

Q. Is it true that the very last American officer to die in the last few minutes before the Armistice was a Catholic priest?
A. As far as we can ascertain, this is true. The Catholic priest, German abbot...

WASHINGTON

CIO-PAC Has Split
Luxury Lines Out
Lags in Production
By TOM ROGERS

WASHINGTON, January 17. A confidential survey made for the White House shows that Wheeler and other isolationist leaders have rounded up close to the one-third necessary to defeat the Disarmament Oath work in the Senate. However, Senator Vandenberg scored heavily against both sides in his well-received speech last week. His has been the soundest program of all. Watch for favorable repercussions.

The threat of Harold Ickes to quit along with Secretary Perkins is reported to be a real one.

The campaign honeymoon is over. The CIO-PAC has split wide open over the National Service Bill. Left-wingers Mike Quill and Harry Bridges still not a citizen are in favor of it; Hillman and Murray will fight it.

First, it was FDR who delayed the meeting of "The Big Three." He had a campaign to run. Now his pal Joey who is setting toy. Add to this the fact that Stalin will not go far from Russian territory. Churchill is the least troubled. Wisconsin here think they'll meet before Easter.

It was Jimmy Byrnes who forced Roosevelt's hand on the universal aviat and on the drafting of G-7's Morgenthau and Hopkins are seldom consulted by this veteran politician. Neither is Anna Boettiger, the President's daughter—now of great influence in the White House.

Ladies! Beware of an order book that will virtually eliminate the manufacture of many lines of luxury goods: costumes and real jewelry, fur goods, pocketbooks. Night clubs and restaurants will be hit indirectly—but hard.

The shoe rationing suit of the OPA strongly opposed a demand that invalidate two of the outstanding shoe coupons, when the food coupons were recently declared void. They felt a scare would be worse than the existing situation.

Remember we told you several weeks ago that the British were sending a healthy fleet to the Pacific? Well, you should soon hear from it—but not before the Japs do. Meanwhile, Halsey and McKain and Mitscher are on the prowl.

The old Truman Committee has evidence that many of our manpower troubles and lags in a number of important production programs should be laid right on the Army's doorstep. It shows that the Army had overbought in many categories of munitions, and has kept thousands of men producing things in over-abundant supply, while at the same time crying for manpower in the more important plants. Some Committee members want the public to know this; others would rather hold back for more reasons for a while.

The best will now be in some of the Federal men under 16 rather than agricultural deferments. Too many of the latter in the Army would definitely hurt the production of food.

John Kieren of "Information Please" has given up his column for one reason: tricky heart. He's confined his work to the radio and the Red Cross and band drives. Seventh war loan, by the way, starts in May sometime. And the skies will be very bright by then!

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On January 21, feast of St. Agnes, lamb's wool is presented to the Holy Father for sacred vestments. Members of our MONCA GUILD give "lamb's wool" to needy missionaries by giving a dollar a month for vestments. Our needs are great. Won't you join our Altar Sodality?

AMERICAN GIRLS TRAVEL ROAD OF HIGH ROMANCE

American girls, Medical Mission Sisters, have been sent to India, land of fabulous wealth and abject poverty. Bishop Kalasherry, one of our best missionaries, gave them a royal welcome.

They are now in Changanacherry, a long name with a longer list of needs. Mother Pauline, who helps for many native sisters in the new convent of Mary Girl (Mary Moore), Travancore, has some interesting things to tell us.

We all paid a visit to Changanacherry, where Catholics claim St. Thomas in their apostle. Within one square mile there are the Cathedral and the Bishop's house, two convents, four schools and a home for the poor. For the Bishop's Jubilee many new things are under way, notably his new house for the poor.

Friends of the Near East missions who have been helping Bishop Kalasherry will be glad to have their first hand report from one of our own shores. It is our fond hope that we shall be able to do much for these American Girls who are traveling the road of high romance.

Medical kits cost fifty dollars. A contribution to the DAMIEN LEFEBVRE FUND will be used for reports in the care of our Sisters. We can help Mother Pauline's last dress of native sisters by sending sixty dollars in an offering to support a novice. Any gift of all will be sweet gold.

ST. MACRINA

This holy nun, sister of St. Basil, is a worthy patron of our Near East men. Through her prayers we are hopeful that we can help them more. Holy Father, support our men for a whole year. They give our little children.

PEACE AT LAST

St. Gregory, Pope from 590 to 604, put in the time he prayed: "Grant peace in our day." Do you know of the Gregorian Masses, offered on thirty days for a departed soul, which is encouraged. Pray for our little.

NO MAN

We can have God with us. Let's write St. John Chrysostom, the saint of the Near East. On the feast of St. Paul's conversion, January 24, why not send a prayerful gift to the poor Father, Father of Syria? They are in dire need.

ALL ONE

Do not neglect the Church Daily Octave of prayer for the reunion of all separated Christians and the conversion of non-Catholics and pagans (January 18 to 25), or the broadcast by Father Mathew, National Secretary, on Sunday, January 21, 8:30 "Church of the Air" 1-1:15 P.M.

URGENT

Word has come from Archbishop Ivanovic of India that he still needs \$200 to finish a chapel almost completely donated by a kind hearted brother. Can you do this? The prayer and Masses offered there will be half yours.

ONLY ONE

Do you know that there was no elevation of Host and Chalice in the Mass other than the time priest raises the Host above the Chalice, just before the Our Father. When a novice denied the Real Presence, the custom of the high elevation began, to lift the Host of all. How would you like to say that one priest in the world was all yours, bringing in your help. Join the STUDENT SUPPORT CLUB and send a dollar a month.

BIG MONEY

Ninety-seven dollars might be called big money by the poor villages of Rome, in Galilee, and it will give that little church an altar, chalice, ciborium, tabernacle, altar cloth, and a sanctuary lamp. Will you help them?

MIRACLES

Many Near East non-Catholics and pagans attend our Catholic liturgy. They are very happy. They will come to their villages. We will have a January Mass, January 21, 8:30 P.M. in the Church of the Holy Family in East, where you can help them.

BON BONO

St. Basil was the Don Bosco of the Near East. He had many boys and girls in his care. If you like, we will have a Mass, with a novena, and give you some of the boys and girls. We will have a novena, with a novena, and give you some of the boys and girls.

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