Changes Asked By Priest in Army VD Setup

Washington — (RNS) — A charge by an unnamed Catholic priest now serving in the U. S. Army that chaplains in the service and bishops and priests at home have lost "Round One" in contesting the venereal disease control program in the Army was made in a letter inserted in the Congressional Record by Rep. Joseph P. O'Hara (R. Minn.).

"Round Two must be fought differently from the first," the priest asserted in his letter, which he asked remain unsigned "because of military considerations."

"Instead of it being contested in isolated instances by individual priests and bishops over scattered areas, I think it must be carried on in a well-planned, well-organized and constructive manner.

"The present system of venereal disease control s is Army is pagan, and it can and will be corrected only by arousing public indignation; by shocking parents into realizing what has been and is going on."

Declaring that the men in the service and all officers are familiar with the Army's V-D program, the chaplain charged that "it is the most immoral and the crudest thing the Army has to offer."

"For in attempting to curb a disease, the venereal disease control program in its present form has succeeded in encouraging immorality," he wrote.

The chaplain listed the following points which should be included in the Army's future venereal disease control program:

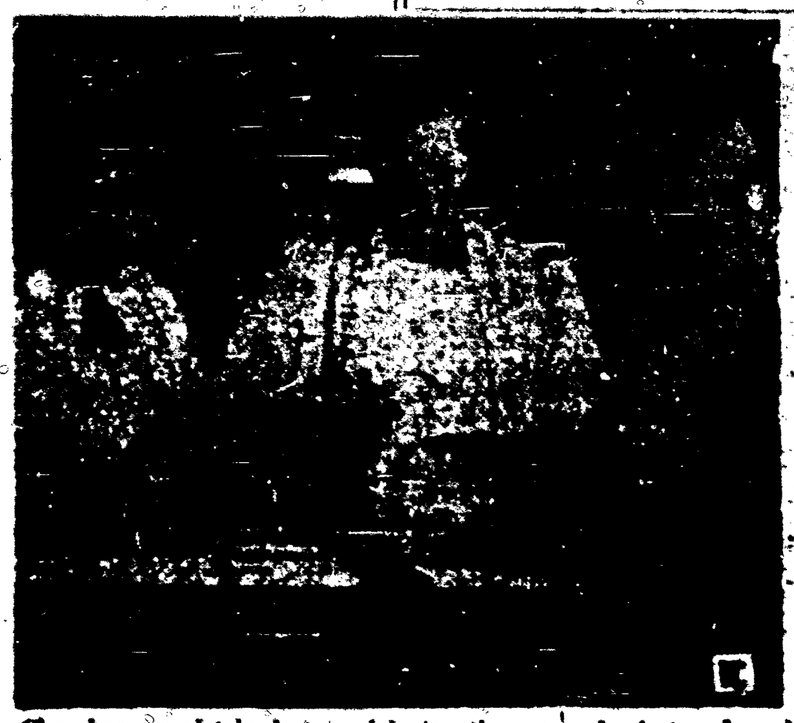
"1. The Government should spend as much money presenting some dignified posters and leaflets (not the 'preachy' type) advocating self-control, as it does on advocating the use of prophylaxis.

"2. The Government has an obligation to the good, decent and moral men. These men should be given incentives for remaining that way.

"3. The Government should draw up carefully prepared outlines on 'How to instruct men on the subject of venereal disease.' They should be supplemented by some practical motives for moral behavior and the commonly accepted rules for overcoming the venereal desires and avoiding the occasions of sin.

"4. The Government should offer a more dignified treatment of the venereal disease subject by making available to line officers carefully prepared sex morality lectures. This will eliminate the stupid efforts of some officers who have no point of moral values themselves."

ALTAR STONES FOR EUROPE



Churches completely destroyed during the war and priests released from concentration camps will receive these altar stones, part of the equipment of 400 Mass kits shipped to Europe by the Bishops' War Emergency and Relief Committee through War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. The stones were blessed in a solemn ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, with Msgr. James Griffiths, Chancellor of the Military Ordinariate, officiating. Left to right: Rev. James B. Nash, Vice-Chancellor, Military Ordinariate; Msgr. Walter P. Kellenberg, Vice-Chancellor, Archdiocese of New York; Msgr. Griffiths. (NC Photos)

Soviet Totalitarianism Rules Poland, Eye Witness Reports

By J. J. GILBERT

Washington—(NC)—Poland has not accepted the present government, which it regards as imposed upon the nation, unconstitutional and communist, but "tolerates it with cold dignity," awaiting the hour of a change.

This is the impression given me by a person thoroughly familiar with that eastern European country, who recently has been there.

Poland is called a "democracy" today, but, from what my authority tells me, it certainly does not seem to be one in the accepted western sense of that word. The nation itself has no influence on the formation of the government or the conduct of public affairs. One is not able to speak out fearlessly, to express ideas, to offer criticism or plans. Soviet totalitarianism has been foisted upon Poland, and that country now is a real dictatorship.

That conditions in Poland are not worse than they are, my informant told me, is due largely to two factors: first, those governing the country are realists, and appreciate that they must exercise some restraint under present conditions; second, due to the lack of employes, the rulers of the country are compelled to make use of some officials, especially in services of a local character, who are of high character and tolerant, and whose work offsets, to some extent, the harshness of the rulers.

Poland did not accept the first government of 18 communist ministers imposed by Stalin. Neither does it accept the present government, although some of its ministers serve honestly and in good faith. The overwhelmingly majority of the Polish government today is made up of men who have nothing in common with Polish ideals, and those who personally are acceptable are hobbled and surrounded by Moscow's informers.

There being no parliament, government ministers take the most fundamental actions by decree and according to their personal lights. Previously existing

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Molotov at Nuremberg?

Ribbentrop Wants Him As Defense Witness

Washington — (NC) — Observers here have characterized as one of the most "intriguing" ideas to come out of the Nuremberg trial of German war criminals the appeal of Herr von Ribbentrop to have Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov called as a witness in his behalf.

This immediately recalls to mind what Germany and Russia jointly did to Poland in 1939. Some observers do not believe von Ribbentrop would wish to stress this point in the testimony because Germany shares as badly as does Russia in the dismemberment of that historic country.

They feel, rather, that von Ribbentrop recalls a speech which Molotov made on October 31, 1939, when he blamed war on France and Great Britain and looked upon Germany as a country which wished to end the war.

He praised the friendly relations between Russia and Germany, and predicted that they would improve with time.

Hardly anyone thinks Molotov will testify.

Pope Greets Italian Wives Of American Service Men

Vatican City — (NC) — A large group of Italian girls who have married American soldiers and are now awaiting transportation to their new country were received in a special audience by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The audience had been requested by the young women, who had attended a special retreat arranged for them by Italian Catholic Action. At the conclusion of their retreat the participants presented a beautiful floral display for the statue of the Virgin in the Piazza di Spagna, as a token of dedicating their futures as Catholic wives and mothers in far-off America.

Taming The Peace

New York — (INS) — Charles E. Keegan, former military governor of American-occupied Bavaria: "America is about to throw away the peace."

Navy Orders Ban On Prostitution

Washington — (RNS) — Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal, in a letter to Rep. Joseph P. O'Hara, (R. Minn.) has verified the accuracy of the widely-published report of Chaplain Lawrence L. LaCour, USNR, first Naval chaplain to land in Japan after the surrender, regarding prostitution and sex laxity among Naval personnel in the Yokosuka area of Japan.

Forrestal, who said that an investigation now has been made, declared that he has ordered strict compliance with the long-established and documented Navy policy for the suppression of prostitution.

"This compliance has been strengthened," he stated flatly, "and all unofficial prostitution here now [illegible]."

'Doc' Blanchard at Mass Doesn't Sleep Late Sundays

West Point — (NC) — To [illegible] backs on Sunday" and also that [illegible] Army football [illegible] Mass, George [illegible] member of the West Point [illegible] Chapel, unlike [illegible] Sunday [illegible] in an upright position [illegible] Felix (Doc) Blanchard, Army football star, for a terrific [illegible]

The statement appeared in the [illegible] Sunday Look in an article [illegible] Felix by Felix Himself, entitled [illegible] Problem." The article [illegible] Army football [illegible] Army [illegible] Mass [illegible] Doc [illegible] Mass [illegible] Doc [illegible] Mass [illegible]

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Her Letter to Santa says:

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