

# SEE IT

By DAN PATRICK

The new Congress which is organizing this week certainly has a job on its hands.

Although outwardly the same Congress which was elected to office just two months ago, indications are that it is a far different Congress in spirit.

Gone are the post-war dreams of reconversion and demobilization. The Atlantic Charter and the Dumbarton Oaks declaration are shrouded in the mista of disillusionment.

Shadowing the new Congress is the specter of European power politics as played by our two principal allies. Then there's the shattering German offensive on the Western Front, the impending casualty lists from that gory battleground and the sudden resurgence of a multitude of wartime restrictions on the home front.

Yes, victory looks far off in Europe not to mention Japan. The grim reaper is gathering in his harvest and strangely enough, we don't hear unconditional surrender shouted from the housetops as was the case last fall when the victory tide was rolling high,

What this 75th Congress does with respect to problems on the fighting, diplomatic and home fronts may well determine the eventual length of the war.

There is no use skimming ever the fact that the American people are beginning to wonder what its all about. They have seen some of their dreams of a post-war security pact shattered at the very inception by a finsh of power politics in the cases of Poland and Greece."

Much American blood is being spilled over the world's battlefields and it behoaves the new Congress and the President to make every effort to see that this blood is not shed in vain.

The public generally doesn't seem to realize the job which the chaplains are doing in this war. It is true that they have a hazy idea of the duties of these men of the Lord but there's nothing very tangible in their mind's eye.

Here in the Rochester Diocese we are prone to lose sight of the work of our own chaplains on the different fields of battle. These pricats face the same risks and hardships which are the lot of their fighting nock. Some chaplains aiready have paid their lives for this devotion to duty.

We can honestly my that of all the accylcunon with whom we've talked on their return from active duty, there hasn't been anything but praise for the Catholic chaplain, Some time ago a Jewish youngster just back from duty with the Marines in the South Pacific paid a glowing tribute to the padres with whom he came in contact.

Perhaps one of the more notable war records among our diocesan chaptains is that of Father Francis J. Pegnani, who served as assistant at St Patrick's Church in Einstra before he entered the Navy.

Father Pegnam, a native Rochesterian, is home after almost eighteen months of continuous battle action in the Pacific.

During the course of these months, he was under air attack more than 500 times and probably has seen more combat action in the Pacific area than any other chaplain.

His travels took him across the equator 52 times, the international date line 19 times and carried him a total of 147,000 miles. His is a record typical of these men who have gone forth in a world at war to serve the Prince of Peace.

### Feast Days

Sunday, Jan 7-FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Monday, Jan. 1 — ST. APOLLINARE, APOLOGIST. Tuesday, Jan. 1—SS. JULIAN AND BASILISSA. Wednesday, Jan. 16—ST. WILLIAM, ARCHBISHOP Thursday, Jan. 11-ST. THEODOSIUS. Friday, Jan. 12-ST. AFILRED, ABBOT. Saturday, Jan. 18-ST. VERONICA OF MILAN.

Lost Weekend

You probably have read Lont Weekend. If you haven't read it and want to read the ghastly story of an alcoholic, with all the romance and comedy stripped away, you might do so.

A mature friend who has known what it means to have an ulcoholic in the family writes me her amazement that all inebriates evidently follow a common pattern, "There was, however," she writes, "one false note. That was Helen, the gir' who is in love with him . . . and would marry him if he'd marry her. That a girl, knowing what he was, should still want to marry him makes about an much sense as would a normal, intelligent woman's walking up to a natchet murdered and saying, Darling, I love you so much that what you are doesn't matter. I still want you to be the father of my chikiren!"

Alas and alack! Helen, wanting to marry a confirmed addict, is undoubtedly a triple-starred fool. But so regrettably are the thousands and thousands of women who marry men like that - convinced that they will reform them.

Philosophy, when superficially studied excites doubt; when thoroughly explored, it dispels it. --

"THE TRUTH, of course, is that religion must form the basis of any education worth the name. and that education with religion omitted is not really education at all."-Lendon Times.

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## BEYOND ALL FRONTS' (exclusive)

-By John O'Conner-

his strong, tanned hands upon the and despair is the result. brown blotter until they seemed to merge with the surface. "The final choice today," he said earn in schuissife philipsophy and i beyond all fronts!"

For the moment there was sidan was speaking - the man who had long been the European representative of the National Broadcasting Company and who was leaving his present duties as assoclate director of the University of the Air and director of religious new task.

can command the background and experience that is such a part of Max Jordan. And with his book auspicious start, for this veteran, of the press and the airwayes and into this book.

"These pages," he stated, "are dedicated to the memory of the men and wemen who gave their lives in the most heroic of battles, on a field that stretches beyond all fronts, across all border lines the battleficid of the European "Underground."

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Due to his thorough grounding estly, "will be between materialism history of religion. Max Jardan -no matter its form - and the stresses principles and the exact principles of Christ. That is the word at all times. A recent book most important factor - the one by a mutual friend adveraged cortain changes in the Germanio avatem. The broadcaster shook his tence. Waits music from the skat- to make generalizations in this faing rink far below in the Plaza ture peace," he said, "if we are to the NBC news rooms. Max Jor-matter is a spiritual one and it avoid another war. Primarily the will not be solved by aweeping statements or the hate programme which are merely fascions in reverse and totally anti-Christian."

The cool reasoning of this man whose travel bags carry labels broadcasts, for a new assignment. from nearly every country in the I had managed to see him just a globe and whose library bolds few days before he assumed his most of the world's classics came as a welcome relief from the There are few men today who left-wing commentators who know shrill hate mongers and suave not the meaning of true Christianity nor the experiences of bistory. BEYOND ALL FRONTS (Bruce, for the dignity of mar. No one can His tolerance is based on a respect \$3.00) the year 1945 is off to an hope to have a complete picture of the post-war problems of the Contiment unless he has first thoroughthe universities of Europe has ly digested this book. The experipoured a wealth of his talents ences of a newscaster are joined with the ability of a writer to express himself. Few countries are foreign to him and his facility with European tongues is yet ahother arrow in his quiver.

His first consideration is the bu man being, the inviolable exected person. "To feed the sterving, to rehabilitate the refugers, to care ... also . . . to the Under- for the sick, to reorganise transin their faces, carved by unapeak-Nor do you have to get far into eble serrow, metured in battle the book nor talk with the author spiritually expited through experivery long when you sense a deep suces that we who were not there

down-trodden, be they Poles or When I was leaving I wished Germans, Russians or Italians. Dr. him well on his next pasignment, Jordan may have a comprehen- As I walked down the certifor sive knowledge of religion and past the chattering news tickers European history and philosophy, the sense of the little alduck met but he has an extremely sensi- BEYOND ALL FRONTS! There tive feeling for the little people, are a dwindling few in the world the average workeday man and who see beyond all fronts to the woman who simply are cashle to meaning of humanity and the cope with the instruments of so-Resurrection. Max Jordan is one rial control so misused by those of them. And then I recalled a sinwho are entrusted with their care, gle phrase of his that answered As he pointed out to me that dark meny of my unasked questions. winter afternoon, daily living in I had asked Max Jordan & he

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That's what the young St. Stephen shows m; to be young St. John tever though he sled very of

For the Christ-Child is our Rings They sail Min King of Prace. And to He to But they speak of the as if our Christ's Puses was a cost of public and interference, a glarified kind of Caupar Statutions here this was a lone-

that in St. Stophon, in St. John, in the M cents, He is no King of Poors for who will not have His Bind of publi that His word orign out that the mi not phore, but a exped."

The Bulbe in the man the world. "Mnoune Me: I hape I don't be too much, but all I want to any to. My Pathor M you're not so lied and He level you so much any liver that He's more than willing to put a liberal discount on your miclouds. Just think of Him once in a while, and try not to be too bed."

That's the kind of Rubb the sandiments hey see in Bothlehem's mampin. But the Rabe whom true Circuities a diviners of all the ages been come in the be Ged anything to the wealde 1986 MAN PORT IN up. This won't be any provided that with the land that with the la against Me. To those of I give those some power to by the term the new althorough, the term things.

This is the way Christman somes to In its prayers and songe though in more those a levely memory. There is also remembed it is grace of our rebirtle in Christ. Christ's Methoday is over hirth-day, too our birthday into that life which his was born to bring to us. And that life, since it is not of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, is bound to arouse opposition. The "peaks" time as many about is not mount to appeaus that op The Bobe in the manger came to confront that apposition: "This Con." the std Square talk Mary. destined for the fall and the rise of many in la reel." His mission was not approximately it was reof the very death which the appointion would in Rick upon Him.

Therefore, the Church further in to take nor place by the holy Manger, not flice dramers and wished thinkers and life sentimentules, but like Rivelion. and John, and Archbishop Thomas a Becket true realists of the Redemption. Stephen faced the Pharlower Likin, the officers of a Roman Diameter: Thomas a Berief, the honohmen of his king. As time moves on the opposition lakes different forms. What form does it take today? We obtain to know, noth for our defensive and our offensive. That is why I think Michael de la Rodovere's Christie Ma in the Market Place is an adultable book for those Christian millionis who make a Crib in this Christmas season of 1944-Fir the a clear picture of the forces that Fre tengent Flerod's soldiers in do sway with the Influt

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