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Bishop To Dedicate Chidwick Memorial Chapel At Sampson

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

"There's a Bible boom in America."

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Last week two national magazines featured articles on the world's greatest book. CORONET presented "Bibles by the Billion" and THE SATURDAY EVENING POST came off the press with "Bible Story."

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"The war," writes Charles Lanius in Cornet, "has made Americans Bible conscious. Thousands who formerly had only a passing acquaintance with the Bible are turning to it for comfort and guidance. A high percentage of our armed forces is asking for Bibles."

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A reading of these two articles on the current activity of "Bible Christianity" automatically suggests some serious commentary. For example, it strikes an ironic note to see both the "Post" and "Coronet" authors writing on the Bible and ignoring the Catholic Church. Writing about the Bible and ignoring the Church is like writing the history of Ford automobiles and completely failing to mention anything about the celebrated Mr. Ford himself.

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In Cornet, Author Lanius lists the prominent Bible promoting organizations: The American Bible Society, the Netherlands, the British and Scottish Bible Societies, the Gideon Society and the Pocket Testament League. Strange as it may seem, he does not mention the Catholic Church, the world's greatest Bible champion! The honest but hidden fact, at least for many socalled non-Catholic "Bible Christians," is this: The Catholic Church was telling the Story of the Bible to the world for centuries before modern evangelicals started the "Bible business." For at least 1,600 years before Luther invented his "Bible religion," the Catholic Church was teaching men the truth of Holy Scriptures.

Over 1,000 years after the Catholic Church had endorsed and established the Bible as the "Word of God," a group of "public-spirited" Protestants created the American Bible Society to make the Bible a "best-seller." Centuries before publishing houses were pouring out millions of copies of "the world's best-seller," Catholic artists were painting the Bible in breath-taking pictures across the walls and ceilings of Christendom's churches. Long before Gutenberg invented the printing press, Catholic artists were carving the World's Greatest Story in masterpieces of marble and stone. Long before reading and writing became a popular art and even a popular aggravation, Catholic scholars were devotedly and patiently reproducing copies of the Sacred Scriptures by the tedious process of hand copying.

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Forty-five years ago three traveling salesmen of pious intention met in a hotel room at Boscobel, Wisconsin and organized The Christian Commercial Men's Association of America, which is better known today as The Gideon Society. The Gideons have the simple and sincere ambition of placing Bibles in hotels. All the way from the Race View Hotel in Tasmania to Broadway's skyscraper hostels, the Gideons have "Bibled" rooms for the spiritual solace of passing pilgrims. The sharp wit of the late Chesterton would certainly see a comedy of errors as well as some sinister symbolism in a world which rejects religion from school and home but places Bibles in hotel rooms.

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Ages before the Gideons were planting Bibles in hotel rooms, the Catholic Church was enshrining the Scriptures on her altars and preaching the Gospel of Christ

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Dr. George Johnson

Nazis Urge Italians To Quit Clergy Hostile to Fascism

WASHINGTON, — (NC) — The Nazi-sponsored National Fascist Government, which warned the Vatican to change its "anti-German sentiments" or be prepared for "radical measures," now has told the Italian people they must desert all clergy hostile to the Fascist regime, according to a message broadcast to Italy over the Berlin radio by the "National Fascist Government" and recorded by the Federal Communications Commission here as follows:

"Italians, impress on your memory the anti-national attitude of many ecclesiastics, of many prelates. Impress on your hearts the acts of these priests who are unworthy of the name Italian.

"Desert the churches where they officiate or pray. To turn your backs on their confessionals and their altars is not an insult to the cult or indifference to the faith: Instead, it is an act of honoring the Fatherland, an act of faith toward the Republican Fascist Fatherland."

The broadcast was followed by another transmission over the Berlin radio one hour later in which the "National Fascists" denied that they were "starting a war against the Church and its representatives."

CATHOLIC HORSEMEN SELL CALVES TO AID SEMINARIANS

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, D. R. — The sale of 200 calves, donated for the support of seminarians and the religious vocation movement here, realized $2,810.50.

The calves were collected and sold by the group of Catholic horsemen known as Accion Catolica a Caballo — "Catholic Action on Horseback" — which, twice a year, prior to the Feasts of the Assumption and the Circumcision, tours the countryside collecting donations in kind in honor of the Virgin of Altagracia at Higuey, and the Shrine of Christ at Bayaguana.

A British journal prints this: A little boy returned from his first Sunday school class. When his mother asked him what he had learned, he answered: "Oh, all about the Ten Commandos."

Prominent Educators Submit Articles For Jubilee Magazine

Two eminent Catholic scholars this week joined the growing list of contributors to the Jubilee Magazine to be published next month by the CATHOLIC COURIER.

The magazine will mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Rochester Diocese and the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of St. Bernard's Seminary.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Johnson, director of the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and Secretary General of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and Secretary General of the National Catholic Education Association will write on "Education After Victory."

The Rev. Joseph F. Thorning, professor of Sociology at Georgetown University, foreign correspondent and an outstanding authority on our relations with Central and South America will contribute an article entitled "The United Americas."

Msgr. Johnson has been in the forefront of Catholic education for many years. He is a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Education, the Wartime Commission of the United States Office of Education and many other organizations.

Father Thorning studied at Oxford, Georgetown and Catholic University. While a professor of English literature at Loyola University he established the National Catholic Interscholastic Basketball tournament in which Aquinas participated for some years. He wrote his COURIER article from a conning tower in the Caribbean overlooking Havana harbor.

Other contributors to the Jubilee Magazine previously announced include the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York, Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio, the Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S.J., noted Jesuit writer; Thomas

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Fordham President To Address Sailors At Dedicatory Service

NAVAL TRAINING STATION, SAMPSON, N. Y.—Chidwick Memorial Chapel, center of Catholic life at the Naval Training Station and said to be reputedly one of the finest examples of Navy church architecture in the country, will be formally dedicated at services next Sunday at which His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, will officiate.

Others who will take a prominent part in the ceremonies include Rear Admiral John J. Brady, USN (Ret.), rector of St. Catherine's Church, New York; the Rev. Robert I. Gannon, S.J., president of Fordham University, New York; Capt. Harry A. Badt, USN, Commandant; Capt. William B. Coleman, USN, Executive Officer, and Lieut. Eugene R. LeGault (ChC) USNR, senior Catholic chaplain, under whose supervision plans for the dedication are completed.

Two Services Scheduled

Two dedicatory services have been scheduled for Sunday morning, at which congregations drawn from all units on the Station are expected to tax the 1,000-seat capacity of the Chapel. The first of these will be at 9:30, when Mass will be celebrated by Father Brady and the sermon will be preached by Father Gannon. Actual dedication will take place at an 11:00 o'clock service, when the processional will form and proceed around the Chapel and Bishop Kearney will bless the exterior.

Bishop Kearney then will be met at the Chapel entrance by Captain Badt and Captain Coleman, moving on to the sanctuary, where Captain Badt will make the presentation address. That will be followed by blessing of the interior by Bishop Kearney, who will celebrate the Mass. The sermon at this service will also be by Father Gannon.

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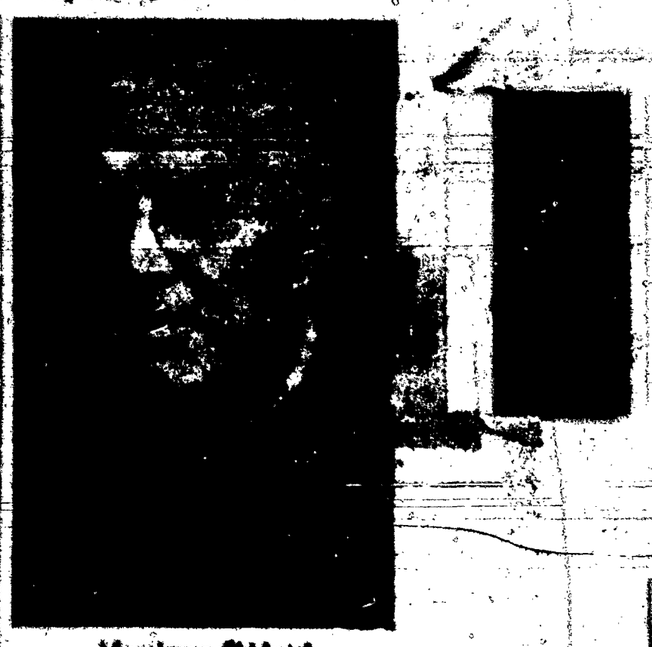

Monsignor Chidwick

11 Catholic Priests Now At Sampson

NAVAL TRAINING STATION, SAMPSON, N. Y. — Catholic men who are sent to the great new U. S. Naval Training Station at Sampson, N. Y., for their primary or recruit training come in contact with a military church organization carefully geared to their spiritual needs. It is also an organization which takes full account of the vicissitudes and urgencies of military life.

Under the immediate supervision of Lieut. Eugene Bernard LeGault, S.J., (ChC) USNR, senior Catholic chaplain, Catholic activities on the Station have been organized in a manner which will compare favorably with anything to be found in civilian life. There are at present eleven Catholic chaplains on the Station, each with his individual responsibilities and duties. The physical plant available for administering the interests of the Church and providing for the practical and spiritual care of the men is unsurpassed by [illegible] in any military training center of the country.

Daily Masses

At Sampson, there is a Catholic chaplain stationed in each of the five recruit training areas and one for the Service Schools area. The remainder serve the Station as a whole. Daily Masses are held in each of the units, with three Masses on Sunday. Confessions are heard before all Masses and also between the hours of 3:30 in the afternoon and 8:30 in the evening. Further, the unit chaplains are accessible to the men at all other times. The center [illegible] in the training units [illegible] the huge drill hall, [illegible] equipped in such a [illegible]

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Back Nation's Fighters With Bonds, Urges Genevan Home From Guadalcanal

GENEVA—"Buy bonds! Buy more bonds! That is one of the best ways in which to help the men who are fighting our battles overseas," emphasized a Guadalcanal veteran who has just arrived from the South Pacific war zone. He is Private First Class Frederick J. Salone of the United States Marine Corps, who arrived in Geneva on Tuesday evening with his bride, the former Miss Josephine Geldi, daughter of the late Joseph Geldi of Landadale, Pa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Salone of John St.

It was a happy homecoming for the Genevan who has been in five major battles in Guadalcanal section. He is wearing the Guadalcanal campaign bar; the Marine Expeditionary bar; a sharpshooter medal and the American Theatre of War bar. He also has five stars which were awarded to the Marines who had participated in the five battles.

"I think there are a lot of people who do not even know that we are in a war," commented the veteran as he emphasized the great need for cooperation in the present War Bond drive.

First To Fight

Private Salone was a member of the advance group of the United States Marines to make the initial landing in Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons.

"There were a number of Geneva boys on the islands, but there was no one from Geneva in my particular company," he remarked.

Private Salone joined the United States Marine Corps on Aug. 3, 1940, and went overseas in April, 1942.

He has had malaria several times and was hospitalized for five weeks in San Francisco, before making the trip to Philadelphia and Geneva. He is now enjoying a furlough with his family and upon its completion will be transferred to the United States Naval Training Station at Sampson.

Private Salone was united in marriage to Miss Geldi in an impressive military wedding which took place at St. Luke's Church in Glenside, Pa., on Sept. 25.