

Religious Fervor High Among U. S. Troops in Pacific, Says Colonel

ELMHURST, N. Y. — (NC) — American soldiers on the fighting fronts of the Pacific are faithful to their religion and will return some better men, according to Lt. Col. John F. McDonough, who is some for hospitalization as a result of wounds received in the invasion of Saipan.

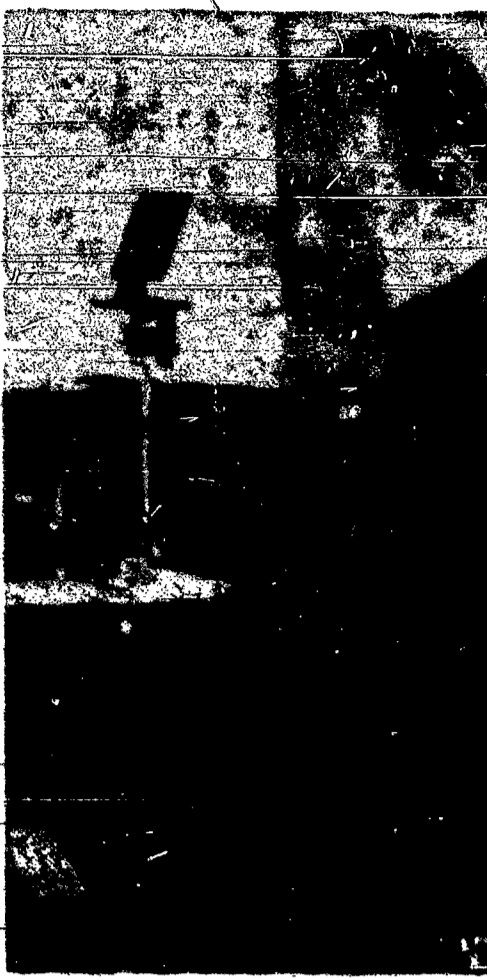
In an interview with *The Tablet*, official organ of the Diocese of Brooklyn, Colonel McDonough said that "the boys have turned to their religion for courage and consolation."

All Present

After fighting four days on Saipan, the fifth day was assigned to rest and sleep, Colonel McDonough said. However, when Chaplain Anthony McCabe, O.P., of New York, offered Mass for the first time since the landing operations, the officer continued, every Catholic boy was present and all but a few received Holy Communion. After Mass, he added, all the Protestants attended a religious service. Then Father McCabe appointed a Jewish soldier to conduct services for Jewish troops, Colonel McDonough said. And again not a single man was missing. And all this, Colonel McDonough said, was on the first day of rest after four days of continuous fighting.

Speaking of the soul of Father McCabe, Colonel McDonough recalled that during the heaviest fighting on Saipan, while he was at a field telephone, the Dominican chaplain came up to him and during a pause between calls gave him absolution. The officer said that Father McCabe was tireless in providing encouragement, consolation and spiritual ministrations for his men. During the fight on Makin Atoll, he recalled, the priest spent 16 hours burying the dead after the invasion forces had gained control of the beach. On the ship enroute to Saipan, Father McCabe conducted Rosary service every evening and not a Catholic was absent, the officer related.

Priest-Inventor



An apparatus which illustrates on a screen in black and white the fundamental principles governing molecular activity and other chemical laws, has been developed by two Jesuits of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. Rev. Bernard A. Flickers, S. J. (above), and Mr. Gardiner S. Gibson, S.J., who perfected the machine for use with Navy classes at the Chemistry Department of the college. (N.C.W.C.)

'Catholic Communists' In Italy Cite Three Reasons for New Name

By BURKE WALSH

ROME — (NC-Radio) — The "Movement of Catholic Communists" has become the "Party of the Christian Left," it has been announced in *Voce Operaia*, the organ of the new party.

It is believed here that the change may cause some confusion among the masses of the Italian people and as a consequence may work harm to the position of the Christian Democratic Party by the shifting of many workers to the new party, which favors radical solution of social problems.

As yet, no statement has been issued by the Christian Democratic Party or by the parties of the left.

Meanwhile it is recalled that His Holiness Pope Pius XII has issued a warning against attempts to reconcile Catholicism and movements with extreme policies opposed to those of the Church.

It also is recalled that His Eminence, Carlo Cardinal Salotti, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, and the Very Rev. Mariano Cordovani, O.P., who is attached to the Papal Secretariat of State, have issued outspoken and direct warnings against the "Catholic Communist" movement. The Rev. Gilla Gramigni, Deputy Director of Catholic Action of Italy, has issued a similar warning.

In announcing the change of name, the organ of the "Party of

the Christian Left' gives the following reasons: 1—The necessity it sees of uniting all Catholic workers on positions of clearly leftist tendencies; 2—What it calls "the realization" that "the party seeking to rally Catholic workers around it, appears more than ever dominated by conservative characters" and is "therefore in evident

contrast with the great leftist parties and the interests of the great masses of the Italian people"; 3—"Distrust created in many religious quarters by linking the words Catholicism and Communism," and that "such distrust may cause very grave consequences of and hindrance to many energies of the Catholic world."

Modern Educator Stresses Religion Role in Victory

One admonition of Dr. Willis Anderson, guest speaker at the recent meeting of the Albany school teachers, stands out as especially worthy of condemnation.

"Walk cautiously," he said "Think deeply. Pray loudly. And besides," Dr. Anderson continued, "remember that victory will be won

by families on their knees, before the fireplace, praying."

It sounds refreshing to hear a modern educator hark back to the good old-fashioned American tradition, that religion plays a major role in life. Too long and too effectively have educational leaders stressed the material and relegated the spiritual to the oblivion of indifference.

Human nature has not changed since the days of Washington, who saw national as well as private morality linked essentially with religion. The philosophy of education that has since developed in this country, placing knowledge as the sole basis for character, has not been especially productive of outstanding moral conduct or good citizenship.

A school system, that discards God from its curriculum, is only a short step from denying God as the Supreme Being. Children, compelled by law to recognize the need of education and to ignore God in the course of that training, are given little sanction for interest or fidelity in religion.

The alibi that religion is the function of the Church and the home carries little logic, and less hope for future America. For these children are the men and women who will make the homes of tomorrow.—The Evangelist.

Avers Anglican Church On Decline in England

LONDON. — (RNS) — Asserting that popular support of the Church of England (Protestant Anglican) has been steadily declining, Lord Hinchinbrooke, conservative member of Parliament for South Dorset, declared that the time has arrived for "a great public debate" on the issue of separation of the Anglican Church from the British Crown.

"Either the State must identify itself completely with the Church and all bishops and clergy appointed and dismissed by a department of the government," Lord Hinchinbrooke said, "or else the State must cut itself off completely from the Church and the latter be given full self government with absolute control by churchgoers over appointments."

He charged that leaders of the Anglican Church have failed in their duty for the past fifty years, and called for the dismissal of "incompetent men who won't fight for their faith and ideals."

A creature is under an obligation of knowing, loving and serving his Creator; he is bound to fulfill those obligations.

Radio Speaker Warns of Evils Leading Nation to Moral Decay

NEW YORK—History proves that nations which, after having accepted Christianity, have tried to revert to natural religion, have suffered the gravest moral decay, the Rev. Timothy Lincoln Bouscaren, S.J., Professor of Canon Law at West Baden College, Indiana, declared in his Sunday evening radio address on the "Catholic Hour" program.

"A shrinking birthrate, disappearance of family life, divorce, suicide, shocking increase in juvenile delinquency and crime—these are the marks of the plague," Father Bouscaren said. "Is our beloved country, the land of George Washington, free from these evils today?"

Father Bouscaren's discourse was the second in a series of four for the "Catholic Hour," which is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men and is broadcast nationwide over the facilities of the National Broadcasting Company. The general theme of the series is "The Moral Law."

Legacy of Advice' Father Bouscaren recalled the "legacy of advice" that George Washington gave to his people and

Says Juvenile Delinquency Caused by Aping Adults

CHICAGO — A series of conferences on the increase of juvenile delinquency commanded attention of teachers, religious and laymen at the closing session of the Summer School of Catholic Action here. The Rev. J. Roger Lyons, S.J., associate director of the school, earlier in the week told more than 1,000 students that juvenile delinquency is just an imitation of adult delinquency.

"When two or three teen age girls," he said, "sit down at a bar in a cocktail lounge, they don't do so because they are thirsty but because they think it's the smart thing to do. They get that notion from older women, older sisters, family friends, even from their mothers. Today's delinquency is not caused by war but accentuated by it."

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