On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

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numbers," most of them saying that "certain people wouldn't have been born if families were limited."

Asked by a reporter to make a statement on Birth Control, Mrs. Roosevelt responded: "My church (Protestant Episcopal) has never taken a stand as far as I know against people's using common sense in the size of their families." . . . Thus, as far as the facts are concerned, stands the controversy of Babies, Bread and the White House as we go to press.

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It is true that in her original statement about the size of American families Mrs. Roosevelt did not mention Birth Control. But then none of the champions of family limitation ever do mention Birth Control anymore. The expression is very unpleasant to the Planned Parenthood propagandists. Conceived, perhaps, that Birth Control sounds too much like a conspiracy against all birth, which it is, the professional [illegible] have long since adopted new designations for their doctrine. Just as the Communists no longer talk about Communism, so the Birth-controllers no longer speak about Birth Control. The Communists now talk about "Popular Fronts" and "friendly governments." The [illegible] now talk about Planned Parenthood and "common sense in marriage." The word Communism is now taboo with the Communist who still believes in state absolutism and the term Birth Control is now detested even to the Birth-controller who still defends contraception.

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No, Mrs. Roosevelt did not mention Birth Control. That's very true. But when she talks about "not having children you can't feed" she is preaching the favorite party-line doctrinaire of every Planned Parenthood apostle in the country. She is re-echoing the commonplace creed contained in every piece of literature flowing from the New York headquarters of the Planned Parenthood Association. When the First Lady refers to "people's using common sense in the size of their families," she is chanting the jargon of every Birth Control addict in the Nation.

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We know what the Birth-controllers mean when they talk about "not having children you can't feed or educate decently." And when Mrs. Roosevelt quotes the Planned Parenthood literature we are naturally suspicious about what she means. Practically speaking the issue is not how to feed and care for ten or twelve children as Mrs. Roosevelt and the Birth-controllers suggest. All too frequently this false "how to feed them and rear them" argument has been used as an attack on families of four or five children only to cover up the fact that some people do not want to be bothered with four or five children. Even Mrs. Roosevelt must know that her economic argument against twelve children has also been used by many people against even one child!

We all agree that every child has a right to the best. At least it should have proper food, a decent home and a decent education. Every child should have proper nourishment, but Mrs. Roosevelt seems to suggest that if it can't always have bread it shouldn't even have breath. A house in the suburbs would probably be considered the normal environment of the average child. But if a child can't play in the suburbs who is going to say he has no right to at least skip in the slums? Children have a right to the best kind of education, but does Mrs. Roosevelt mean that because their parents can't send them to Princeton that therefore they should never have a chance to play on the porch?

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Mrs. Roosevelt's restriction on families of twelve children is really an attack on all families. It is an attack on families of four or five children. Her idea, as many have already concluded, can be an argument against all children. If there are economic difficulties in family life, and we know there are, then we should correct our economy instead of criticizing the appetites of our babies. God has made America a food larder of the world. What a shame then for us to say that we can't afford to feed a few more infants. If we can feed the world, as we are doing now, then we should be able to feed our own America of tomorrow. Let Americans say that they are not worthy of babies. Let them say that they hate babies. But don't let America say that she can't afford babies. That's a joke and a lie! Maybe some father and mother can't afford another baby. But America can! America can afford to feed and house and educate millions of babies. Mrs. Roosevelt knows this better than any of us.

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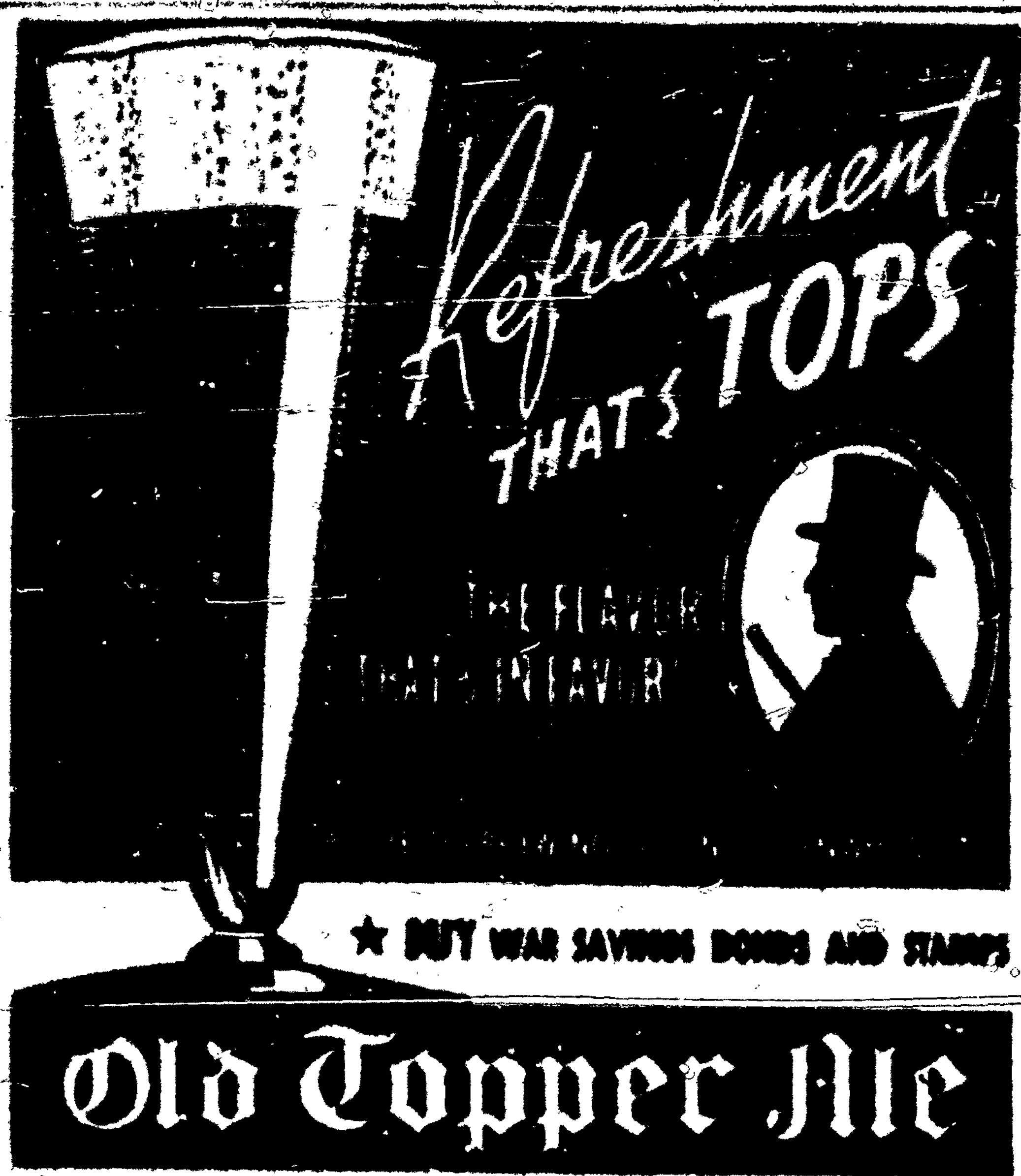
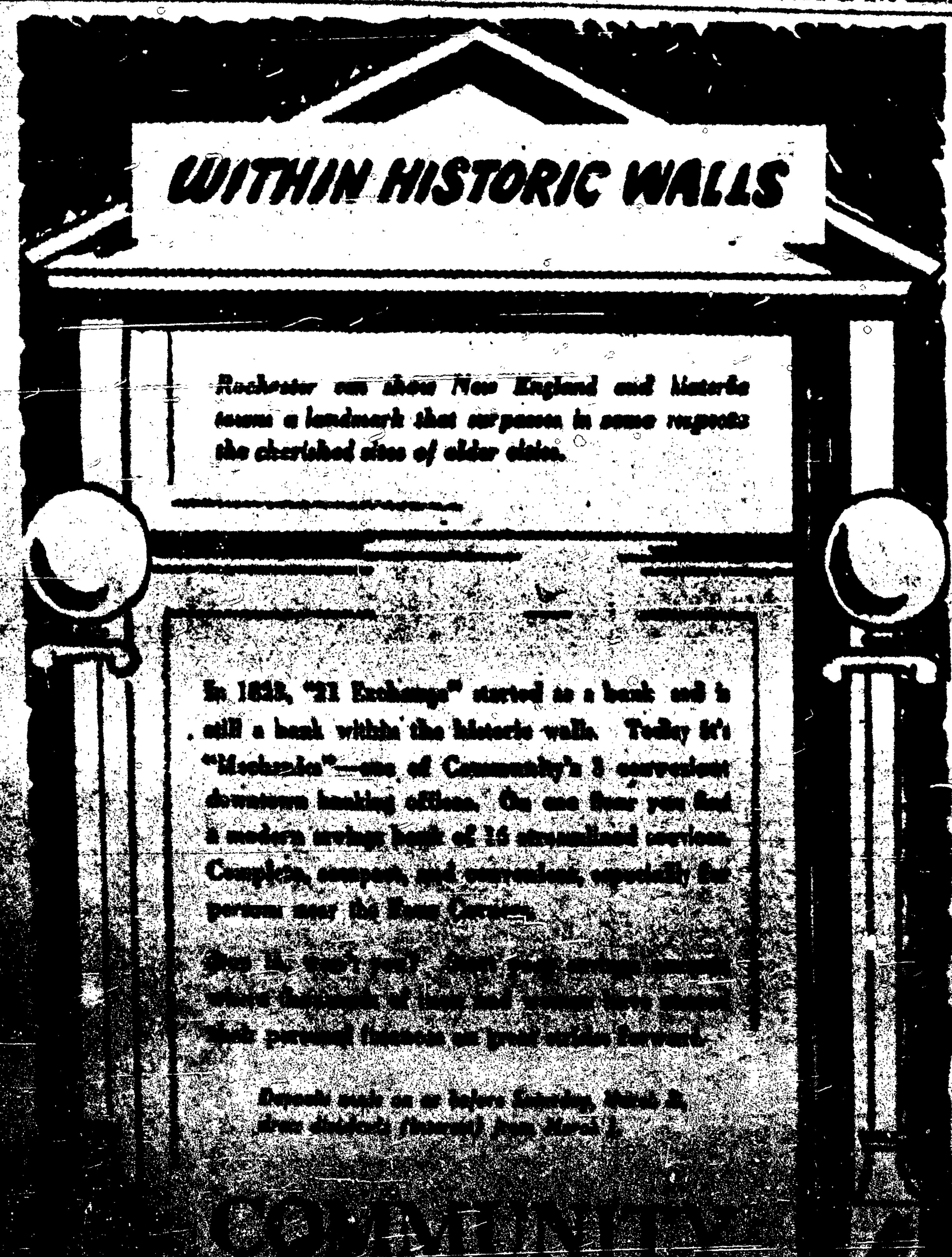
Go into the slums of New York or Chicago. Go among the sharecroppers. Go into Steinbeck's dust bowl. Go up a dead-end street or into the backwoods. Pick out some little urchin. Look for a lad with patches on his trousers, or maybe only holes without patches. Look for one with holes in his shoes, or maybe no shoes. Find a lad with the pallor of mal-nutrition across his face . . . Will America tell this little "Huckle-berry Finn" that he should not have been born? Will Mrs. Roosevelt, the First Lady of the richest nation under God, tell this little chap that he is "no help to his country?" If Mrs. Roosevelt wants to improve the material welfare of family life in America let her challenge the economists instead of placing priorities on cradles. . . . Meanwhile, our old friend Mr. Stork is flying high over the White House . . . very, very high and saying to himself, "It can't happen here. IT CAN'T!"





Communist Tactics Scored by Prelate

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rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, preventing him from acquiring and possessing the fruits of his labors, interfering with him in providing for and educating his family. Under this [illegible] man becomes the chattel of the state. He is regimented and regulated. [illegible]

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Italy's Sexton

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WASHINGTON

Daring Maneuvers Curfew Ironies Soviet Papers Spread

By TOM ROGERS

WASHINGTON — The Western front slowdown was due to two things: the weather — and Eisenhower refuses to waste his men.

Diversionary landings are now clear possibilities. Perhaps along the rocky Norwegian coast . . . perhaps in the shallow Danish waters — and, if the Churchillian concept of the daring maneuver is carried out — there might even be a landing near Wilhelmshaven! Pressure on any other front would split the Nazi Westwall defenses.

The bloody battle of Iwo Jima might conceivably lead to Tokio being out of the war as a production center by Labor Day. Iwo Jima is only three bombing hours from the Japs' biggest city. That's why the defense has been so intense and fanatical. They're fighting in their front yard.

Rather than slow down the factory work devoted to offense, it will be increased. New designs are not the main reason. Idea now prevalent is that the more we throw at Japan, the quicker it will end. Full-time production will continue.

It can be revealed exclusively that the Administration is worried over recent inflationary trends. The minor stocks have long been climbing; now its the major ones —and bonds. Property sales in the eastern cities are on the rise. So is apprehension in Washington.

Newsmen, sociologists, and police are all afraid of the results of the curfew. FOUR HOURS after the "request" was issued, four separate men called the night staff of one of our greatest morning papers in New York. They had not been heard from since prohibition. They were quite friendly—even jovial. And they called to announce that they would be back in business soon—with after hours speakeasies. "Nothing elaborate . . . just someplace to sit and talk to your friends."

Tenement rents will jump, methinks!

Our own Soviet-keeps-moving-dept.

War and the Working Class is now printed in English and arrives every two weeks by air express in London. Further editions in other languages are now planned for South America, the Middle East, and China.

Catholic papers please copy!

The work-or-fight bill is chiefly aimed at preventing a let-down in war production after the German collapse. Conditions in Berlin must be beyond belief . . . the most recently returned Swedish correspondent tells of over 3,000,000 people in the area, panicky afraid, many despairing — but many determined. The Russian advance will be slow from here on in. The Germans are determined to make a stand — and the Gestapo are everywhere.

The Swede, incidentally, got out of Berlin in a car money couldn't buy — but which two suits and two pounds of real coffee did!

Our tip on the chicken shortage has been confirmed . . . DeGaulle was also annoyed at being snubbed for talks after the chieftains of the Arabian peninsula and Haile Selassie . . . [illegible]

Franco Regime Exiles Pro-Nazi

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