

VD Match Book Sale Halted by Army Action

Official action by the War Department stopping the sale of surplus book matches whose covers contained a bald endorsement of prophylactics was ordered in Washington on July 7.

The War Department made public a letter from Secretary of War Robert T. Patterson to Major General William C. Westcott, director of the Chemical Warfare Service, who had mentioned the sale of the objectionable match books through civilian channels. The letter said:

"The matches to which you refer were sold to commercial concerns and contain printed matter relative to VD control. All book matches with covers to which you refer are being destroyed and you are advised that no further sale of these items will be made by the army."

The offensive match books made their appearance in Rochester two weeks ago in the stores of a drug chain. Queried by the Courier-Journal the lead of the chain stated that the matches had been bought without knowledge of what advertising they contained.

Dr. Jack Robbins, district sales manager of the Western New York division of the Lion Match Company revealed that the match books carrying prophylactic

Meet the Sweeney Family—14 of Them



His personal experience in social sciences is what Mr. John P. Sweeney, New York attorney, calls the nucleus of his 14 children. Left to right: Mrs. Sweeney holding Deborah, 1; Nora, 2; Francis, 3; Rita, 4; Paul, 5; Mary, 6; Bridget, 7; Helen, 8; Bernice, 9; Patricia, 10; Joan, 11; Michael, 12; and John, 13. Acme. (NO Photos)

K. C. SLATE BOY COURSE

Addresses by national, state, and local Catholic workers will mark the official opening of the third in the series of the 21st annual Summer Schools of Boy Leadership sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council on Monday morning, August 4, at Mount St. Michael Academy in New York City.

State Deputy William E. Charles of New York, the Rev. Harold S. Engel, archdiocesan director of the New York C.Y.O. will headline an array of prominent leaders who will be in attendance at the opening exercises of the school.

The Mount St. Michael session will run for one week, and will be directed by John J. Conway, and members of the Knights of Columbus Boy Life Bureau staff.

Additional details may be secured by writing to Brother Leo Syllus, principal, Mount St. Michael Academy, 4300 Murdock Avenue, Bronx, N. Y., or to John J. Conway, executive director, Knights of Columbus, Supreme Council Boy Life Bureau, New Haven 7, Conn.

Stigmatic Inspired U.S. Vet's Vocation

Camden, Md. — (NC) — Roderick Paul Naef, a convert and a veteran of World War II who has just entered the Capuchin Novitiate here, attributes his vocation to the priesthood to the inspiration of Padre Pio, Capuchin stigmatic priest still living in Italy.

Mr. Naef served in the U. S. Army from February, 1942, to December, 1945. A great part of this time he was stationed in Italy where he had numerous interviews with Padre Pio. The novice still carries on correspondence with, and looks for guidance to the saintly Capuchin priest. Mr. Naef says that he decided to look into the Catholic religion after he had seen the movie "The Song of Bernadette."

Slovak Bishop Dies at 77; Bohemian Prelate Named

Prague — (Radio, NC) — The death of a member of the Slovak hierarchy and the appointment of a new bishop to fill a vacant see in Slovakia have been reported here.

Bishop Paul Januš, titular of Ephesus and Apostolic Administrator of Krava in Slovakia, has died at 77. The Rev. Joseph Hloch, 45-year-old professor of theology at the University of Olomouc in Moravia, has been appointed Bishop of Casteleu-Brieux, a suffragan see of the Archdiocese of Prague, which had been vacant for a number of years.

Death Claims 2 Coming Women

Cochran — Mrs. Julia Henry, 62, of 223 W. Pitteney St., died at her home following a short illness. She was born in Addison, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Finckan. She married the late Levi Henry in Cochran. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul's Church.

Survivors include a niece, Miss Loreta Finnican of Batavia, and two nephews, Lawrence Finckan of Detroit, Mich., and Raymond Finckan of Batavia.

Funeral services were held from the A. W. Bell and Son Funeral Home Saturday at 9:30 a. m. and at 10 o'clock in St. Vincent de Paul's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mrs. Florence Moran Manuel, 53, of 223 Cedar St., died Friday, July 4, in Corning Hospital. She was born in Addison, daughter of William T. and Bertha Veth. She had lived in Corning since 1916. She was married to William M. Manuel in June 1936, in St. Mary's Church.

Mrs. Manuel was a member of St. Mary's Church, the Corning Woman's Club and Hospital Chapter.

Besides her husband she is survived by two step-daughters, Mrs. Robert Weith of Birmingham, Mich., and Mrs. Frank Roach of Royal Oak, Mich.; a sister, Mrs. Thomas H. Hart, Corning; one brother, Attorney Edward F. Murray, Birmingham; a niece, five nephews.

Funeral services were held from the A. W. Bell and Son Funeral Home Monday at 8:30 a. m. and at 9 o'clock in St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Irish Nun in Africa Seeks U.S. Sister, Missing 30 Years

Little Falls, N. J. — (NC) — A search by correspondence began just before the outbreak of World War I is being resumed now by a nun in Natal, South Africa, after the cessation of World War II.

The nun, Sister M. Martha is searching for her sister, Mrs. Ellen Cruise, whose address she does not know. Mrs. Cruise, who was Ellen O'Hara, hailed originally from Ballegas, County Galway, Ireland, the nun explains, but left for America in 1897 or 1898. She kept up correspondence with the home folk until World War I.

In 1914, her sister, the nun, went out to South Africa. She made attempts to communicate with her sister in the United States, but her letters were unanswered. It appears likely now that her letters were lost when ships were being sunk. If her letters did get to the United States and her sister answered, it is likely that Mrs. Cruise's letters were lost at sea. In time, the nun became discouraged and gave up her efforts to correspond with her married sister now, however, she has decided to try again.

This story began to come to light when a card appealing to "Ellen" to write arrived at the North Jersey Training School, here it came here because the only address was Little Falls, N. J. Superintendent A. H. Meese made several attempts to locate Mrs. Cruise, even directing the card to Little Falls, N. Y. When his secretary wrote to the nun telling of his fruitless efforts to locate Mrs. Cruise, a letter of thanks told the story.

Australian Prelate Visitor Boston — (NC) — Making his first tour of the United States, Archbishop James Duhig of Brisbane, Australia, is the guest of Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, during a visit to this archdiocese. The 76-year-old Australian prelate is the head of Catholic youth activities in Australia and Archbishop Cushing holds a similar position here.

French Seminary Rector To Head Dakar Vicariate — (NC) — The Rev. Marcel Lefebvre, C.S.S.P., has been named by the Holy See as Vicar Apostolic of Dakar, French West Africa. It has been announced here at the motherhouse of the Holy Ghost Fathers.

Born in Tourange, France, in 1903, Bishop-elect Lefebvre received the degree of doctor of philosophy and theology in Rome and was ordained to the priesthood in 1929 for the Diocese of Lille. After one year as a curate in Lomme, he entered the Holy Ghost novitiate, where he made his profession in 1931.

Capuchin Marks Jubilee New York — (NC) — The Most Rev. Benno Aichinger, former Commissary General of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchins for the United States and Canada, today observed the 50th anniversary of his ordination by offering a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in the Church of St. John the Baptist, here.

63 Unknown Victims Of Texas Blast Buried

Texas City — (NC) — Sixty-three unknown dead of the three-month-old Texas City disaster, which took a toll of 463 known dead, were buried with an all-faith ceremony conducted in a cemetery on the outskirts of the city.

Among the five clergymen who took part in the ritual was the Rev. Carl Korntke, of St. Mary's parish, in Texas City, who succeeded the Rev. William Roach, one of the victims of the disaster. A throng of 2,200 attended the ceremony. Jewish and Protestant clergymen also conducted services.

Would Legalize Birth Control

Springfield, Mass. — (NC) — The recent dismissal of four physicians from the courtesy staff of a Catholic hospital here for their support of planned parenthood has spurred the local Planned Parenthood League to seek enactment of a state law making birth control legal.

More than 100 residents here pledged support of a drive this summer to place the issue before the 1948 legislature, following a meeting at which the four physicians, dropped from Mercy Maternity Hospital, were asked to speak.

The Western Massachusetts diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Springfield Council of Churches are backing the drive.

Reds Losing Ground, Says Card. Tisserant

New York — (RNS) — Communism is losing ground in Western Europe, Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, secretary of the Congregation for the Oriental Church, declared here on his departure for Rome after a 67-day tour of the United States and Canada.

The 62-year-old French-born cardinal said that Communists in France "are losing in the cities and among the workers, and the people are beginning to understand that they have no advantage in the presence of Communists in the government."

Pope Prays at Tomb Of St. Peter in Rome

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — On the eve of the Feast of St. Peter and Paul, His Holiness Pope Pius XII visited the Basilica of St. Peter's to pray at the Tomb of the Apostle and to bless the sacred pallia preserved there.

After a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Father, kneeling before the Confessional, joined the prayers of the Rosary, which were led by Magr. Alberto Piermattei. Afterwards he descended to the Confessional where he blessed the Pallia.

Irish, Austrian Colleges Enroll Polish Students

New York — (NC) — Fifteen Polish students have been enrolled with the University of Cork, Ireland, through the Cardinal Newman Foundation of Great Britain, according to a London dispatch of the Inter-Catholic Press Agency here.

Fifty-eight Polish students, 13 of whom are girls, are attending the University of Innsbruck in Austria, the agency reports. Their expenses are being paid by the Polish Second Army corps. Most of the students are former inmates of concentration camps or prisoners of war.

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