Sodality Book Review

St. Louis—Miss Joan Edwards, Lourdes Academy, Cleveland, won the Sodality Union book review contest for high school pupils, it was announced at The Queen's Work here, American Sodality secretariate, which sponsored the competition.

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On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

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ceive Holy Communion. During the afternoon they would have liked to eat a chocolate bar or whatever it is that healthy athletes eat when they are hungry. Sweating and exercising as they were, they were naturally thirsty and the gym fountain was inviting. But Nowicki and O'Hare kept fasting and sweating and watching the clock . . . Would they make it?

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Back in the auditorium the First Friday Mass was going along . . . Marine and Navy trainees knelt reverently and prayfully . . . It was the Consecration of the Mass . . . (A mile or so away Nowicki and O'Hare were hurrying to wind up their workout) . . . It was Communion time of the Mass . . . (Hurry up, Joe! . . . Hurry up, Jack!) . . . The marines and sailors filed up to receive Holy Communion . . . (Far away in the gymn, Nowicki and O'Hare, after a shower, were changing feverishly from gym togs to uniforms) . . . The communicants had now all received . . . The Mass would end quickly now . . . It was 5:24 . . . (Nowicki and O'Hare were racing out of the gym building on the other side of the campus) . . . The Mass was almost finished . . . It was the Last Blessing of the Mass . . . (O'Hare was chasing Nowicki in a race!) . . . It was the Last Gospel of the Mass . . . (A Marine and a Sailor were racing across the campus through the evening shadows) . . . The English prayers after Mass are being recited . . . (Where are Nowicki and O'Hare?) . . .

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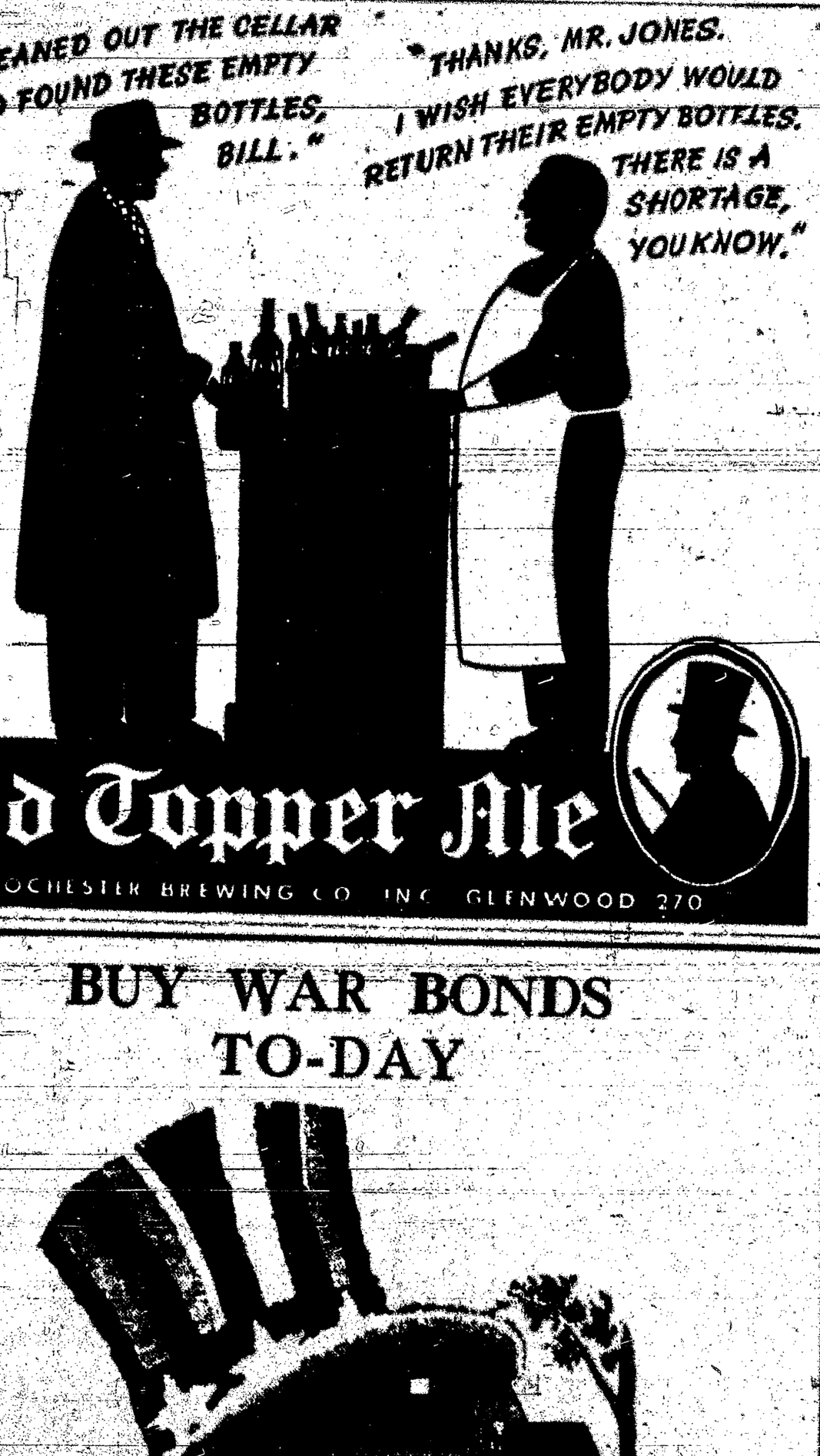
The First Friday Mass is ended . . . The men are filing out reverently . . . The Chaplain is about to unvest . . . But here comes Marine Nowicki chased by Sailor O'Hare! . . . Disappointment is written across the boys' faces . . . They had missed Holy Communion and they had tried so hard . . . But the Chaplain sees Nowicki and O'Hare and calls them up to the altar . . . The Blessed Sacrament is still on the altar . . . that's why the men had filed out so reverently . . . The Chaplain tells Joe Nowicki and Jack O'Hare that they can receive Holy Communion . . . There are TWO HOSTS left! . . . Smiles of triumph light the boys' faces . . . Joe Nowicki, intercollegiate track champion, and his teammate, Jack O'Hare, kneel alone in the vast University auditorium and receive CHRIST . . . Once again Jack O'Hare had chased Joe Nowicki to victory in one of the strangest races these two friends will ever run . . . For once Jack O'Hare had finished a race shoulder to shoulder with Joe Nowicki . . . and both of them shoulder to shoulder with CHRIST! . . . God must like track runners.



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AMERICAN BLOOD IN IRELAND SAVED THEM: Casualties in the line of duty in Northern Ireland, two Halloran General Hospital patients—both from Kentucky—discuss the merits of Red Cross blood plasma, credited with saving their lives. They are Corporal Charles E. Mattingly (left), 18, son of a Hardinsburg architect, who was given the first of five transfusions in an ambulance, and Private John D. Walker, 23, whose father is a florist in Louisville. Mattingly was with an Armored Force unit, Walker with the Quartermaster Corps.

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Graphic Account of Makin Invasion Drawn From Army Chaplain Who Insisted He Had No Story To Tell

HONOLULU—The authorized Army release did not identify the Catholic Army chaplain who told the story of his impressions gathered at the invasion of Makin. In fact, the chaplain stated he had no particular story to tell, but that he had observed: "We take with us when we die what we have given away, and those lads who died took along plenty for they had given away everything."

The priest stated: "The chaplains carried their Mass kit ashore along with their regular pack as they waded from the landing boats. This particular chaplain had a shell burst so close that the wine in his kit burst its container. He could not have offered Mass on the island anyhow."

Once ashore, the chaplain related, he dispatched his assistant to the right while he went to the left, hoping to help as many wounded as possible. That evening the assistant came back to camp prodding a Japanese prisoner in front of him with the blade of a bowie knife. Then the assistant found out through an interpreter that not only was his captive a willing prisoner but that he knew where there were 23 other Japanese who were just waiting their chance to surrender.

By nightfall, foxholes were dug and sniping kept nerves taut, the chaplain continued. Next day a soldier came to the chaplain and said he had prayed the night before for the first time. The soldier said he had "always thought men who prayed were 'sissies'" but that his inadequate foxhole and the continual sniping convinced him otherwise, so he had offered a clumsily-worded, conversation-like prayer to God with the promise that if He would protect the soldier overnight, the soldier would learn a better prayer for the following night. The soldier asked the chaplain's help so he could keep that promise.

For a considerable time during the battle, there was no water for the men in the front lines. The agony of thirst was sharpest among the wounded, the chaplain said, but when the water finally did come, the wounded refused to drink it, insisting that it be given to the men still able to fight. But between the water and milk from cocoanuts knocked down in the bombardment, the thirst of both well and wounded alike was quenched, the chaplain said.

The chaplain said he learned there was a Bishop, two missionary priests and two Brothers on Makin, but added they could not be found and apparently had taken refuge with natives some distance from the heat of battle. Each day as action began, the Catholic chaplains gave General Absolution, the release stated, and every possible honor was given to the dead as the Gate of Heaven cemetery was set up in a village.

Cause Advanced

Vatican City—Two miracles proposed in the cause for the beatification of Theresa Eustochio Varsari, Foundress of the Institute of the Daughters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, were discussed at a meeting of the Congregation of Rites.