

Chaplains at Front Offer Masses on Iwo

WASHINGTON (NC)—Shortly after American Marines had fought to the summit of Suribachi volcano on Iwo Jima, Mass was being offered for those who had fallen in the bloody battle.

The Rev. Paul Bradley, Navy chaplain, of the Diocese of Brooklyn, and the Rev. Charles F. Suvar, S.J., Navy chaplain, of the Diocese of Seattle, offered Masses on the crest of the volcano while shells exploded nearby and Japanese airplanes lurked in the clouds of the battered hillside.

The chaplains headed on the island with only assault troops and stayed with the men in the fierce battle for the crest, ministering to the wounded and dying. Father Bradley, a report from Sgt. Larry Schulenburg, Marine Combat Correspondent, stated, ministered to the men for two days and two nights without rest.

In a letter to relatives in this country, Father Suvar says: "Don't worry about me; I am where I want to be and doing the things I want to do." Suvar, to Iwo Jima, he instructed and baptized one of four and four enlisted men, his letter reveals.

By moisture of the ocean had and biting birds not finer things than all the shining golden rings I want to be with you and mine About my garden every day And talk with God alone, you see For that is but the only way That I can live in peace and stay Content with life and full of joy.

—Fr. Charles A. Suvar, (Newburgh is England)

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350,000 Books Given To Restock Destroyed Library of Louvain

LONDON — The Rector of the Catholic University of Louvain, Mr. Van Weyerbergh, announced in a broadcast from Brussels that 350,000 books have already been collected in Belgium for the university library. The library which was rebuilt after the last war, principally with American donations was destroyed for a second time in May, 1940, and its 800,000 books burned.

God does not need our prayers, but we need His help and grace.

WASHINGTON

New Agencies Tame 13 Million Dogs Wrote in Russia

By TOM ROGERS

WASHINGTON — The same crop of rumors that began to spread before the last armistice are sprouting again. Last week, one of the major news services kept its wires open until 4 a. m. "Expect nothing — expect anything" is the motto of the increasingly tame news agencies and papers with their own foreign news wires.

My grand note in war time as my time: This country has 13 million dogs. We have 21 thousand small animal hospitals, representing an investment of about 20 million; last year five million was spent on vet service and another three million on spas. One survey reported that 85% of the dog owners were willing to sacrifice their most prized pets that they might eat as before.

Written in the fourth year of our participation in the war, the year of our Lord, 1944.

Last week the New York Daily News called the Vatican and asked to speak to His Holiness, Pius XII. Naturally, the suitable Robert Conway was told that this was impossible. Mr. Carroll, who took the call, explained this, mentioned the Pope's announcement of the history of the News in his health and well being, and then hung up. The News still had a good story out of it. Cost \$25.

The details of the Yalta conference have yet to be released, but these in a position to know place us as having run third. Russia got exactly what Stalin wanted. The British Empire has more debts, but London holds more frozen Empire credits than at any time in history.

Who is running labor in the Western Hemisphere? Several times this column has had occasion to mention the name of Winchell Woodman, "Monsieur Labor" leader, friend of the Communist party, and avowed anti-clerical. His most recent move is to instruct labor in all Latin American countries to begin a propaganda drive against the Argentine government. Argentina is Catholic, rural, and independent. Mr. Woodman tolerates none of these things.

Whom do occasionally bring up the subject of longevity any time they talk of the Big Three. One very well informed source told this writer that there was just as much to fear in Stalin's absence from the scene as anyone's. "A devil you do know is nothing to deal with alongside of a devil you don't know." Stalin has his opponents within his own party and there are said to be two who did either of them succeed, would be in more extreme in dealing with the religious problem than he has. While in Soviet religious education might possession has not been known for centuries. In a sense, things could be much worse than they are.

With good reason, the program of the Vatican is regarded in the United States and England as the government's clothing closet. It is an experiment in social legislation, related to the original authority clothing plan which failed in Great Britain, and that it is aimed deliberately at making the government of that country a more progressive, more modern, and more necessary to history.

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