

### GI Brides Blessed At Mass in Paris

Paris — (RNS) — Hundreds of GI brides who will shortly sail from France to join their husbands in the United States attended a special Mass in the Church of the Madeleine here. The Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Robert Grady, American Army Chaplain, who bestowed a special blessing on the wives. The service was attended by U. S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, who joined in wishing the young women happiness in their new lives.

## Churchill Sees Russia Periling Christianity

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Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the continent.

Behind that iron curtain, Churchill described countries extending all the way to the Far East, now dominated by totalitarian Russia exercising powers of "Police Governments."

He continued: Behind that line lie the capitals of the ancient states of Central and Eastern Europe. Warsaw, Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade, Bucharest and Sofia, all those famous cities and the populations around them lie in the Soviet sphere and all are subject in one form or another, not only to Soviet influence but to a very high and increas-

ing measure of control from Moscow.

"Athens alone, with its immortal glories, is free to decide its future at an election under British, American and French observation."

Scarcely Warsaw Regime

"The Russian-dominated Polish Government has been encouraged to make enormous and wrongful thrusts upon Germany, and mass expulsions of millions of Germans on a scale grievous and unimagined are now taking place."

"The Communist Parties, which were very small in all these Eastern States of Europe, have been raised to pre-eminence and power far beyond their numbers and are seeking everywhere to obtain totalitarian control."

"Police Governments are prevailing in nearly every case, and so far, except in Czechoslovakia, there is no true Democracy."

"Turkey and Persia are both profoundly alarmed and disturbed at the claims which are made upon them and at the pressure being exerted by the Moscow Government."

"An attempt is being made by the Russians in Berlin to build up a Quasi-Communist Party in their zone of occupied Germany by showing special favors to groups of Left-wing German leaders."

"At the end of the fighting last June, the American and British armies withdrew westwards, in accordance with an earlier agreement, to a depth at some points of 150 miles on a front of nearly 400 miles to allow the Russians to occupy this vast territory which the Western Democracies had conquered."

Germany Up To Auction  
"If now the Soviet Government tries, by separate action, to build up a pro-Communist Germany in their areas this will cause new serious difficulties in the British and American zones, and will give the defeated Germans the power of putting themselves up to auction between the Soviets and the Western Democracies."

"Whatever conclusions may be drawn from these facts — and facts they are — this is certainly not the liberated Europe we fought to build up. Nor is it one which contains the essentials of permanent peace."

Churchill's summation of the extent of the long arm of Soviet Russia and Communist Party was to go still farther. He continued:

"In front of the iron curtain which lies across Europe are other causes for anxiety."

"In Italy the Communist Party is seriously hampered by having to support the Communist trained Marshal Tito's claims to former Italian territory at the head of Adriatic. Nevertheless the future of Italy hangs in the balance."

Communists in France  
"Again one cannot imagine a regenerated Europe without a strong France. All my public life I have worked for a strong France and I never lost faith in her destiny, even in the darkest hours. I will not lose faith now."

It was here, then, that Churchill made his charge that "Communist Fifth Columns" have been established and are at work throughout the world, with the clear emphasis that they have been implanted in France.

The British leader then declared that "the outlook is also anxious in the Far East and especially in Manchuria."

Churchill declared there must be a "settlement" with Russia, but not on terms of appeasement.  
"I have been bound to portray the shadow which, alike in the west and in the East, falls upon the world," he said.  
After the first World War, he continued, despite the fact that he did not agree with many things that were done at Versailles, he said there "were high hopes and unbounded confidence that the war were over, and that the League of Nations would become all-powerful."

### Sodality of Our Lady



## Youth Movement Enrolled Under Virgin's Banner

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"Obscurity is the kingdom of false opinion" is an old saying that aptly fits the Sodality of Our Lady. The history of the Sodality has long been buried in misunderstanding and erroneous tradition. Misunderstood as an organization solely for ladies (and of uncertain age), the Sodality deteriorated into an inactive, inefficient group of pious women. It is only within recent years that the glorious history and traditions of the Sodality have penetrated the mists of misunderstanding and dispute.

It was in 1563, when the Protestant revolt had almost reached its crest in Europe and the most threatening assault of the first Red peril, Mohammedanism, was sweeping across Christian civilization, that the Sodality had its infancy beginnings. Protestantism had driven Christ from the altar and tabernacle. The Mohammedans had viciously attacked Christ and His Church. Both these groups were endangering the whole idea of womanhood by destroying the ideal of Mary, the Virgin and the Madonna. Those were dark days for the Church, and the gates of hell were opened wide against the Rock of Peter.

A young Jesuit priest, John Leuzius, then teaching in the Roman College for young men (and note I say, "young men"), saw the perils and dangers threatening young students. He realized that the youth of the Church might be called to bear the intellectual and emotional assault of the aggressive Protestant revolution. He knew that they might be called to join the ranks of the Christian armies that were waging an almost losing fight against the onslaught of the Mohammedan heresies. Seeing the need of a strong counter-attack, he hit upon the great fundamental idea — the Sodality.

This zealous priest was "filled with the desire to make his pupils models of Christian perfection." He wanted them to love prayer, to enjoy spiritual reading, to be diligent in their studies, to be eager to help their neighbor. And quite naturally he turned to the Blessed Mother of God

—promised by God Himself in the Garden of Eden as the one to crush the serpent's head whenever he reared to strike goodness and truth — as the patroness and protectress of his new society.

The purposes of this organization are clearly set forth in the very first rule: "The Sodality of Our Lady . . . is a religious body which aims at fostering in its members an ardent devotion, reverence, and filial love towards the Blessed Virgin Mary, and through this devotion and with the protection of so good a mother, it seeks to make the faithful gathered together under her name good Catholics, sincerely bent on sanctifying themselves, each in his state of life, and zealous, as far as their condition in life permits, to save and sanctify their neighbor and defend the Church of Jesus Christ against the attacks of the wicked."

Thus began the Catholic reformation with education and the establishment of Sodalties in which young men could regain the love of Mary and loyalty to Christ and His Church. Within a decade the Sodality had with the growth of the Jesuit educational system spread across the face of Europe. In a surprisingly short time, in 1577, the Holy Father acknowledged its existence and granted it a list of special indulgences, an unusual thing in those days. The Sodality within the Roman College became the Mother Sodality for all the world. It came to be known as the Prima Primaria, the first Sodality. To this Sodality, which exists to the present day, all Sodalties throughout the world are affiliated. Its indulgences and privileges are by Papal decree communicated even to the smallest Sodality in the most obscure chapel in the world.

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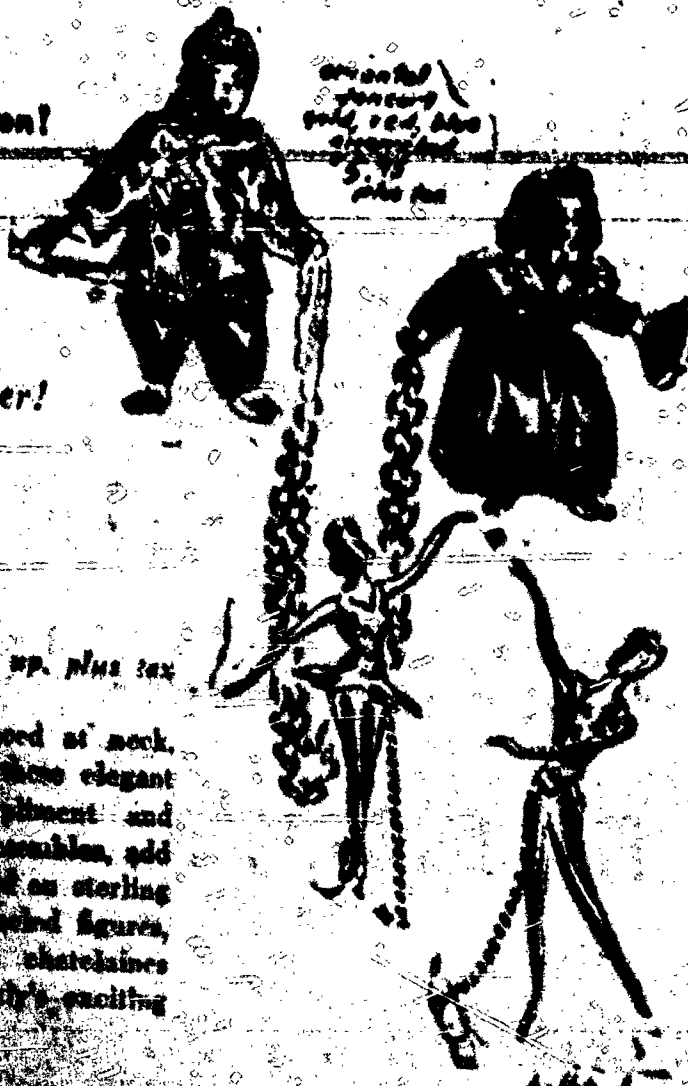
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