

Army Accents Morality In Fight on VD

Washington—(NC)—Discarding the old "scar" system in favor of a moral approach, which long has been advocated by Catholic and other religious leaders, the U. S. Army has adopted a new program for combating venereal disease.

Furthermore, Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall has issued orders which call for the discharge of any officers whose moral habits set a bad example for enlisted men.

A CIRCULAR signed by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff of the Army, specifies that responsibility for control of venereal disease rests with commanding officers. The circular instructs commanders as follows:

1. Impart moral responsibility and encourage strong self-discipline in officers and enlisted men of their command.
2. Support measures to repress prostitution.
3. Establish appropriate controls on the sale of liquor to all military personnel.
4. Support measures to reduce the civilian reservoir of infection by cooperation with civilian authorities.

5. Restrict military personnel infected with venereal disease to the unit area for a minimum of 30 days, and, on recommendation of the surgeon, up to 90 days after the completion of treatment.

6. IN RECOMMENDING the promotion of individuals and in the preparation of efficiency reports of officers, take cognizance of repeated infections of venereal diseases, intemperance and similar traits and habits prejudicial to good order and military discipline.

7. Restrict passes in the case of irresponsible individuals who repeatedly expose themselves to the risk of venereal diseases.

8. Give consideration to separation from the service under the provisions of existing Army regulations and directives, of individuals who demonstrate undesirable habits and traits of character including the repeated occurrence of venereal disease.

9. Emphasize and take a personal interest in athletic and other recreational programs in which a majority of the personnel of the command participate regularly.

A Triple Prayer at New Year



The prayer of the Dolan baby triplets sets an example on how to begin the New Year. They are children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dolan of St. Anthony's parish, Dubuque. They celebrated their first birthday June 30, 1941, and have a brother, James, four years old. They are, left to right: Maurice, who weighed four pounds six ounces at birth; Michael, four pounds seven ounces, and Little Mary, two pounds, fourteen ounces. (NC Photos)

Reds Threaten Christianity Dorothy Thompson Warns

New York—(NC)—Communism is threatening the existence of Christianity not only in Europe but throughout the world, Dorothy Thompson, noted columnist, declares in an article in the current issue of Look magazine.

"The role of destroyer of all things," she states, "though beaten from German hands, has been grabbed by another revolutionary state. Another great power stands athwart Europe and Asia, crying to the chorus of its cohorts in all countries: 'Down with all the ethics of the past! Death to all that has been! Tomorrow the world!'"

While communists leaders often try to camouflage their aims, they follow rather closely the strategy and tactics for world communism outlined in Karl Marx's "The Communist Manifesto," published 100 years ago, Miss Thompson asserts. "The Manifesto, particularly and especially holds up to contempt reforms coming from Christian Churches and principles," she adds. "In the communist view, as set forth in the Manifesto, Christianity has been a dead duck since the French revolution and the rise of the bourgeois order."

"COMMUNISM, admitting the immense role of Christianity in the Middle Ages, declared that it passed out thereafter and belongs to a 'pre-bourgeois' order, a meaningless vestigial remnant of a past order of thought and morality. This contempt for Christianity as a system of ethics and way of life has permeated all communist thinking from that day to this."

"No communist leader in any country is, or is allowed to be, a professing Christian. The truth is that the communist revolution in Russia and everywhere systematically persecutes

Holy Name Takes Anti-Bias Stand

Boston—(NC)—"The dangers of division of racial origin groups in our American way of life" and the "need for real unity and fraternity among groups and classes in America" were emphasized in a resolution adopted by 1,500 members at the annual convention of the Boston Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies.

The resolution asserted that unity and equality are essential to the preservation of the nation, which is threatened by enemies, especially communists, who seek "to set race against race and religion against religion" in an effort to destroy the Church and the country.

Another resolution deplored the continued imprisonment of Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac of Zagreb, Yugoslavia, and again called upon officials of the United States to exert every effort in their power to free the prelate. The convention also deplored immorality on the stage and screen fostered by "unscrupulous and mercenary people," as a "detriment to our decent American way of life."

The delegates voiced disapproval of the manner in which crime, sex and divorce cases are exploited in the secular press.

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Modern Rome Seen Below Pagan Level

Rome—(NC)—"Today they have sunk below the level of ancient paganism." This was one of the first things my friend saw in the Pope's address to the Mayor and the Municipal Committee of Rome.

Those words of the Pope were not only important, they were unusual in that they were addressed by a Roman—the Pope is one—to a Roman, and concerning Rome. I went to a Roman for comment, a Roman who is a priest, a scholar, a competent and keen observer. He was very willing to comment but prefers to remain anonymous.

(The Pope's address was delivered at a special audience before Christmas granted to the newly-elected mayor of Rome and all aldermen. His Holiness appealed to the citizens of Rome to present an "example of virtue, internal peace and concord" and intimated that the continuation would make it impossible for him to invite the world to come to Rome in 1950 for observance of the Holy Year.)

THIS ROMAN priest thought the Pope had made strong thoughts stronger by using the words of a great pagan Roman. "These same pagans," said he, "these things which today they no longer want to know, today they are even beneath that level."

A second thought, and he warmed visibly here, one must understand the sacred character of Rome. This Rome of the Romans is not just a city, not just a capital—it is a holy city. It is not just Italian, but of the whole civilized world. It is the homeland of all Christians.

It was a pleasure to see his sympathetic delight with the Pope's appeal that during the Holy Year Rome might present an example of virtue and order and internal peace worthy of its traditions. In experience, its Catholic heart. Smiling, he spoke of the Holy Years "after could the Pope call to Rome the friends of God, if Rome, unworthy of its past and its future, should fall prey to the enemies of God?"

The present Pope has been called the savior of Rome. During the terrible days of the war he fed it and saved it in more ways than one. Proudly this scholar pointed to the property of the Pope's expectations of Rome, and further noted what it is that the Pope wants: "not riches, not luxury, but honest work and the elementary comforts of life for all, but most for the very poor."

Bridges Wanted For 2,000 Men

London—(NC)—Bridges, John, Chairman, American Volunteer Bridge Builders, is looking for 2,000 men who he expects shortly to the Continent after visiting the United States.

At least 2,000 of these men are unmarried and the bridge-building is a dangerous job. The men will be working in the front lines, and the work is very hard.

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U. S. Prelates Set Melbourne Visit

Melbourne—(NC)—A ball at the Melbourne Town Hall, an art exhibition and a musical at the Melbourne Town Hall, will be held as part of the Melbourne Catholic Diocesan Centenary celebration here May 2 to 9, in addition to the religious ceremonies.

It has been announced by the centenary committee that four Cardinals from the English-speaking countries are scheduled to attend the celebration, as well as all members of the Australian and New Zealand hierarchy. They are: His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster; James Cardinal McGovern, Archbishop of Toronto; Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York; and Norman Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney.

Archbishop Joseph E. Miller of St. Louis plans to attend, as does Bishop John P. O'Hara, C.C.O. of Buffalo. It was said, Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco, Richard J. Cushing of Boston and Alexander Vachon of Ottawa have made a provisional acceptance to the invitation to come. It was added.

NO HOLY PLACE SAFEGUARDED

Set As Mandate Nears End

London—No machinery yet exists to safeguard the Holy Places after Britain's surrender of the Palestine mandate. Mr. MacDonald, speaking at the House of Commons last night, said that the British Government had no intention of continuing the mandate.

"This plan for the partition of Palestine approved by the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly notwithstanding, provision for protection of the Holy Places in the proposed city of Jerusalem shall be a special concern of the government of Jerusalem," he added. "We will also reserve the right to protect the Holy Places in the event of any change in the status of Jerusalem."

The United Nations plan for the partition of Palestine, which was approved by the United Nations General Assembly last November, provided for the establishment of a Jewish state and an Arab state, with Jerusalem as an international city.

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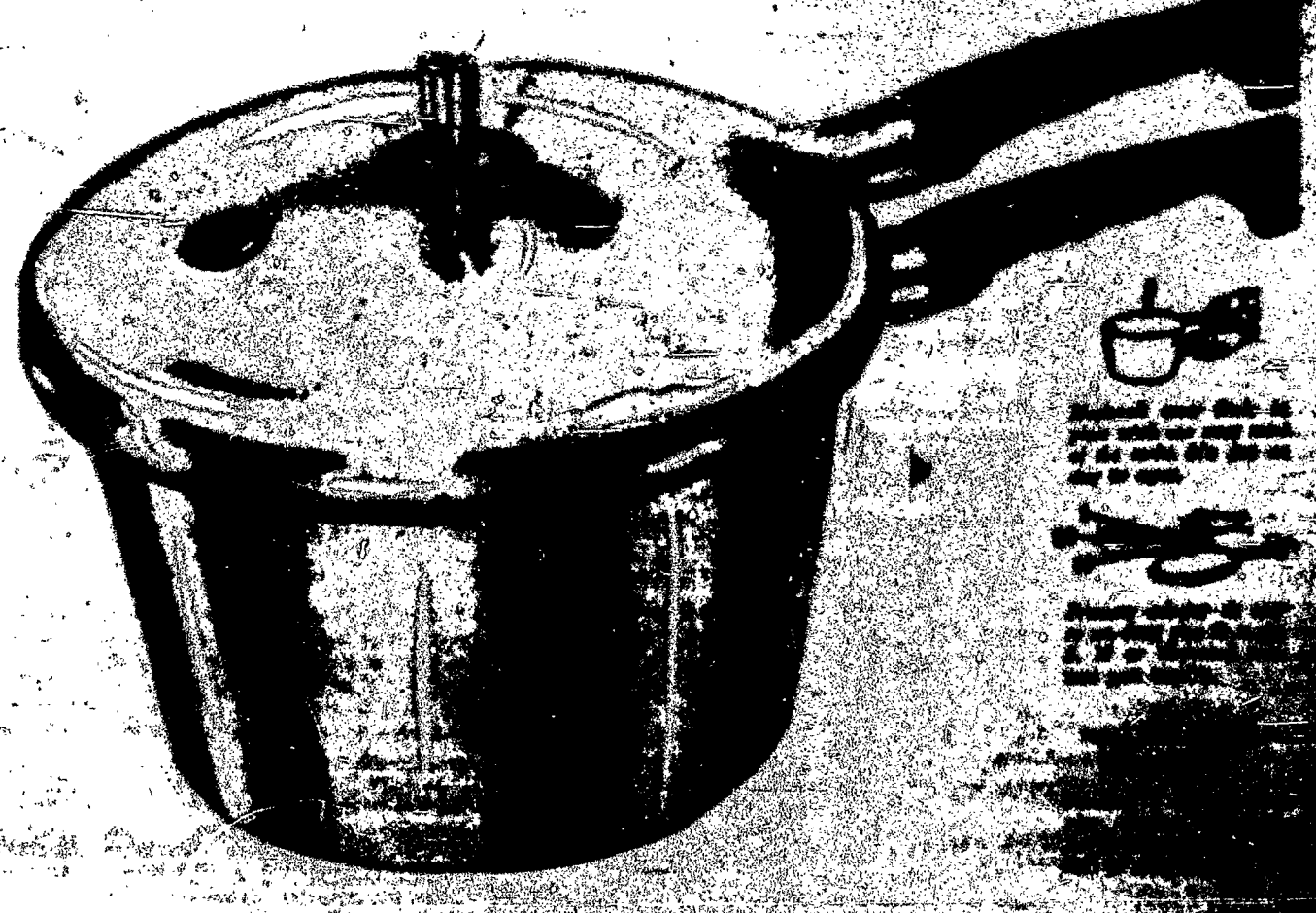
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