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On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Looking over the COURIER JUBILEE MAGAZINE, we noticed a picture showing the meeting of Archbishop Francis J. Spellman and Eamon De Valera, premier of the Irish Free State. The photograph was taken when the New York prelate stopped off at Dublin on his now famous tour of the war fronts.

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"The wheel of fortune spins and where it stops nobody knows." The wheel of fortune as well as time itself have been good to the New York born Eamon DeValera. Twenty-five years ago he was the elusive chieftain of the Irish rebellion and the much hunted prey of British Intelligence Service. At the time, even De Valera's most devoted henchmen could hardly have envisioned the day when their rebel leader would become the respected statesman of Irish political life.

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The Rev. Charles J. Bruton, former New York State Chaplain of the American Legion and popular pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church in that lively suburb of Irondequoit, which flanks Rochester on the northeast, tells a corking good story of De Valera's rebel days.

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In World War I Father Bruton served as an Army Chaplain with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. After the Armistice the young chaplain together with his troops had a long wait before the order came to return to America. During that time stories of the adventurous De Valera were current in the nearby British Isles. Captured repeatedly by the British and destined to be shot as a rebel, the ever resourceful "Dev" constantly thrilled his followers by escaping from English prisons.

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In neighboring France the young American priest made up his mind to meet De Valera. Father Bruton had two reasons for wanting to meet the mystery man of the Irish rebellion. First, he was a close personal friend of De Valera's mother, Mrs. Mary Wheelwright, who spent her last years in this city of Rochester and is now buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Secondly, while Father Bruton was in France Mrs. Wheelwright appealed to him to carry a message to her son.

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Accordingly, the Rochester priest obtained a furlough and crossed the English Channel and the Irish Sea to Dublin. When Father Bruton, wearing his tight fitting soldier's uniform, arrived in the Irish Capital, the British hunt for De Valera was intense. Only a few weeks before the irrepressible champion of Irish freedom had staged another of his dramatic escapes from British hands.

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Dublin and all Ireland was a network of British espionage and Irish counter-espionage. Poorly armed and poorly supplied, Irish patriots were carrying on guerilla warfare against the well equipped and highly organized British troops fresh from the fighting fronts in France. Activities of the Irish underground army were aptly described as "On the Run." Men with a price on their heads and forced to live in hiding were naturally nervous and suspicious. The British soldiers or "Black and Tans," as the Irish contemptuously styled them, were also nervous and suspicious. For them every tree, and hedge fence, hid a potential rebel ambush.

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In the face of such nervousness and suspicion on the part of both the British and the Irish, it followed that strangers were not welcome in Ireland during those bloody days. Even though the stranger wore the uniform of an

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CONGRATULATIONS on the 75th Anniversary of Rochester Diocese and the Golden Jubilee of St. Bernard's Seminary were extended to Bishop Kearney at the K. of C. Communion Breakfast Sunday in Hotel Seneca. The Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, Council Chaplain (right) and Hon. James F. X. Duffy, toastmaster, participated.

Throngs Pay Homage To Eucharist In Jubilee Observance

Culminating diocesan-wide devotion to the Holy Eucharist in thanksgiving for countless graces and blessings accrued by the Diocese of Rochester during 75 years' existence, Solemn Pontifical Mass was offered this Thanksgiving Day in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester officiated and acclaimed the extraordinary devotion to the Blessed Sacrament manifested during this week which commemorates the Diocesan Diamond Jubilee and the Golden Jubilee of St. Bernard's Seminary. His Excellency expressed his personal appreciation for the widespread response to his appeal to make the Jubilee observance intensely spiritual.

Assisting the Bishop at the Cathedral were: Assistant Priest, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns; Deacons of Honor, the Rev. Edward M. Lyons and the Rev. Thomas Tobin, C.SS.R., Deacon, the Rev. John S. Hayes; Subdeacon, the Rev. William H. Shannon; Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey; Second Master, the Rev. John T. Callahan.

St. Bernard's Seminary choir under the direction of the Rev. Benedict Ehmann sang the Jubilee music.

In chapels, in churches and at the Solemn Pontifical Masses celebrated by the Bishop in four corners of the diocese as a unifying commemoration of the Jubilee, Bishop, priests, religious and people knelt to offer sincere homage to Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and to give thanks as well as petition Divine assistance for the future.

Tribute to the zeal and individual capabilities of his predecessors as Ordinaries of the diocese was paid by Bishop Kearney. His Excellency spoke of the tremendous

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Servicemen To Get Jubilee Magazine

Three parishes and one large commercial firm will send copies of the Jubilee Magazine (second section of this issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER) to their boys and girls in the armed forces.

Orders for extra copies of the Magazine to be sent to the servicemen and women have been received from St. George's Lithuanian and St. Lucy's parishes, Rochester, and Church of the Good Shepherd, Henrietta.

Sargent & Greenleaf, Inc., with a double-page spread announcement on Pages 67-68, will send the Jubilee Magazine to each employe pictured and will send copies to the boys' parents at home.

Church History In 48 States To Be Filmed

LOS ANGELES.—Plans for the production of 48 documentary films, dealing with the Catholic development of every State in the Union were outlined by Chairman Carl Laschka of the Executive Board at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Film and Radio Guild.

Report Added Deaths In War

Boys of the Diocese of Rochester who have made the supreme sacrifice in the present war and whose deaths have been reported since Oct. 1 when the compilation was made in the Jubilee Magazine are as follows:

ELMIRA

Sgt. Richard Betts

ROCHESTER

Sgt. Liberato N. Bianchi

Pvt. Theodore Demchuk

DANSVILLE

Corp. John B. Nagle

U. S. Bishops, Protestants Hit Sex Exploiters

An appeal to "molders of public opinion" to join in a nationwide program to halt the "widespread lowering of sex standards" was announced this week by the Federal Council of Churches, national organization of Protestant churches.

The Protestant appeal has significance in that it follows by a week a similar appeal contained in the annual statement of the Catholic bishops of the United States.

Birth Control Record

While both statements are generally agreed on the religious significance of family life, the Catholic pronouncement, however, is unique in its condemnation of birth control propaganda and "neo-pagan views on marriage," which presumably includes a reference to divorce.

The Protestant statement ignores any mention of birth control or divorce.

Appeals To Press

In a statement which characterized the "upholding of the highest standards of sex behavior" as a primary essential in the national welfare, the Federal Council said:

"We appeal to educators, artists, authors, publishers, the press, the motion picture industry, the broadcasting interests and all other makers of public opinion to recognize with us a great national responsibility for upholding high standards of conduct in the relations between the sexes, and for preparing youth to be builders of the future homes of America."

The Federal Council protested the "exploiting" in newspapers and magazines of material "which degrades thought and emotion."

"We protest also," the statement said, "against the portrayal of the human body in ways that are sensually provocative and which detract from the reverence in which men and women should be held as creators of homes and guardians of the sacredness of family life."

Nation Depend on Home

Asserting that the essential strength and well being of the nation depended on the home, the Council's statement also said:

"We urge that understanding of family relationships and loyalty to family ties be universally inculcated, and the religious significance of family life so emphasized that even out of this world catastrophe of war, secure family life may emerge as a firm foundation for the rebuilding of the world."

Plea For Christian Ideals

In their statement previous to that of the Federal Council of

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Diocese Sends 23,589 Into Nation's Service

The Rochester Diocese sent 23,589 men and women into the armed forces of the United States up to October 1, according to a parish tabulation in the Jubilee Magazine of this newspaper.

With the total diocesan population set at 300,000, this means that one Catholic in every ten is in service.

If this ratio were maintained on a national basis, the total in the armed forces would be approximately 12,300,000.

Of the 23,589 in service, 18,631 are in the Army, 3,445 in the Navy and 966 in the Marines. The various women's units including the WAC, WAVES, SPARS, Marines and Army and Navy nurses have enlisted a total of 326.

A total of 117 men have died in line of duty. Their names are recorded on page 37 of the Jubilee Magazine. Of this number 40 are from Rochester, 9 from Hornell, 6 each from Auburn and Elmira, 5 from Seneca Falls and 4 each from Watkins Glen and Newville.

The parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Rochester has made the greatest single contribution in the entire diocese with a total of 1,027 men and women in service. This parish has the largest number, 830 in the Army, 127 in the Navy and 78 in the Marines.

St. Stanislaus Church has the next highest total with 606 in service. Blessed Sacrament Church in Rochester has the greatest number of women in service with a total of 17 while St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, has the second greatest number with 15.

Outside the City of Rochester, St. Francis Assisi of Auburn has the highest total of service men and women with 462 while St. Francis De Sales of Geneva has 462.

St. Patrick's leads the Elmira churches with a total of 268. The complete parish tabulation is listed on pages 29, 31, 33 and 35 of the Jubilee Magazine.

'Old Timers To Be Feted By Auburn K. of C. Unit

AUBURN—A First Degree was exemplified on Thursday evening at the home of the Auburn Council Knights of Columbus under the direction of Past Grand Knight T. Joseph Coffey. Immediately following the degree a series of football films featuring the Colgate-Syracuse game of 1942 as well as other football highlights were shown. The films were obtained through the courtesy of the Colgate Athletic Association and Joseph Hyde director of Physical Education in the Auburn schools.

J. Raymond Davis, lecturer of Auburn Council, announced that the annual Old Timers' Night will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 2, at the Knights of Columbus Home.

Past Grand Knight Patrick J. Mulcahy has been appointed chairman of the affair and will have the job of lining up a committee to honor the members who have been associated with the Auburn Council for 25 years or more. Past Grand Knights of the Council will take a prominent part representing the members during their terms of office. An entertainment program and luncheon will be part of the evening's entertainment.

There is just one Name in the whole world that lives; it is the Name of One Who passed His years in obscurity and Who died a malefactor's death. — John Henry Cardinal Newman.

BRAZILIANS PLEDGE PUBLIC PRAYERS FOR POPE'S SAFETY

RIO DE JANEIRO.—Prompted by the recent grave turn of events in the Rome area and the bombing of Vatican City, the National Board of Catholic Action here has expressed to His Excellency the Most Rev. Aloisi Masella Benedetto, Apostolic Nuncio to Brazil, sentiments of deep solidarity and has pledged the promotion of public prayers throughout the country for the welfare of His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Vatican Broadcasts Every Day To Sicily

VATICAN CITY. — The radio station of Vatican City is now broadcasting a half-hour each day to Sicily.

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