

On Guard!

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In America during the war but who is going to explain the Big Three Conference to the Polish people? Who is going to explain to our home Polish allies that we won but they lost? At Yalta Poland was partitioned to three of Russia and a Soviet government was imposed on the Polish people. This is publicly called a "solution of the Polish Question." But who is going to explain to the Polish

soldiers — among the dead in the field against Hitler — that at Yalta their nation was treated with all the dignity of a defeated enemy?

In Rome this week the authoritative Jewish Magazine, *Grillio* (editorial), characterizes the Yalta decision on Poland as the "blackest of the Atlantic Charter." Protesting against the Big Three's autocratic settlement of Poland's destiny without any popular expression on the part of the Polish

people themselves, the Jewish periodical asserts that the Atlantic Charter can no longer inspire faith except in "deluded optimists." Its "shipwreck" it is stated, was confirmed by its own authors. Lamented in the Atlantic, the Charter, it is charged, "has already foundered in the Black Sea."

From Scotland and Wales we also hear the united voices of the Catholic bishops. . . . the decision reached at Yalta by representatives of the peoples of the United States, Great Britain and the USSR, without the consent of, or prior consultation with, the Polish Government has come as a blow between the eyes. . . . Today, ignoring the feelings of our people, His Majesty's Government proposes to fast upon our Polish ally a brand of government better known as "wicked democracy." . . . to the face of Parliament's vote of confidence to Mr. Churchill, London's three great Catholic papers — *The Times*, *The Herald* and *The Universe* — stand united on the side of Poland and democracy and against the Yalta Conference.

Here in the United States it is the same story. The Catholic press is almost alone in its opposition to the Yalta decision on Poland. The fact that Poland now finds its best champions only within Catholic circles is most significant. Our people have for the moment, because the rallying ground of those who will carry on the struggle for liberty. . . . The Catholic press attacks the doctrine of Yalta. . . . Catholic champions consider it a great privilege to defend democracy when all her fair-weather friends have fled. Today the Catholic press alone defends Poland. This may forecast that tomorrow only Catholics will be fighting for liberty.

Here in one way "How to win friends and influence people" as reported from New York City by the genial H. I. Phillips in his latest column, "The Sun Day":

MSGR. SHEEN'S TOPICS SET ON 'CATHOLIC HOUR'

WASHINGTON (MC) — Continuing his series of 15 addresses on the "Catholic Hour" radio program, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, will speak on "The Fourth Word: Confidence in Victory," on March 11; "The Fifth Word: Religion is a Quest," on March 12, and "The Sixth Word: The Hour," on March 13. It has been announced here by the National Council of Catholic Men, producers of the program in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company.

Stop fighting for seats! It pays to be grateful. The other night Archbishop Spellman and Vice-Admiral McIntyre, by some deserved considerations of Providence, were able to get into a cab. A stranger suddenly barged in too. He, being above the run-of-the-mill mob crowd, apologized and said: "Sorry, I didn't know anybody was in this cab."

The two churchmen said it was all right to come right in and asked where the man wanted to go. (At this point the instant driver vanished, but reappeared after a few minutes.)

The stranger wanted to go to an address about three blocks out of the way, but the churchmen said: "Very well. We're going in that direction and will drop you off."

Because the Vice-Admiral addressed the Archbishop by his title, and the stranger turned and confessed: "Don't tell me that you are Archbishop Spellman!" "I sometimes find it hard to believe," he said, the head of the New York Archdiocese.

A few days later a check for \$500 for the Catholic Charities reached the Archbishop from the stranger.

Moral — You never can tell. . . . A dramatic epilogue to the tragic death of the Catholic Navy Chaplain John Frederick Robinson was revealed this week by George H. Sobush of the New York Sun. He writes:

"Commander John Frederick Robinson, chaplain in the United States Navy, going to duty, died as a result of an airplane crash over the Virginia mountains. He was injured and he knew he was dying. He performed the last rites of his Church for others who were dying and then he wrote this note: "Father and Dad — I had time to say my prayers. Love, John."

"I had time to say my prayers" . . . few men have ever left behind so glorious an epitaph as this.

Nurse of Bataan Praises Priests

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Fathers who took charge of the stialtic program and worked with the children. Handling all these was a Dutch priest.

These priests, she said, entered into every phase of prison life and set a wonderful example for all, being ever ready to move in any capacity. She said that two Episcopalian ministers and one Methodist minister were also of great help among the internees.

Newsman and Misses were offered continually in the internment camp and were offered always for the soldiers never for any private intention of those being held by the Japanese, she stated.

Murphy in 1932. The Army Lieutenant who as Phyllis Arnold was married to Captain Inceborn on Feb. 12, 1932, paid tribute to two men whose work among the children was impressive, Sister Ann and Sister Lucy.

Prudent as she was in her praise of others, Lieutenant Inceborn was modest and reticent about her own achievements. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil H. Arnold, of the Beacon Station Hotel where Mr. Arnold is manager, she was graduated from the Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn., and served on the staff of the Minneapolis General Hospital. She enlisted in Dec. 1940 and asked for previous duty specifying the Philippines and landed in the Islands in October 1941. She was a great amount of action before the Japanese took over on Corregidor.

Catechism Taught 6,000 Children by Correspondence

REGINA, Sask., CBC — Six thousand children in this province and in northern Ontario are receiving catechism instruction by correspondence from the Bureau of Service here. This community was established in Tyndale in 1921 on aid the work in the home mission field of Canada.

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