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PHILIPINOS and American soldiers are seen receiving Holy Communion at Christmas Midnight Mass from Chaplain William D. Selzer (left) of Rochester Diocese, and Chaplain Gordon McMillan, O.F.M., of St. Bonaventure College, in Church of the Immaculate Conception, built in the 17th Century by Spanish Jesuits at Cebu, Luzon.

U. S. Army Photo

High Command Neglects Morals of Fighting Men, States Florida Prelate

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NC)—Military leaders, who hold trusteeship of America's youth, were censured this week by Bishop Joseph P. Hurley of Augusta, Florida, for neglecting their moral responsibility and subjecting "under military compulsion" ten million future Americans to the techniques of birth control "on the vastest scale known to history."

Addressing the opening session here on Monday (Jan. 29) of the Family Life Conference, the Florida prelate urged resolute facing of "facts about which there has been a dangerous, though perhaps well-intentioned, conspiracy of silence."

"It is time for our military leaders," he warned "to re-think some of their attitudes on religion, morality and the family. What they need is a sound philosophy adequate to their new responsibilities. Bad tactics can lose battles; bad strategy can lose wars. A nation can recover from such disasters. But history bears eloquent witness that a bad philosophy, especially if it impairs the family, can irretrievably destroy a nation."

Ten million future American fathers, Bishop Hurley asserted, "are being given under military compulsion a graphic training in the technique of birth control on the vastest scale known to history."

"Lectures, motion pictures, the distribution, often forced, of so-called prophylactic packets—all these methods, which are questioned by Catholics and many others, are pressed into service to protect the health of our youngsters," he continued. "It is common knowledge that they have not succeeded very well in their announced purpose. But they have all too often succeeded in teaching the undesirable lessons of promiscuity and birth control."

As another instance of lacking understanding on the part of those who hold "the trusteeship for the nation's youth," Bishop Hurley cited the failure of military authorities to discuss "the immense moral problem of ten million young men under arms" with those "who are best qualified to deal with it."

It might be expected, he declared, "that the high command would not only witness, but actively assist, the counsel of parents and religious leaders" in a task so delicate and difficult. "Only in a very limited way has this been done," he continued. "It is devoutly to be hoped that our military chiefs will now wake up to the necessity of making strenuous and intelligent efforts to cut our moral casualties. In the long run, they are more damaging to the country than any other kind."

Finally, Bishop Hurley maintained that the armed services "Continued on Page 23"

Protestant Manifesto Attacks Catholic Archbishop in Mexico

Plans for an open Protestant counter-attack against the Catholic "crusade" launched by Roman Catholic Archbishop Luis Maria Martinez, in his pastoral letter of November 15, were announced at the annual Methodist Conference of central Mexico here.

The February schedule of the Bishop's Appointments appears on Page 15; this issue.

AFL Aide Urges Saving Italy from Communists

WASHINGTON (INS)—Louis Antonelli, AFL Union official and vice president of the Liberal Party, charged on Tuesday that the "aberrant policy" of the British Government in Italy and the lack of more active American participation is giving Italy to the Communists.

Antonelli, who spent several weeks in Italy last fall as an AFL representative studying trade union conditions, told a news conference that the United States must see to it that the Atlantic Charter is carried out in Italy.

"While Great Britain and America are primarily interested in military victories and power only secondary concern is the Russian, the moving political crisis, too," Antonelli said. "The chief of the Italian Government is Communist."

Hopkins, Taylor Meet Half Hour with Pope

VATICAN CITY (INS)—Pope Pius XII on Tuesday (Jan. 31) granted a half-hour audience to Wynn C. Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal secretary, and Harry L. Hopkins, "advance man" for the president, pending the birth of a peace conference.

A dispatch from the Belgian newspaper correspondent in Mexico City reveals that important Protestant leaders, who were invited to appear at the annual (1945) general assembly of the Methodist Conference in Mexico City, have issued a manifesto attacking Archbishop Martinez and the Church. Among its objectives is urging the methodists to work with the Russian, Protestant, and Lutheran in the propaganda effort of the crusade.

It will be recalled that Archbishop Martinez's recent pastoral letter urged a crusade to combat "Protestant propaganda" and called on Catholics to join in a triple program of prayer, culture of faith and religious instruction.

The Archbishop has been accused to advise Catholics that in combating "the Protestant invasion" of Mexico they should avoid "Protestant propaganda" and avoid with clarity, "with the aid of the Holy Spirit, the truth of the Gospel."

Following an Archbishop's pastoral letter, a group of Protestant ministers in Mexico issued a manifesto which urged Catholics to join in a triple program of prayer, culture of faith and religious instruction.

The manifesto pro-Catholic weekly, *La Nación*, has been running a series of articles attacking the Protestant invasion of Mexico which is being led by Archbishop Martinez. The paper also has been running a series of articles attacking the Protestant invasion of Mexico which is being led by Archbishop Martinez. The paper also has been running a series of articles attacking the Protestant invasion of Mexico which is being led by Archbishop Martinez.

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

We hold no brief for the politics of General Franco, the Spanish leader, but the distinct Moscow flavor of the anti-Franco propaganda handed out in the American press suggests that we have a roll-out on some of the anti-Francoites.

The case against Franco is complicated for the average reader in this country if only for the reason that our press is very prejudiced about Madrid and very partial to Moscow. The propaganda plot thickens when we try to reconcile the fact that our press denounces a Spanish dictatorship and plaudits a Soviet dictatorship. Any sincere American democrat will agree with the press that Franco should go, but in an attempt to cheat both the party which should go, and the party which should stay, the press may want Franco to stay, but in an attempt to cheat both the party which should go, and the party which should stay, the press may want Franco to stay.

The reason why we should be on guard is that we are being misled by the media of Franco in Spain. We are being misled by the media of Franco in Spain. We are being misled by the media of Franco in Spain.

last article, "Battle For Spain" by Ted Allen in the current issue (Feb. 9 of COLLIER'S magazine. One wonders how this article ever found its way into the pages, particularly the front page, of a magazine so profoundly American and democratic as COLLIER'S. The fact that of this anti-Franco article is also the first article in the magazine is dominated by two portraits. One is the picture of Dona Dolores Ibarruri—the notorious "La Pasionaria" of Red Spain. The other portrait is that of Dr. Juan Negrin, the Soviet puppet, who headed Loyalist Spain and Spanish gold over to Moscow. The real check comes when we read the explanatory legend which the editors of COLLIER'S have placed between these two portraits. In Passmore's and Dr. Negrin's, as COLLIER'S tells us (Continued on Page 9)

Non-Catholic GI Seeing 20 Nazis At Mass Offers Postwar Prayer

NEW YORK (INS)—"Somebody in France," F. B. Werley K. told the non-Catholic soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division, "is seeing 20 Nazis at Mass every night. They are offering postwar prayer."

In France to offer Mass and Communion for the Catholic boys here. When the Mass was being said, the boys who were not Catholics were also present. The boys who were not Catholics were also present. The boys who were not Catholics were also present.

communion in an effort to keep the soldiers from deserting. The priest who was offering the Mass was also offering the Mass. The priest who was offering the Mass was also offering the Mass.