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**TITO HARRIES
CHURCH; SEEKS
AMERICAN AID**

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Croats and Serbs with a sprinkling of smaller ethnic groups. While the Serbs are mostly Orthodox, with a goodly number of Moslems, Dr. Machek's own people, the Croats, are predominantly Catholic.

"ALTHOUGH TITO persecutes all Yugoslav religious elements, he has reserved his most vigorous measures for the Catholic Church and its followers," Dr. Machek asserted. "The Catholic clergy suffers more grievously than any of the others. Nevertheless the priests continue to do their duty until they are forcibly prevented by the secret police or the usual gangs of communist hoodlums. To the best of their ability the Croats are showing their solidarity with the Church by defying the communists and attending divine services."

All religious holidays have been banned by the Communist authorities as part of their drive to shake the country's religious foundations. In 1948 Christmas fell on a weekday and, as a result, the people were forced to work on that holy day.

"In the year just ended," Dr. Machek said with a bitter smile, "Christmas came on a Sunday which is still considered the day of rest although its religious significance has been outlawed. So the communists issued a proclamation calling December 25 'Slack Workers' Day' and again the people were forced to work on the Lord's birthday. But the deeply religious Croats made it their business to attend Mass either before or after work."

**Notre Dame Navy
ROTC's Nation's Best**

Notre Dame, Ind.—The present sophomore students of the Naval Officers Training Corps at the University of Notre Dame are the best in the country, according to the results of a comprehensive test announced recently by official tabulators.

The examinations, which were based on the collegiate trainees' study of naval science, were administered last year to 3712 first-year students in the program. Notre Dame, whose 109-man unit compiled a mean score of 117.40, towered more than 18 points above the national average.

Individual first place honors also went to Notre Dame, where one student scored 144 out of a possible 150 on the test. Due to the Navy's system of identifying papers only by college and number, however, the name of the highest ranking student could not be determined.

**Missioner, Leper Victim,
Celebrates Golden Jubilee**

Antwerp — (NC) — The Rev. Leo Lejeune, Mariet father, a leper for years and for 46 years one of the most active missionaries in the Fiji Islands, recently celebrated his golden jubilee in the priesthood.

He opened a seminary at Cawest, where in 1939 the first descendant of the native cannibals was ordained. It was in 1835, on his way from Fiji to Sydney, Father Lejeune detected the first signs of leprosy.

Far from being dismayed, Father Lejeune went gladly

to the Macagal leperhouse where, one year after his arrival, he had converted 46 persons. At present he is as active as during his flourishing missionary life.

At the leper colony he preached, "Our leprosy is a great grace, a means to go straight to heaven."

While on a holiday at Neufchatel, the place of his birth, in 1925, Father Lejeune built a church in the Hamlet Fetivoh. A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated in this church on the day of the jubilee.

**JUDGE TIES
DIVORCE EVIL
TO LIQUOR**

Cleveland — (NC) — Sixty per cent of the divorces in the United States are caused by too much liquor, Judge Roy C. Scott of the Court of Common Pleas, widely known Catholic layman, told the Shrine Luncheon Club here.

"The old question — which came first, the chicken or the egg — confuses the issue," Judge Scott said. "Does the excessive use of liquor cause domestic troubles or do the domestic troubles result in too much liquor? I frankly don't know, but I think that it is about a 50-50 proposition. Many men and I mean heads of families, seek relief from nagging wives by drinking and many wives with too much time on their hands seek relief from what they call boredom and either drink privately or in some cozy cocktail bar; all this adds up to divorce."

"Children of families following the example of their parents think it smart to frequent beer joints because after all, 'Pa and Ma do the same thing.' Don't get me wrong, I am not against taking a drink; in fact, I take a drink myself, but as a divorcee I have been convinced that liquor causes too many broken homes without any good reason."

Judge Scott said there are too many organizations in the country which profess an interest in combating the evils of divorce but "give only lip service and that is all."

Vatican Recognizes Indonesian State

Vatican City (NC) — OSSER. According to the dispatch, Bishop George de Jonghe, Apostolic Delegate to Indonesia, presented his credentials to Foreign Minister Mohammed Hatta.

**Priest Says 'Mercy Killing'
Endangers Medical Advance**

Cleveland — (NC) — Legalization of "medical murder," besides being a deadly violation of God's law, would destroy medical progress, the Rev. Francis W. Carney, chaplain of the Catholic Physicians Guild of Cleveland, has warned.

Denouncing the reported "hy podermic slaying" of a woman in New Hampshire by her physician, Father Carney said the incident recalled the Nazi laughers of the last decade.

"We deplored Hitler's use of euthanasia for various reasons and purposes in Nazi Germany," Father Carney said. "Hitler issued his first order for euthanasia in 1939 and at his euthanasia centers in Germany alone over 275,000 people went to death. Hitler began by using the practice to dispose of the chronically ill who were a financial burden to the state, but soon extended its use to the elimination of political enemies and dissenters, as well as minority groups."

Father Carney said that tremendous advances have been made in medicine in this country because physicians have remained loyal to their vocation "as healers not as killers." He said if the afflicted in the past had been put to death because no immediate remedy was available, "the cures and treatments of today would never have been realized."

**Retreat House
In Residential
Area Upheld**

Pittsburgh (RNS) — A charge that the use of St. Francis Retreat House here as a dormitory was lowering property values in the neighborhood was denied by City Board of Adjustment.

The charge was made by a group of residents who last month asked Common Pleas Court to prevent the use of the Roman Catholic retreat house as a dormitory.

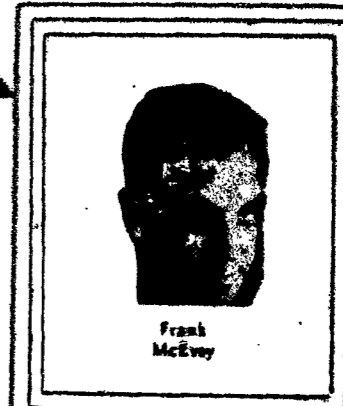
IN ITS ANSWER, filed with Prothonotary David B. Roberts, the board declared that "the use is within the spirit of the zoning ordinance." It denied that holding overnight retreats was "changing the character of the neighborhood."

The board, while admitting the retreat house was located in a residential district where only one-family dwellings were permitted, said the granting of dormitory use was "proper" and added that such use must be allowed to continue in order to "avoid severe hardship and injustice."

EMPHASIS WAS laid by the board on the assertion that the dormitory "conforms in every way" with city ordinances and the laws of the state. It asserted that the dormitory "will not be detrimental to the welfare of the residents."

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