

Catholic College Omission Rouses Protest

Methodist Bishop Hails Catholic Officer's Act In Stopping Lewd Show

PASADENA, Cal.—Praise of a Catholic Naval Commander who stopped a lewd show and condemnation of journalistic exploitation of sensuality were voiced by Methodist Bishop James C. Baker at the Southern California-Arizona Methodist Conference held here.

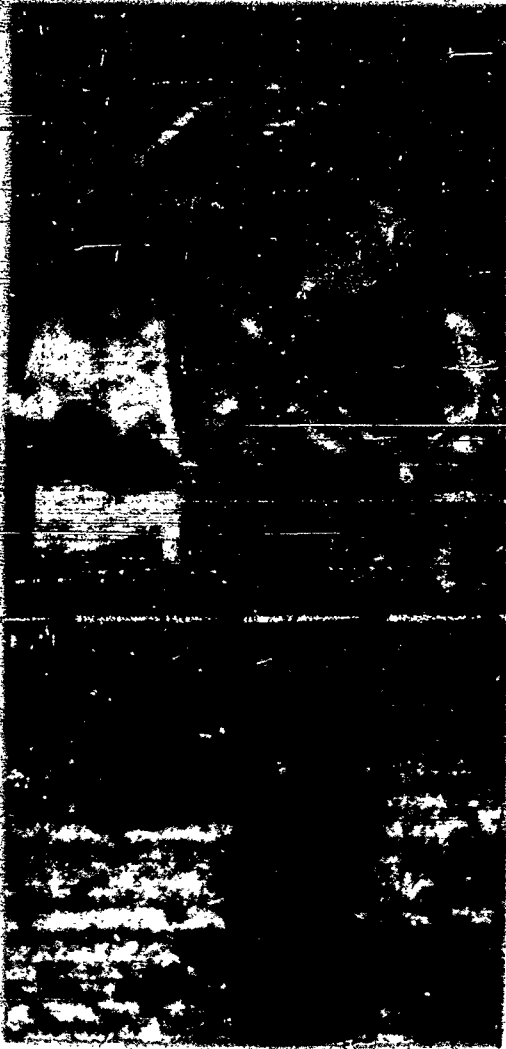
Bishop Baker denounced the modern tendency toward sensuality and profanity in the news. He said that newspapers to the actor's trial as "a scandalous waste of news print."

Bishop Baker cited the alarming rise of juvenile delinquency among teen-age boys and girls as a result of public display of sensational immorality.

"Instead of being repressed, lewdness and sensuality are being encouraged," said Bishop Baker. "It is one of the scandals of our times that when the Government is talking about saving newspapers, tens of vital newsprint pages are used by the publishers of lewd to display sensational immorality like that in the trial of a certain movie actor."

While scoring the "many writers who make their living as panders to the baseness of men," the Bishop complimented those newspapers and reporters that exercise self-imposed censorship on news that would encourage a morbid interest in immorality. Bishop Baker praised an unnamed Catholic Naval Base Commander in the Hawaiian Islands, who "rang down the curtain" on an act which "descended to a lewd level."

General at Mass



General Mark Clark, USA, Commander of the Allied Fifth Army, pictured above leaving the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, in Rome, after Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving for the liberation of the Eternal City, June 11; one week after the first Allied troops entered the city. General Clark, who is not a Catholic, is shown, over photo, as he attended the Mass with his staff. (N.C.W.C.)

Inter-American Office Publication Slights New England Schools

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The Office of Coordinator of Inter-American affairs, headed by Nelson Rockefeller, is again under fire and this time because it has grossly slighted Catholic colleges in New England.

Vicious Catholic protest has followed the failure of the Inter-American Affairs Office to mention even one Catholic college in its new publication, *En Guardia*, which presents the New England educational scene for the benefit of Latin-American countries.

The omission is regarded as most remarkable inasmuch as the people of South American countries, being predominantly Catholic, would be especially interested in learning about Catholic colleges and Catholic education generally in New England.

Charging the *En Guardia* article with stupidity, dishonesty and anti-Catholic bias, The Providence Visitor, official weekly of the Diocese of Providence, appeals to Mr. Rockefeller, in "the interest promoting a Good and True Neighbor Policy" to investigate the integrity and good will of the writers who are presumed to be reflecting the policies of his important office.

Protests were also registered by the alumni associations of Holy Cross and Providence colleges, both prominent New England Catholic institutions.

"While we would prefer," stated Dr. Thomas W. Wickham, President of the Holy Cross Alumni Association, "to believe that the author of the article was ignorant of the great contributions made by Catholic colleges, we who are alumni of such institutions cannot let pass, without a strong word of protest, the dishonesty of such an article. We cannot improve our cultural and good-will relations with our neighbors to the South, many of them Catholic countries, when we keep from them the facts about Catholic education."

HIGHEST HONOR

"The highest honor that a man can bear in life or death is the scar of a chain worn in a good cause."—John Boyle O'Reilly.

Chaplain Blesses Plane, All of Crew Saved in Crash

A SUPERFORTRESS BASE, in India—The blessing by a Catholic chaplain, Lieut. Col. Kenneth E. Stack of San Diego, before the recent Yawata Superfortress raid, accounted for the saving of the whole crew in the crash of one of the planes.

Before the take-off from their China base, the planes and all crew-members received the blessing of Chaplain Stack. General La Verne Saunders, a devout Catholic, and his crew bared their heads as their Chaplain recited the words of blessing.

Later, Chaplain Stack with Capt. Hank Greenberg, formerly a baseball star of the Detroit Tigers, watched as one of the Superfortresses crashed at the end of the take-off runway. When they picked themselves up after the blast, they hurried to the plane, expecting to find every member of the crew dead. They found five dazed men in a ditch unhurt and, shortly afterward, picking themselves up after a second and a third explosion, came upon the rest of the crew getting to their feet in front of the wrecked bomber, from which they had crawled before the explosions began. Every man aboard the ship walked away from the crash, uninjured, but for minor bruises.

"Well, padre, you've been on the payroll a long time now," joked Brig. Gen. Kenneth B. Wolfe, head of the Twentieth Bomber command later. "at last you've proved your value."

Vatican Handles 4 Million Prisoner Of War Messages

ROME (NC Radio)—The Office of Information of the Papal Secretariat of State, a review of the records here shows, handled 4,000,000 messages dealing with prisoners of war from September, 1939, to April, 1944. This total includes both requests for information concerning prisoners of war and replies.

The files show that some 23,000 replies to requests for information concerning American loved ones held prisoners of war have already been dispatched to families in the United States through the Vatican Office.

This great work is one of the war charities receiving support from the Bishop's War Emergency and Relief Committee of the United States, which raises its funds by an annual appeal to the Catholic people of the country.

Made To 27 Countries.

This phenomenal service of the Vatican Office of Information is made possible by the neutral status of Vatican State and by the assumption of additional heavy burdens by Apostolic Delegations throughout the entire world. It entails the use of radio, cables, telegraph and the mails. Communications concerning war prisoners are carried on by radio with 27 countries and by one or more means with virtually every nation of the world.

Mission of Charity

The maintenance of the Office with its many ramifications is considered a high mission of charity through which the Vatican hopes to shorten the period of anxiety for both prisoners and their families. Despite the enormous extent of the work, emphasis is constantly placed upon its scaled and delicate character, and when, as often happens, messages contain sad news, the Office exercises every precaution in its communication. If the sad message is directed to a prisoner of war, the Office seeks to have a chaplain deliver the information. If it is directed to the family, it is communicated to the Apostolic Delegation and is in course delivered by a parish priest in the neighborhood of the addressee.

A total of 704 persons staff the Vatican Office of Information, including 44 priests and Religious, 400 laymen and 218 laywomen and nuns.

DAILY SAYS THOUSANDS OF ALLIED TROOPS WEAR 'LITTLE FLOWER' MEDAL

CINCINNATI.—Thousands of Allied soldiers in Normandy are wearing "Little Flower" medals inscribed with the words of St. Therese. "I shall spend my heaven doing good upon earth," states an editorial in the Cincinnati Enquirer. "St. Therese studied and died in the Carmelite convent at Lisieux," the editorial reads, "only a few miles from Caen and Bayeux, within the present battle zone in northern France. She lived only until the age of 24, yet today her picture hangs in millions of homes the world over, and many of the boys who fight now to liberate Normandy take strength from her life, her teachings and her emblem which they carry with them into the heat of battle."

Mother's Suffering

In years, a mother's suffering is greater than the suffering of Mary. Is your mother? In your pain of heart, is your mother's heart?

Argentine Government Sends Help to Pontiff

BUENOS AIRES.—The Argentine Government, having been informed by its diplomatic representatives of the critical shortage of food, clothing and medical supplies in Rome, has set aside the sum of 5,000,000 pesos (about \$1,250,000) to place the most urgently needed relief immediately at the disposition of the Holy See.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which initiated this action, has arranged with the Spanish Government, through its embassy here, to provide a ship for transporting the supplies now being assembled by the Ministries of Interior and Agriculture.

"I always tell people that our spiritual life must be managed like the War Office. . . . We must organize battalions, store supplies, arrange transports, and understand both strategy and tactics."—Dom Chapman.

First N. Y. Priest Dies in Italy Action

NEW YORK.—First U. S. Army chaplain from the Archdiocese of New York to lose his life is the Rev. Joseph A. Gilmore, who fell in action in Italy on June 2. He was attached to St. Stephen's Church, New York City, when he entered the service last year.

The Mercy of Pain

By L. F. HYLAND

An old man of eighty once said: "I have lived to thank God on my knees for not granting me many of the favors I begged of Him in my youth." We do not all grow old enough to see, with wiser eyes than those of youth, the mercy of God in not granting many specific petitions we have made to Him. But every one can learn, merely by looking about, by watching the example of others, that frequently there is mercy in pain that it would be cruelty to remove.

"Through prosperity," a wise old saying goes, "faith is more often lost than through suffering." The world is filled with examples of this saying. Even sometimes, when obviously through prayer and prayer alone some suffering has been lifted from a human heart, the passage of time finds that same heart growing cold towards God, and even adopting ways of rebellion and sin.

A tragic example of this comes to mind. In a large church, we know there is a beautiful shrine in honor of the Mother of God. Adjoined to the wall beside the shrine there is an expensive marble plaque, on which it is recorded that a certain woman, in the last stages of tuberculosis, given up by all the attending physicians, by this plaque affirmed her belief that through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, her health thus despaired of was completely restored. A few years after the plaque was erected in gratitude, the same woman fell in love with a divorced man and married contrary to the laws of God and outside the Catholic Church. How short was her memory of God's goodness! How soon she forgot that the second life she had been given belonged doubly to God.

In more cases than will ever be known on earth, God is merciful in not restoring health, for all the pleading prayers that ascend to His throne. It is probable that He permits some of the infidelities of those He answers to become known to give comfort to others whom He loves too much to relieve of suffering when He knows that greater misfortune would result later on. It is no mental fiction for a shut-in to say: "If God does not answer my prayers and make me well, He must be preserving me from some danger I do not even know."—The Liguorian.

Priest Painting in Nazi Prison Hears 'Verboten' Confession of Dying Man

LONDON.—A priest, dressed in painter's overalls, with a bucket of paint in one hand and a sprayer in the other, was able to hear the last confession of a dying prisoner in the German concentration camp at Gursen, Poland, without the Gestapo guard being aware of the fact, says an official Polish information source in London.

The priest, also a prisoner, was detailed to paint the hospital walls. Noticing the dying man he told him he was a priest and went on working while the man confessed, to avoid suspicion. Religious attendance of the dying is forbidden.

In the middle of the confession, word was given by another prisoner that a German guard was approaching. The confession was interrupted and the priest went on painting. Eventually the priest, Father Mizgalaki, from Poznan, was able to lay down his tools and give the man absolution.

POINTS TO BAD INFLUENCE OF SOCIAL DISEASE MOVIE

ST. LOUIS.—The Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., editor of *The Queen's Week*, Sociality magazine published here, and who wrote the movie code at the request of the motion picture industry, has condemned Walter Wanger's film on syphilis, "To the People of the United States," which was brought out at the request of Assistant Surgeon General Vonderheir to be distributed freely. "Promiscuous sending out of films of this kind does vast amount of harm," Father Lord added.

AMERICA FIGHTS FOR GOD—GIVEN RIGHTS

Clergy Accept Flowers as Adequate Head Covering For Women Worshipers

MADISON, Wis.—Madison Catholic and Protestant clergy are accepting flowers as adequate head covering in lieu of hats for women worshippers. At the moment, a bunch of flowers in the hair rather than a hat is feminine fashion.

The Madison stand was in contrast to a dictum of clergy of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Milwaukee, Wis., which said:

"A flower in the hair does not constitute a hat, nor does a bunch of flowers. There must be an adequate head covering."

One Madison priest declared that a bunch of flowers covered the head as fully "as some of the present styles of women's hats." Another priest reported that many of the brides being married in his Catholic church wear "no more on their heads than a bunch of flowers."

The ancient Christian custom of women covering their heads when attending religious worship goes back to apostolic times when the Apostle Paul advised the Christian women of Corinth that they should cover their heads when praying.

In prosperity our friends know us; in adversity we know our friends.