

Religion Post War Tonic.— Mgr. Sheen

New York — (NC) — Religion based on love of God and of neighbor is "the way out" of the boredom, cynicism and fear which have increased to an alarming degree among "modern souls" since the cessation of war, Mgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic Uni-

Mgr. Sheen, versatility of America, asserted Sunday in an address on the Catholic Hour radio program. The discourse was the first of a series on the general theme "Love on Pilgrimage" which Monsignor Sheen is delivering for the Catholic Hour. It was announced that the addresses will be made available in pamphlet form at the conclusion of the series.

Monsignor Sheen emphasized that he referred to the "cessation of war" and "I do not say peace, for peace has not yet come." He contended in order "to unite us in peace, we need a common philosophy of life — and it is this that is lacking."

"What makes this tragedy worse," he said, "is that, while formerly, in times of crisis, men looked to spiritual guides, they now turn to unspiritual leaders; father confessors have given way to father commentators; spiritual directors have been supplanted by pragmatic directors of collective unconsciences, each endowed with an infallibility the like of which Christ never gave to His Church."

Monsignor Sheen said the "modern soul" is bored "from a loss of purpose, from a loss of direction and the one most characteristic statement of the bored is 'I don't know why I go on living.' The effects of boredom are disastrous, he said, "for if life has no purpose then everything becomes tempting."

He added that perhaps one reason "why collectivism, socialism and totalitarianism have grown in the 20th century is because man, bored with his individual existence, is looking for a new kind of existence in collectivity."

Monsignor Sheen said "it is not true that we are all living in fear, which is born of a deep sense of insecurity concerning the future."

A HERO IS HONORED



Ray Adm. Edward H. Smith, captain of the Port of New York, presents the Commendation Ribbon to 18-year-old Catholic Coast Guardsman Donald Melony, Pharmacist Mate 3/c, of Detroit, hero of the Empire State bomber crash in July, 1945. The lad climbed up 77 flights of the world's tallest building to render first aid to the dying and injured. His mother, Mrs. Mary Melony, looks on proudly. (Acme-NC Photos)

Ceylon Education Policy Protested

Kandy — (NC) — Catholics in Ceylon have been outspoken in protesting against the new Education Act, which requires Catholic schools to provide religious education to non-Catholics in their own religions if they wish to claim financial aid from the State.

At one meeting, in the Town Hall of Colombo, attended by the Archbishop of Colombo, the Bishops of Kandy, Galle and Chilaw, the Administrator Apostolic of Jaffna, and the Vicar-General of the Trincomalee diocese, the Catholic Union of Ceylon passed a resolution denouncing the law as "contrary to the religious principles of Catholics."

The Very Rev. E. Gaspard, S. J., addressing the meeting, decried the law as "an attempt by the State to force us to carry religious tolerance to the extent of helping in the teaching of other religions — that would not be tolerance, which we could be expected to observe, but co-operation, which we have to shun."

The educational troubles of the Ceylon Catholics parallel those of their brethren in the South India State of Travancore, where the government has decided to withdraw grants-in-aid from private primary schools as a part of its policy of building up state-owned primary schools and enforcing compulsory primary education.

Solemn Novena Opens To St. Jude Feb. 23

Chicago — The Solemn Novena conducted by the Claretian Fathers in honor of the glorious Apostle St. Jude Thaddeus, Companion and Martyr of our Lord and "Patron of Hopeless Cases" at the National Shrine of St. Jude, 3308 East 51st Street, Chicago, will be devoted to Masses, Prayers, and Thanksgivings in the "Spirit of the Impossible" for the solution of our many personal and after-war problems.

The Novena will open Saturday, Feb. 22, at the National Shrine, and will close Sunday, March 2. The services will be at 8:15 p. m. and at 8:00 p. m., and the preacher will be the Rev. Thomas M. Kennedy, O.S.M.

The Claretian Fathers of the National Shrine will give a large beautiful picture in four colors of St. Jude suitable for framing to every one who sends in their petition for this Solemn Novena with an offering, and to those who join the St. Jude's League (For \$1.00); or who subscribe to "The Voice of St. Jude," official organ of the National Shrine.

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'Osservatore' Gives Radio Warsaw a Lesson in Facts

Vatican City — (NC) — An assertion by Radio Warsaw, following the pattern established by Soviet radio and journals, that "during six years of unparalleled martyrdom the Polish nation had waited in vain" for Papal pronouncements deploring the fate of the Polish people, has been answered by Osservatore Romano by detailing an impressive list of Papal documents in which the Holy Father did just that.

At the same time, Osservatore paid its respects concerning the conviction of Bishop Carl M. Splet of Danzig on charges of aiding the German occupation and his sentence to eight years imprisonment by a special court of the Polish provisional government.

Regarding the Radio Warsaw charge, the newspaper listed the Papal messages of September 30, 1939; July 20, September 15 and November 15 of 1944, as among the documents in which the Holy Father had deplored and condemned the oppression of all innocent peoples, and especially

the Poles, by totalitarian governments.

Osservatore also reminded Radio Warsaw that the Holy Father had made repeated protests through every possible channel, against the outrages inflicted during the course of the war upon the deeply religious Polish people.

The proceedings against Bishop Splet were characterized as a "trumped up trial" by Osservatore and a proceeding which by the very fact that it was initiated had to result in the conviction of the accused in order to justify itself before public opinion.

Osservatore contends that in time when the judgment of true history is recorded, the verdict will be that Bishop Splet did not aid the German invaders, but on the contrary suffered German violence under threat of bloody reprisals which would have meant even greater harm for the Polish people.

Maritain Back in Rome
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