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On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Dangerously close to the press deadline of this newspaper and desperate for something to write about, we had weakly decided to dissertate on the much muddled subject of juvenile delinquency. But just as we were about to explain the life and times of the bobby sox and zoot-suit, devotees of swoon-crooner, Frank Sinatra there arrived a letter from (Captain) Chaplain John S. Maloney who is "Somewhere in England."

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It is strange that Father Maloney, who was a curate at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Rochester, before "joining up," should interrupt our thoughts on juvenile delinquency. When his letter came we were thinking of something that he said when he visited here last summer. After listening to some of his clerical friends deplore the reckless escapades of modern youth, he asked if we remembered the years after the last war. "It was called," Father Maloney explained, "the Age of Flaming Youth, and the youth of those wild days are the parents of today!" Father Maloney felt that the sad lack of parental responsibility which plagues us now had its beginning in the Age of Flaming Youth.

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This column may mark the end of a long friendship, but when a deadline looms before a columnist he grows ruthless and even unethical. At the risk of disrupting fraternity and comradeship, I am going to write about Father Maloney who before "joining up" was a curate at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Rochester. Besides, this piece will accomplish two things. It will meet the deadline without any recourse to juvenile delinquency and it will be an answer to Father Maloney's letter. Otherwise he might wait weeks before we could drop him a line.

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Chaplain Maloney, as his friends know, is attached to a paratroop outfit and has the distinction of being one of the few chaplains who can pack a "chute" and jump with his men. Father Maloney will be very angry when he reads this, because he is a very modest man and detests any personal publicity. The fact that the Atlantic Ocean separates the "jumping priest" from this typewriter emboldens us to explain something that happened to him the last time he was in Rochester.

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He had arrived in town after hard training which involved making numerous high altitude jumps with his rugged paratroopers. Parachuting padres are rare personages and their apostolate is an adventurous one. We were proud of Father Maloney and we "tipped off" the newsmen (who earn their bread and butter by finding stories) that Rochester's Paratroop Chaplain was in town . . . The city editor rushed a reporter and photographer to the rectory where the priest was staying. But they got no picture and they got no story. They argued with the Chaplain. They pleaded with him. He was firm. He refused to give the press a break. A few hours later I listened while Father Maloney angrily told me how difficult it was for him to get rid of the reporter and the photographer.

"Who sent them?" we asked him very meekly.

"I don't know!" he growled belligerently.

Now he knows or will when he reads this.

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Chaplains and doctors attached to paratroop units are not required to jump with the men. By regulation they are excused. Father Maloney volunteered for the paratroops and was accepted. Though

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School Authorities' Aid Needed To Make Release Time Function

Cooperating For God And For Youth

Religious people look to our public school authorities for interested cooperation in the religious instruction of our children. Such cooperation has meant much to us, even in the score of years before the passage of the Released Time Law. The law of the State excludes religious instruction from the public school curriculum, but makes no attempt to exclude such instruction from the life of the child. In fact, the purpose of the Released Time Law, is to make it easy for the child to secure such instruction.

We look for the interested cooperation of our public high school principals to secure the largest possible use of this released time. Such cooperation will be shown positively by encouraging the pupils to use this time; will be shown negatively by avoiding all that would tend to penalize pupils using released time.

To put classes at the released time hours, which religious pupils will miss credit on; to assign to such hours activities that make a special appeal to pupils; to put a penalty of any kind on those pupils who leave school for religious instruction; is not cooperation.

Religion is the foundation remedy for youthful sin, generally known by the longer title of juvenile delinquency. Religion in the hearts of our youth depends on instruction. We feel no school principal or other official will have any attitude on this matter save a friendly one. We do not see how they can oppose juvenile delinquency without favoring released time instruction in religion; we do not see how they can oppose released time religious instruction without favoring juvenile delinquency.

Friends of the children, seeking their welfare, will help. Some others will not help, but will not hinder. There can be only one just judgment of those who will not help, but insist on hindering. They are not good citizens, who hinder a recognized effort to build up our boys and girls into good citizens.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart,
Vicar General

Move To Evade Law Feared In See City Area

"Religious people look to our public school authorities for interested cooperation in the religious instruction of children."

In his editorial, which appears on this page, Monsignor William M. Hart, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Rochester, presents the problems which distress those who are concerned with the religious education of students in public high schools.

Priests who conduct weekly religion classes for public school pupils under the Release Time Law, insist that the cooperation of public school authorities is absolutely essential.

The State permission for religious instruction is "almost unilateral." Most of the control of the Release Time Program, as permitted by law, is in the hands of the school authorities. If the school principal does not cooperate with the program then the teacher of the religion class is seriously handicapped.

As experienced in the Diocese of Rochester the cooperation of the public school authorities has been satisfactory until the present time.

Mostly Satisfactory

While religious instruction programs in such places as Auburn, Geneva, Elmira and Hornell continue to be satisfactory, difficulties have risen this year in the City of Rochester when some high school principals arranged classes and activities so as to conflict with attendance at religious instructions and even discourage it.

Religious leaders are asking the high school authorities to appoint a general study period for all the students so that those who wish religious instruction may have it without missing a regular class.

Crippling Move

Rochester high school principals are currently favoring what is called "the elective" system. This would put the pupil in the position of choosing between a regular class and religious instruction. If the pupil "elects" to attend religious instruction it means that he must miss his regular class at school and consequently suffer loss of credit.

Mr. David W. Densmore, Rochester school official, has already advised religious leaders that next September in the city high schools there will be no general study periods at the end of the day to permit pupils to be excused more easily for religious instruction.

This move will cripple the religious instruction program and render meaningless the advantages granted under the Release Time Law.

As Mr. Densmore himself frankly concluded to Catholic, Protestant and Jewish representatives: "You will probably lose about 50 or 60 per cent of your pupils for religious instruction."

Refutes Dr. Crane's Attacks On Church In South America

Dr. George W. Crane, author of "The Worry Clinic," syndicated column appearing daily in the Gannett and other American newspapers, is exploiting his journalistic post to make attacks against the Catholic Church.

One of the boldest attacks which Mr. Crane ever made against the Catholic Church appeared in his syndicated column on last Thursday, Jan. 20.

Specifically he was attacking the Church in South America. But the appearance of his remarks in the American press makes them also an attack against the Church in this country.

Basing his statements on the alleged confidences of some anonymous "Salvadore" from South America, Dr. Crane with histronic surprise claims that the Latin-Americans are revolting against the Church and turning to Prussian Communism.

Contradicted at Source

Dr. Crane readily and eagerly accepts this revelation of "Salvadore" and never reverts to the fact that it is wholly contradicted by the reputable testimony of all South American observers, both Catholic and non Catholic.

Even more eagerly does Dr. Crane believe and present to his readers the alleged charges which "Salvadore" makes against the Catholic Church in South America. Against the Catholic clergy of South America, Dr. Crane and his "Salvadore" heap all the old libelous accusations of the anti-clericals and the anti-Catholic bigots.

Dr. Crane may not have realized it, but his remarks were strangely familiar to the pamphleteering tirades against the Catholic Church which are currently hurled by such pitiable evangelical bigots as the Jehovah Witnesses.

For the sake of the record we wish to note another column of Dr. Crane's which appeared earlier this month.

A confused 16-year-old girl, who objects to her parent's ban on dancing, card-playing and other

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'MARCH OF DIMES' and fund raising drive of the National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis, Inc. has enlisted as Ohio State Chairman of Women's Division, Mrs. Clarence J. Carlin, president, Cleveland Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and other Catholics throughout the nation.

Dr. Fenton Now Edits Ecclesiastical Review

The Rev. Joseph Clifford Fenton, S.T.D. author of several theological works and professor at the Catholic University of America, in Washington, D. C., has become editor of "The Ecclesiastical Review," a monthly periodical for priests and theology students.

Prior to his joining the faculty of the Catholic University, Dr. Fenton was professor of Dogmatic Theology at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester.

The current issue of "The Ecclesiastical Review," which is the first to appear under Dr. Fenton's direction, reveals a change in format.

Catholic Donors Join Fight On Dread Polio Disease

Catholics, along with other citizens, are being called upon to join in another dreaded war, the fight on the polio disease, in the 11th annual campaign for the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.

The response of all peoples in the city to the campaign has been most gratifying to Louis A. Wehle, state and county chairman. While holding up their end in the Fourth War Loan, Americans are not forgetting to dig down for dimes and more dimes for preventing paralysis.

Reporting to county headquarters in Hotel Seneca, Frank X. Long, chairman of the industry division, states that in warplants, other industries and stores, the campaign is progressing. Mrs. Francis P. Beattie, chairman of the Women's Division, has spurred the campaign among women givers.

The now widely known "Wishing Well" on Clinton Ave. North, in charge of Fred Odenbach, has been gathering in dimes, coins and large donations for the campaign.

Teaches 56 Years

Berlin, N. H.—Sister Loyola, 87 years old and a teacher at St. Regis Academy here for 56 years, has left to reside at the Presentation of Mary Mother House in St. Hyacinthe, P. Q., Canada.

Yes, you gave generously to three War Bond drives, and it was O-U-T for "I Docs"! Now give generously for the fourth for as many as it will take to knock out Hitler and Hirohito. AUNT JENNIE'S BAKE SHOPPE, 511 Monroe Ave. Mon. 885.—A.tf.

Trappists Open Brazil Monastery

RIO DE JANEIRO.—The new Monastery of Santa Cruz of the Cistercian community (Trappists), has been opened in Itaperange, Sao Paulo.

The Most Rev. Jose Carlos de Aguirre, Bishop of Botucatu, who encouraged and contributed generously to the foundation of the Monastery, pontificated at Solemn Pontifical Mass, after which he blessed the Monastery and grounds.