...Council of Los Angeles were asked to boycott the film. The Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies adopted a resolution commending a statement by Archbishop John J. Cantwell in which he condemned the picture as immoral.

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FR. KOCH, ARMY CHAPLAIN, SENT TO PHILIPPINES

Colonel Joseph R. Koch, U. S. Army chaplain, and a native Rochesterian, has returned to the Philippine Islands with the Philippine Advisory Commission.

A chaplain for the past 13 years, Father Koch is starting his third sojourn in the Philippines at the request of General Douglas MacArthur who has commissioned him to organize a Philippine chaplain corps.

The Rochester-born priest arrived in Manila on the 10th anniversary of the XXXIIIt International Eucharistic Congress, of which he was general chairman in 1937.

Describes Arrival

Writing to his sister, Mrs. F. M. O'Connell of 388 Walzer Rd., Father Koch expresses his happiness upon returning to Manila and describes the warm greetings.

He draws a vivid picture of the devastation of the city and of the desolation of the people, adding that things are gradually beginning to return to normal.

Illustrating the state of shock of these people, the chaplain recounts an incident in which 2 men, a mother and 3-year-old child, 2 girls and a boy were killed in a bus accident.

As he got out of the bus where one girl was trapped after administering the last rites to the dead, he heard a group of teen age girls laughing. To his re[illegible] that they should be praying instead of laughing, one girl remarked: "I am sorry, padre. You know that we are so used to see people killed, that we are not affected by it and we only seem to be glad we are alive."

Optimistic for Islands

Father Koch expresses himself as "optimistic" about the future of the Philippine nation which he pictures as "experiencing the birth pains of independence."

"In it all Divine Providence must be recognized and certainly God will take care of a people who suffered and died like these people never for a moment, wavering in their faith—and upon their sacrifices, I feel assured a great Catholic nation will be built."

A former student of Holy Re-

REV. J. R. KOCH

deemer School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, Father Koch was ordained from St. Thomas Theological Seminary, Denver, Colo., June 13, 1920. He served as assistant pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, Denver and as pastor of St. Joseph, Akron, Colo., before entering the Army in 1928.

During his years of military service, he was stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., Panama, Philippine Islands, Washington and Fort Benning, Ga. He was in charge of chaplains in the Caribbean area shortly after the outbreak of the recent war and later supervised chaplains in various U. S. areas.

He returned to Rochester in June, 1943 to celebrate his silver sacerdotal jubilee, offering his anniversary Mass in Holy Redeemer Church, June 10.

TUCKER, DOLAN SET FOR TALKS

Speaking engagements for members of the Catholic Speakers Bureau, sponsored by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus are announced by Chairman Eugene R. Cusker.

Charles A. Tucker, will speak on Sunday, March 9 at St. Mary's Holy Name Society Communion Breakfast at Dansville.

Edwin J. Dolan spoke March 4 at the Catholic Women's Club on "Movie Morality."

The K. of C. Discussion Group were to hold a labor forum on Wednesday evening, March 5.

Speakers were: John J. Scully, Howard M. Woods, Arthur P. Farren, Eugene R. Cusker and Thomas J. Meagher, chairman of the discussion group.

Breakfast Set At Dansville

Dansville—Annual Father and Son Communion breakfast of the Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Church will be held Sunday, March 9.

Members will receive Holy Communion in a body with their sons at the 8 a. m. Mass. All men of the parish including members of St. Boniface Society are urged to attend.

Dansville Knights List First Degree on Sunday

Dansville — First Degree of the Knights of Columbus postponed from February will be conferred by officers of Dansville Council, Sunday, March 9. Ceremonies will be held at K. of C. Hall beginning at 3 p. m.

Papal Auditor Takes Oath

Rome — (Radio, NC) — Msgr. Alberto di Jorio, who was recently named auditor general of the Reverend Apostolic Camera, by the Holy Father, took his oath of office in the presence of His Eminence Gennaro Cardinal Granito Pignatelli di Belmonte, prefect of the Congregation of Ceremonies. After taking the oath he was given the rochet and cape.

Catholic HighLites

BY VIOLET BOYLE

Our Lady of Mercy Sodality held its annual Mardi Gras Dance in the Assembly Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 8 to 11. The music was supplied by the Music Masters with Kathleen Marchinock as chairman. The chaperones were Mr. Kelsey Mr. and Mrs. Agan, Mr. and Mrs. Conkley.

Many letters of application have been received for membership into Our Lady of Mercy Sodality. These future sodalists are at present on probation. They will attend their first general meeting on the last week of March and become apprentices to the committee of their choice during the first week of March. Plans are now in progress for this reception.

Scholarships

Margery O'Connor and Richard Vinesky, having been selected as the girl and boy in the Senior class most likely to succeed, were eligible to take the Pepsi Cola Scholarship Examination.

The following Elmira Catholic High members journeyed to Rochester to take the Nazareth College Scholarship Examination held at Nazareth College on Saturday, Feb. 15 — Margery O'Connor, Violet Boyle, Gloria Smith, Kathleen O'Hara, Mary Ann Nardie.

Social Notes

Three Elmira Catholic High students were selected from over a hundred girls as models for the Teentimer Fashion Show—They are Mary Frisk, Patricia Dwyer, and Theresa Crossed. The elimination contest was held at Sheehan, Dean and Company on Thursday, Feb. 20.

Undergoes Operation

Geneva — Miss Mary Margaret Nagle, student nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, underwent an appendectomy at Elmira Friday, Feb. 21. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nagle of East Lake Road.

FR. CLEARY'S CAR CLEARED FOR KOREA TRIP

The Rev. Patrick H. Cleary, Maryknoll missionary and a native of Ithaca in Rochester diocese is due to sail from San Francisco, March 7 for Korea where he served 18 years prior to being interned by the Japanese following Pearl Harbor.

Father Cleary, widely known in this diocese will take up his new duties as civilian auxiliary chaplain with the U. S. forces at Seoul.

He will be able to take with him his new car. Getting permission to take the car proved almost as involved as the arrangements for his return from the Orient on the exchange ship, Gripsholm in 1942.

Representative Kenneth B. Keating of Rochester, a former Army Colonel discovering that permission first had to be obtained from the theater command to "clear" the car before being tagged for overseas shipment, contacted the War Department. A request for clearance was cabled to Korea. A favorable answer was flashed back from the theater command.

Father Cleary's brother, James E. Cleary resides in Ithaca and his sister, Mrs. J. Emmet O'Brien in Rochester.

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