

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

PHILADELPHIA, N. Y. — (NC) — American soldiers on the fighting front of the Pacific are faithful to their religion and will return better men, according to Lt. John P. McDonough, who is in the hospital as a result of wounds received in the invasion of Iwo Jima.

In an interview with *The Tablet*, an organ of the Diocese of New York, Lt. Colonel McDonough said the boys have turned to their religion for courage and consolation.

Presently 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, came to Mass for the first time since landing operations, the officer said, every Catholic boy was present and all but a few received Communion. After Mass, he said, all the Protestants attended religious service. Then Father McDonough appointed a Jewish soldier to conduct services for Jewish troops. Colonel McDonough said, again not a single man was absent. And all this, Colonel McDonough said, was on the first day after four days of continuous fighting.

Making of the zeal of Father McDonough, Colonel McDonough recalled that during the heaviest fighting on Saipan, while he was at the front, the Dominican Chaplain came up to him and during a pause between calls gave him spiritual ministrations for his troops. The officer said that Father McCabe was tireless in prayer, encouragement, consolation and spiritual ministrations for his troops.

During the fight on Makin, he recalled, the priest spent hours burying the dead after the American forces had gained control of the beach. On the ship enroute to Saipan, Father McCabe conducted Rosary services every evening and not a Catholic was absent, the officer stated.

# 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. Flickors, 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 Gramaglia, Deputy Director of Catholic Action in 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 consequence 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

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

It sounds refreshing to hear a modern educator look 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.

# 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. Philip Lincoln Boucaren, S. J., professor of Canon Law at West Point College, Indiana, declared in a Sunday evening radio address on "Catholic Hour" program.

Shrinking birthrate, disappearance of family life, divorce, shocking increase in juvenile delinquency and crime—these are marks of the plague," Father Boucaren said. "It is our beloved country, the land of George Washington, free from these evils to-

his nation in his Brownell Address, when he said: "All the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. . . . And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. . . . Reason and experience, both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles."

Original Sin must not be considered merely as a dogma written in a book, or an ancient legend incapable of verification, Father Boucaren said, adding that Adam, by his surrender, had given the enemy a foothold on earth.

"Since that day," Father Boucaren continued, "we dwell in a certain sense, in an enemy-occupied country. Immediately after the fall, God promised a liberator; and in the fulness of time He came. Liberator in Disguise

"Our Liberator landed as it were in disguise. He was and is truly God; yet He came as a little human child, born in a stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes, laid in a manger, hounded by persecution, maturing in poverty and obscurity, dying on a cross of shame, discredited by His people and the world. His sacrificial death wrought salvation for those who will join His cause; but there is little prospect of deliverance for the 'appearer,' the compromiser, or the man who thinks that it doesn't make any difference."

"There is one way out of the depths of misery and disgrace in which the whole human race is plunged, but there is only one that is organic union with Christ," Father Boucaren said in conclusion. "Yes, organic union! Christ is not merely a model of perfect manhood, a perfect teacher and exemplar of the observance of the Moral Law. He did not merely show the way, teach the truth, promise the life. He is the way, the truth and the life. I am the vine. He said, you are the branches. Without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:1)

A school system, that regards 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 slant 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 Hinchlbrooke, 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 Hinchlbrooke 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."

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