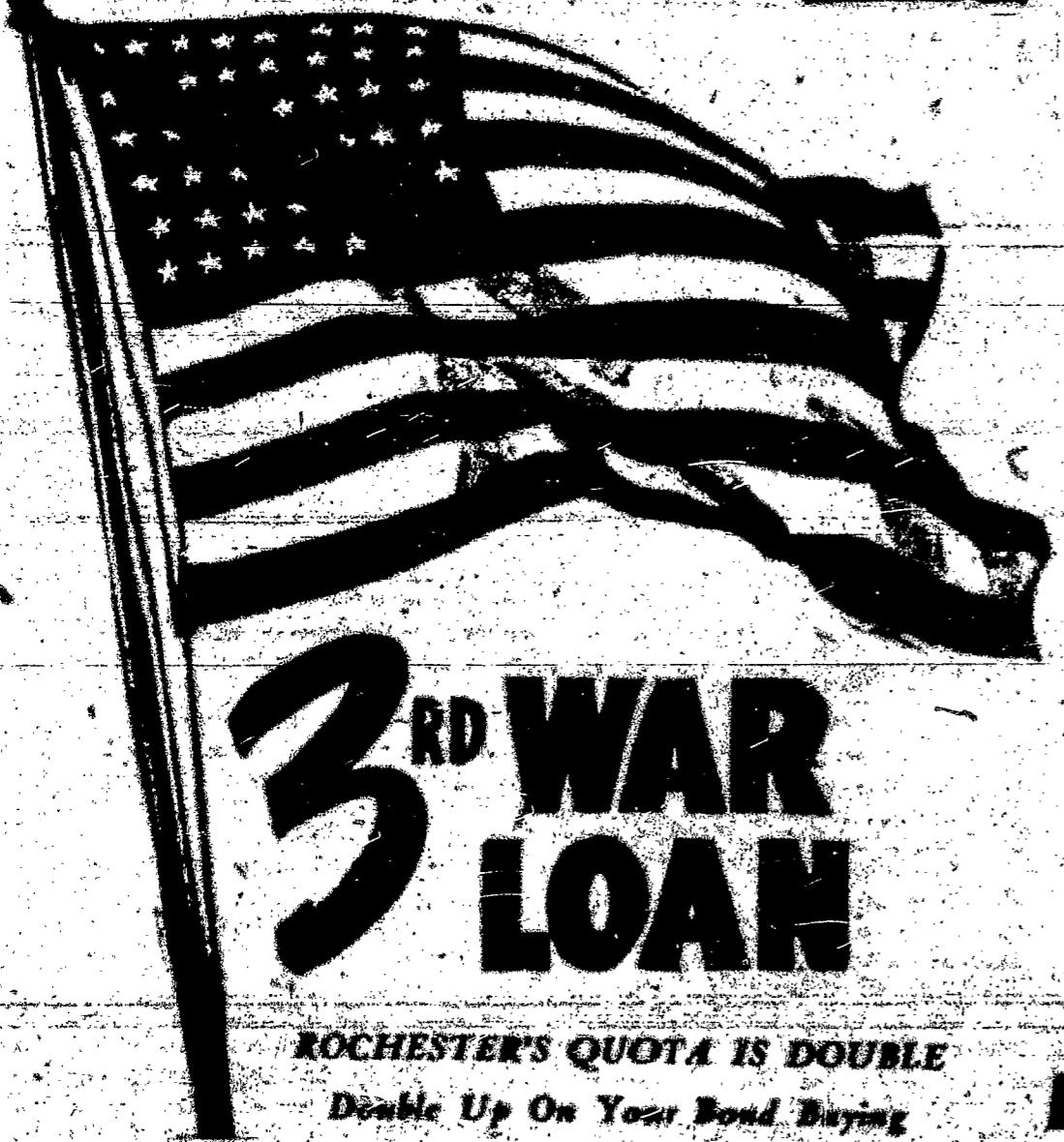
"It will help the Soviet Government to counteract hostility from

Christian nations especially in the United States. But the effect on Catholic missions is uncertain. Some may not be at all favorable if the so-called Russian Orthodox Church maintains its traditional hostility to Rome."

Said the UNIVERSE: "The fact that the initiative comes from the Russians and not from the Government is all the more hopeful since any approach from the Soviet Government would have been suspect as an attempt to gain control of the Church. Nevertheless the place of militant atheism in the Communist scheme has been very clearly defined."



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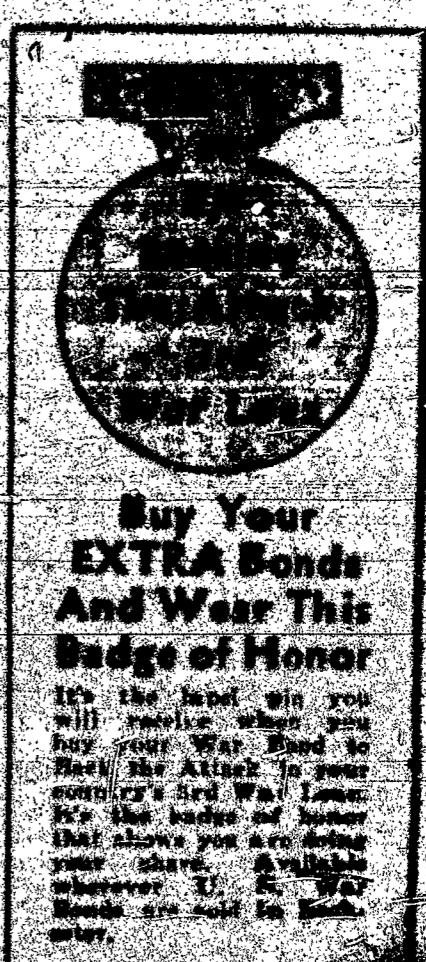
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