

Smoker Set Feb. 5 At Immaculate Hall

A program of boxing bouts, wrestling matches and games will be presented at the Smoker which is being held in Immaculate Conception Auditorium Monday, Feb. 5, at 8:30 P. M.

Frank Schreiber has been named chairman of the affair, with Joseph Rensch and Francis Swift handling tickets. Local referees, announcers and judges are among those participating in the program. Tickets are one dollar, tax included.

Fr. Murphy Presents U. S. Troops' Donation To Belgian Church

NEW YORK (NY) — Members of the 87th Infantry attending Mass in a Belgian village church found that three big holes in the walls had been made by shells from American tank destroyers. They took up a collection and presented to the Cure the sum of \$300 to repair the damage.

The Rev. Donald J. Murphy, of the Diocese of Rochester, their chaplain, made the presentation. In a report to the Military Ordinatee, Father Murphy said the cure was a veteran of World War I, in which he had served as a Medical Aid and lost a leg. He was ordained after the war.

SCORES STRIKE IN EUROPE CAUSED BY COMMUNISTS

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Commenting on Red activities throughout Europe, "The Queen's Work," Socially magazine published here, points out that:

"What communism may mean to the whole of Europe is shown pretty clearly as the Reds of France fight De Gaulle and make deliberately difficult the possibility of the achievement of peace in France."

The Russian issue in Poland, it is added, "has showed itself in several ways. Premier Mikolajczyk had to ask newspapersmen who Bolsheviks were when he became the new communist president of Poland. Besides this, a new Polish Army of approximately half a million men was got under way, and all other Polish military organizations were banned. This included even the famous partisan groups fighting under General Gyp in Warsaw."

Could you look a nervousness straight in the eye and say you're doing your full part in the war effort? Buy more War Bonds.

13 Years in Iraq



Rev. Edward F. Madaran S. J., of Detroit, well known mission author and one of the founders of Baghdad College, who has arrived in New York after thirteen years in Iraq. Father Madaran reports that Baghdad College has become one of the best known colleges in the Middle East and now has in many students that another new building has to be erected. He will return to Baghdad as soon as his business here is completed. (INWC)

Churches in Ruins Reports Fr. Brennan from Leyte

HONOLULU (NC) — "There are few churches standing," the Rev. John J. Brennan, C.S.S.R., Army chaplain and priest of the Diocese of Rochester, writes in a letter to the Most Rev. James J. Sweeney, Bishop of Honolulu, on conditions in Leyte in the Philippines.

The Rev. Edward M. Finney, Army chaplain and priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, was ordained after a hand grenade, thrown by an enemy soldier, exploded in his tent. Father Brennan writes. Other Catholic chaplains, he says, are safe and hearty.

"Most of the country churches," Father Brennan writes, "are used for hospitals. I have seen Mass in many of them; patients are soldiers and natives, gathered around."

Father Brennan describes the Most Rev. Emmanuel Macarayan, Bishop of Palo, Leyte, as a fine man of about 40. His Cathedral is an army hospital. Father Brennan writes. "The conditions under the Japanese, Father Brennan continues, "The Japanese despoiled the natives of everything. Churches were taken over for quarters, and churches and schools alike were stripped of lumber and fixtures."

"Almost all Filipinos are Catholics," Father Brennan says, "and because the Japanese wanted to make them

Venezuela Protects Bishop's Death in Italy

CARACAS, VENEZUELA (AP) — The Venezuelan Government has registered an official protest over the execution of Bishop Salvador Ballesteros in Milan, April, Italy, last September by a Nazi firing squad.

The Bishop, a Venezuelan, and ten priests were shot on charges they had given asylum to Italian fugitives sought by the Nazis.

Recalls How Ostracism for Facing Facts on Lourdes Brought Dr. Carrell to U.S.

LONDON (NC) — Colonel Patrick W. O'Gorman, leading Catholic medical authority and founder of the Catholic Doctors' Guild, having read in the Catholic papers accounts of the ostracism of Lourdes at Lourdes by the late Dr. Alexis Carrel, recalls another story of the famous biologist. This was his ostracism by the Medical Faculty of Lyons, France, because he faced the facts about the cure at Lourdes.

Dr. Carrel in 1901 accompanied a pilgrimage to Lourdes as his doctor. Col. O'Gorman writes in the London Tribune. He had studied the cause of a girl for three years under treatment in hospital for tuberculosis and peritonitis. She was cured.

In this paper on the case the doctor recorded the facts of her recovery but added no comment and offered no conclusions. However, when some time later he failed to alleviate the condition of a girl suffering from a chronic abscess he sent her to Lourdes. He mentioned this at a dinner attended by the principal members of the Lyons Medical Faculty. His fellow-doctors laughed at him. "Really," he rejoined, "it was necessary to do something. But what is curious is that no later than this morning I have seen this child

returned from Lourdes; and what will seem to you most extraordinary is that she is cured. . . . There is something which approaches the mystery of the miraculous."

A shilling notice fell on the company, so Dr. Carrel continued. "Please note carefully that I wish to explain my dissent. I cannot myself state the facts." Professor C. then said: "It is useless to insist on that with views such as those you can ever be received as a member of our faculty."

"In that case," Dr. Carrel retorted, "I must go elsewhere. I believe that there are places where I shall be more cordially received." He left Lyons and went to the United States where he soon became famous and rose to be Director of the great Rockefeller Medical Institute. This case is related by Dr. A. Marchand in "Facts of Lourdes and the Medical Bureau."

Sterilization, Pagan, Priest Tells Nurses In Talk on Ethics

AUBURN — Sterilization was condemned by the Rev. Kenneth T. Dougherty of St. Patrick's Church, Moravia, in addressing the Auburn unit, National Council of Catholic Nurses.

Speaking on the topic "Medical Ethics," Father Dougherty said: "Apathy for sterilization in many cases of insanity is prompted by an obsolete and materialistic conception of man as an animal."

"It seems certain that once the state is allowed to intrude in this, individuals might apply it for their own personal reasons," the speaker declared. "The legitimate conception of morality is all too pronounced. In many cases, it destroys the supports of morality and grants sanctions and policies of expediency in preference to the principles of right and wrong."

Named Health Director For Diocesan Schools

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The Most Rev. James A. Griffin, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois, has appointed Al Lewis, Director of the Health and Physical Education Program for Catholic Schools in the diocese.

The Bishop of Springfield has passed a statute regarding increased emphasis on health and physical education in all State schools. Through the year and next will apply to all Catholic schools. Mr. Lewis has organized the way for such a program.

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