

Anti-Soviet General Holds Polish Forces

LONDON, ENGLAND — Gen. Wladyslaw Anders, leader of Polish Troops in Italy who is known to be bitterly anti-Soviet in his policies, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of all Polish armed forces commanded by the United Polish Government in London. Diplomatic sources disclosed here on Monday.

Anders succeeds General Karol, leader of the shorter anti-German uprising in Warsaw last Fall, who was taken prisoner by the Germans.

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TRAPPIST TELLS OF LEAVING WORLD

Writes Harvard Classmates of Vocation Decision

NEW YORK (N.Y.) — This is the story of a man who was graduated with high academic honors from Harvard University, who served as an officer in the American Navy during the last war, and who finally resolved "to follow Christ ten-thousand per cent."

This man is the Rev. M. James Fox, O.C.D.O., Superior of the new Trappist Monastery about 20 miles from Atlanta, in the Stone Mountain region of Georgia. Here he was praying for a prodigal world that does not pray, doing penance for a world that will not do penance.

In a letter published in the Silver Jubilee Year Book of his Harvard Class in 1942 Father Fox gives a fascinating explanation of the steps that gradually led him to enter the religious life.

Father James was born in Dedham, Mass., on December 16, 1910. He entered Harvard College in 1934 and at the end of three years he was graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors. After finishing college, Father James relates in the letter to his classmates, "I entered the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, in September, 1937. Shortly after becoming 21 years of age I joined the United States Navy, in February, 1941. In April I received a commission as ensign attached to the First Naval District. In June, 1941, I resigned from the Navy and received an appointment from the United States Treasury Department as a revenue agent, Income Tax Division, checking up tax returns of corporations, simple and complicated. This gave me a vivid opportunity to study men in the grand process of making money and of scaling the heights to fame and fortune."

"What Is This Life For?" "But instead of becoming hypnotized also and drawn into the grand whirlpool, I reacted diametrically opposite. I found myself asking myself, is this what life is for? If living it is an everlasting, unending, and winning in a race for power, prestige, position, pleasure, and piles of stocks and bonds, from every one of which I am going to be separated every day? I began to reflect on myself. Here I am with life, power of intellect, power of love, personality. Where did I come from, with all these gifts? Certainly I did not make myself because I did not exist before I existed. Whatever is the source of my coming into existence, it must be a source which also has life, in-

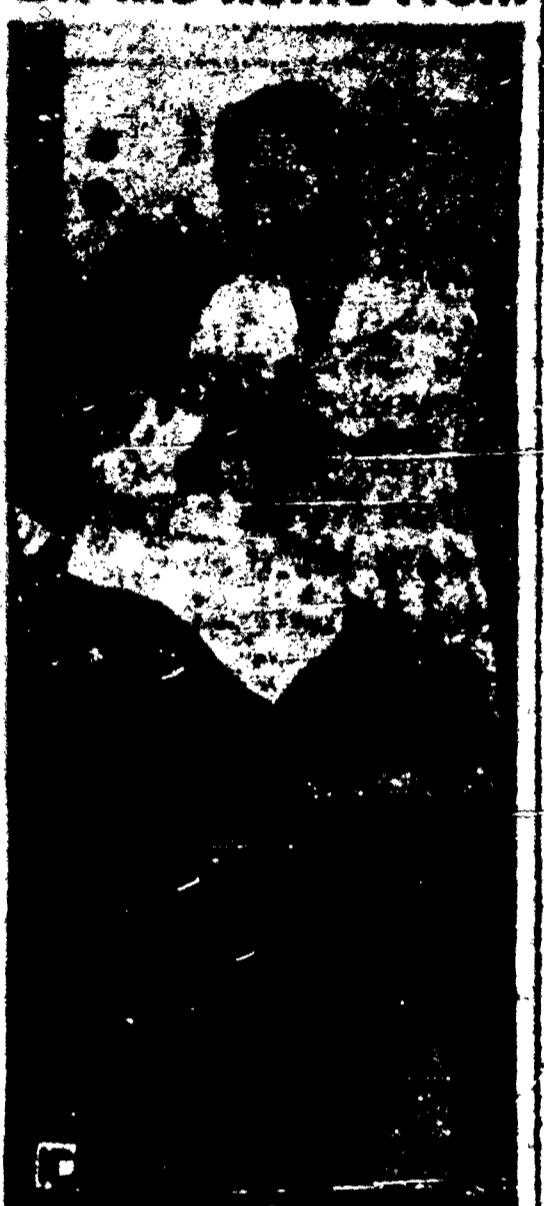
tellent, heart, and soul also be a person. I cannot be the result of mere blind forces, cosmic energy rushing through the universe — not the result of mere chance. No, as truly as I exist, there exists the cause of my existence — a living, knowing, loving Person — God.

"Then I came to realize the first fundamental fact about myself and about all other men. I am made by God. Then, the question, but why did God make me? Only God knows, therefore only God can tell me.

"Has God ever revealed to me His true destiny and how to win it? Yes. But how did He reveal it, and when, and where? The Reality of Christ.

"What is the role — this amazing newspaper and on all official papers the world over? The date, all this year, is 1942. Where did

On the Rome Front



"And the harder kept waiting," said the lines which accompanied this picture from the Rome "front." Some in the hospitable parlor of the NOCC-sponsored Catholic Club in Rome where the Yanks avail themselves of the many "Yankee-like" services offered (NYCWO)

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The Monitor

Comments with the best plan of meeting the needs of humanity and everything Central & New York solemnly recently said of whether America's Catholics would "co-operate with their Pope and attempt to suppress American democracy" . . . What does he think the millions of American Catholics are doing on the battlefields of Europe and the South Pacific . . . playing safe and neutral?

Father James, O.P., reposed in the Catholic Hospital here, died Saturday morning, Feb. 27, 1945. He had a short illness. He was 34 years old.

He was born in Boston, Mass., May 16, 1910. He entered the Order of Preachers in 1928.

He studied at the Seminary of the Order of Preachers in Boston, and at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy.

you get away? It is 1942 years after the life, work, and teaching of a Man. Who can transcend the life and work of all other men than all human history? the world over bears witness to the reality of His life and teachings and turns on His life and existence as on a hinge. Nineteen hundred and forty-three years since the birth and work of a Man called Jesus Christ. He makes for the absolute certainty of the fact of the reality of Christ.

"This Man proved He was more than man, that He was divine, the God-Man. He, God, in human language has told us the true good of all living and how to win it. He has told us that our true goal is eternal life, in the life beyond the grave, and the way to win it is to follow His teachings. I am made by God; I am made for God. Only God knows, therefore only God can tell me.

"None follow Christ 100 percent, some 80 percent, some 60 percent, some 40 percent. I resolved to follow Christ 100 percent. Why not? Where eternity is at stake, no cost is too great. I could not give my life to the pursuit of things which will pass away. I could and would devote my life only to the eternal. I looked around for an opportunity where I could give my life for Christ and God 100 percent and I found it in the Abbey of Gethsemani which is a community of the Trappist Order of the Roman Catholic Church. Here some 150 men live a life of prayer and sacrifice to bring God to men and men to God. Their day's work begins at 2 a. m. when they rise to sing the Divine Office in choir. About eight hours are devoted to choir service, four hours to study and prayer, five hours to manual labor in field, farm and forest, closing the day at 7 p. m. They duty themselves the eating of meat, eggs, and fish, are content with vegetables, bread, and fruit, and live each day in an atmosphere of sweet silence and solitude, of deep peace, joy, cheerfulness, and love, striving for a prodigal world that does not pray, doing penance for a world that will not do penance.

After two years of philosophy and four years of theology, I was ordained priest in 1940. I am offering my life as victim, in union with the Divine Victim of Calvary, to save human souls and bring peace back to us all. Every day, my dear乡亲 of 1942, I pray at Divine Office and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for you and for your dear families, that you will all win the real goal of life, in that true life beyond the grave, God, and eternal happiness.

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