American Catholic Club in Rome Attracts Yanks

ROME (NC) — The unselfish work carried on by the American Catholic Club for Allied Forces, an affiliate of the National Catholic Community Service, is praised highly in an article published in Ecclesia, official organ of the Vatican Information Office.

"The tide of men who pass daily through St. Peter's," the article relates, "to visit the Tomb of the Apostle and through the Bronze Door to receive the Apostolic Blessing of the Common Father of all overflows throughout the day into the American Catholic Club for Allied Forces at the very foot of the broad approach to St. Peter's and within the shadow of the commanding cupola of Michelangelo, and the welcoming arms of the colonnade of Bernini. The pentecostal throng of young men from many nations, from the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australasia, seem to want to linger near St. Peter's and the home of the Holy Father as if the better to preserve the deep memory of their visit to the Vicar of Christ and the Tomb of the first Pope."

"After a visit to the Club, one soldier wrote thus: Father, I came into the Club after being in the battle-front. I was tired, hungry, in need of a bath and generally bored with life. At the Club I got food, laundry and pressing service, a hot shower — all free — and a chance to rest. But most of all I talked with you and went to Confession. I am leaving clean. Tomorrow I'm going to Mass and Communion at St. Peter's and then I'm going to see the Pope. I am ready to go back to the front and I am writing home to tell Mother what a grand place this is . . . This is typical comment."

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STRANGE BUT TRUE
Little-Known Facts for Catholics
By M. J. MURRAY

Bigotry in Ministers' Statement Hit by K. C.

NEW YORK—The declaration of 1600 Protestant ministers alleging that the Vatican is "on the side of the enemies of democracy" and urging the Big Three to prohibit religious groups from the peace table is "born of bigotry" and is "insult" to patriotic American Catholics, Thomas A. Madden, spokesman of the New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus, declared in a statement issued here on Monday.

The declaration in question was addressed to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Premier Josef Stalin, and contended that "establishments of religion, however widely representative, however exalted, have no place at the council tables of the State." The declaration was distributed by Kenneth Leslie, editor of The Protestant magazine.

"It is our belief," Mr. Madden states, "that the 1,600 Ministers, (if there were 1,600 signers), were they to reflect upon the meaning of the document they signed, would rise up as one and repudiate the document and those who submitted it for their signatures.

"Are we to believe that of all men, 1,600 Ministers of God could have participated in this attack, and knowingly presented to the world the sorrowful picture of the Prince of Peace standing before the door of a Peace Conference that has been closed to Him?"

Obviously aimed at the Catholic Church, the declaration is typical of the "propaganda that came to birth," Mr. Madden said. This magazine, he continued, "has a reputation for bigotry and has had an un-American devotion to the publication of distorted, perverted and vicious attacks upon Catholics, Protestants and Jews." He charged that the declaration is calculated "to destroy the unity that so far has characterized our American war effort and our hopes for a world united peace."

Miss Thompson to Speak at Corpus Christi Breakfast

Parishioners of Corpus Christi Church will have as their guest at their annual Communion Breakfast Miss Blanche Jennings Thompson, noted author and lecturer, on Sunday, March 4. Miss Thompson comes for the second time at popular request.

"Her very informal, most interesting and appealing words were received with great enthusiasm. We are fortunate in having her come to us again this Sunday," the committee states.

Miss Priscilla Gilbertson, harpist, will furnish music during the breakfast.

Paradox of Boredom

Boredom paradoxically is overcome when we cease to be overly concerned with ourselves. G. K. Chesterton best sums it up. "People who start out in life to enjoy themselves usually end up incapable of enjoying anything else." No wonder they are bored! — The Ave Maria.

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Archbishop Cantwell Heads New Committee of Bishops

SAN FRANCISCO — The executive board of the Bishops' Committee for the Spanish-speaking, formed in January, has met here to study further plans for the promotion of the spiritual and social welfare of the Spanish-speaking people of the Southwest and West.

Archbishop John J. Cantwell, of Los Angeles, was elected general chairman of the Committee. The next meeting of the whole committee will be held in Washington on the day before the general conference of the American Bishops.

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SOVIET HAILS HALT RELIEF ACTIVITIES OF PRELATE

LONDON (NC) — Regulations imposed by the Soviet authorities have forced the Most Rev. Adam Stefan Sapieha, Archbishop of Cracow, to discontinue his work for the relief of the Ukrainian Greek Catholics from Galicia, Bishop Gerlach, papal representative, reports.

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