

Priest Credited In Waterfront Probe

New York (NC)—The formidable investigative forces which are looking into crime and racketeering upon New York's waterfront were boosted by a tenacious Jesuit priest, according to an article in Collier's magazine.

He is the Rev. John M. Corridan, S.J., whom Lester Velle described in the article as "the latest recruit among a handful of Catholic priests who have helped mobilize the war against the old waterfront."

Others he listed are Msgr. Edward Swanson, author of "The Waterfront Labor Problem," who now is executive director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, War Relief Services, and the Rev. Philip Carey, S.J., director of the Xavier Labor School, "a rallying point for longshoremen." Father Corridan is assistant director of the school.

"A SIX-FOOTER with the body of an athlete and the brain of a business machine," Father Corridan is one of five children born to a West Side policeman, Velle wrote.

"A rugged man, the young labor priest once stared down a gangster heckler at a union meeting and ordered him to 'beat it back to your bosses and tell them that if anything happens to the men I'm trying to help here, I'll personally see they're broken throughout the port,'" the Collier's article said.

The Jesuit was responsible for "one of the decisive battles for the waterfront," according to Velle, when he led a fight to prevent "a gun-happy hoodlum" from turning a local of the International Longshoremen's Association "into a gang-controlled satellite" in the local's 1950 election.

When I.L.A. longshoremen staged a protest strike against their union leadership last fall, Father Corridan turned a public spotlight on the hoodlums who came into the open to break the strike and preserve their waterfront "boodle," according to the Collier's writer. His first problem was to see that the strikers didn't get hurt.

"THE LABOR priest burned up the telephone wires to his friends in the city rooms of the New York newspapers and to radio and television broadcasters," Velle recalled.

"As a result, when a hoodlum and his thugs started to hurl rocks at strikers in Brooklyn, reporters and photographers

Speaker Hails French Drive Against Reds

Detroit (NC)—France is doing her part battling Communism in the Far East and will not come under Communist rule short of a successful Soviet invasion, Richard F. Pattee, author, lecturer and National Catholic Welfare Conference consultant on international affairs, assured members at a luncheon in the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel here.

"France is fighting a full-scale war with 15 divisions in Indo-China," Doctor Pattee said. "This has cost France about \$2,250,000,000 and has drained off almost all the financial and economic aid we have given France. Some press reports on France's part in the struggle against world-wide Communism are unjust."

DOCTOR PATTEE claimed that membership in the Communist Party in France has declined from 1,000,000 to 600,000 in the last five years. He said that under the present political set-up in France no one political party can muster sufficient strength to form a government.

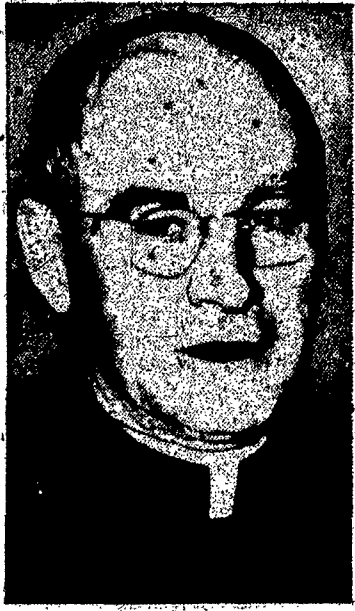
He acknowledged that a considerable element of the French people favors neutrality in the event of war between the United States and Soviet Russia, but added proponents of this position are in the minority. He said Americans should realize that in the event of such a war France would be "in the middle" and recalled the wave of frustration which covered France in 1940 when the Nazis invaded the country.

"That catastrophe caused a moral shock from which the French have not yet recovered," Doctor Pattee said. There still is plenty of antagonism between those who supported the Vichy regime and those who suffered under the Nazis, he added.

FROM AN economic point of view, Doctor Pattee said France is the only nation in Europe which has the means of becoming self-sufficient, but the country cannot prosper to the fullest while neighbors like England and Germany are economically ill.

"The crushing of the German economy in World War II was as much a blow to France as to Germany," Doctor Pattee said. "But Germany now is rising rapidly out of her misery."

THREE NEW APPOINTMENTS



His Holiness Pope Pius XII has named Bishop Thomas K. Gorman (upper left), of Reno, Nev., Titular Bishop of Ephesus and Coadjutor with right of succession to Bishop Joseph P. Lynch of Dallas, Tex. Auxiliary Bishop Joseph A. Burke (upper right) of Buffalo has been named Bishop of Buffalo. Monsignor Joseph McShea (lower), Secretary of the Apostolic Delegation, Washington, has been named Titular Bishop of Mena and Auxiliary to Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia. (NO Photos)

Traffic in Smut for Children Seen Worse than Narcotics

New York (NC)—Home front and Congressional action to halt what the author calls a worse traffic among American children than the narcotics trade — distribution of obscene pictures — is urged in an article in the latest issue of Information, a monthly publication by the Paulist Fathers here.

The Rev. James A. McVann, C.S.P., of St. Paul's College, Washington, D. C., in a well-rounded study of how this flood of pornography violates the natural law and what can be done about it, said purveyors of illicit literature are sending their prospectuses to children ranging from 8-year-olds to collegians. One purveyor sends out from 30,000 to 60,000 circulars a day.

AS A FIRST step to combat this evil, the priest called on individuals and organizations to write their Congressmen to urge passage of HR 5850, a bill designed to stop dealers in pornography from sending out further matter while they are on trial for a previous offense. This measure is now before a House Post Office and Civil Service subcommittee, headed by Rep. Frank M. Karsten of Missouri.

On the home front, where Father McVann says postoffice officials feel "the most telling effort can be made" in keeping obscene literature from children, the author proposes these steps:

1. Parents must impress on their children to consult with them before writing away for things advertised even in respectable newspapers.
2. When children are convinced by obscene advertisements, parents should at once file a complaint with the inspector at the local postoffice, enclosing the incriminating literature.
3. All concerned with education — teachers, principals, school boards, parent-teacher groups — should insist with municipal and State authorities that local laws against obscene literature be enforced. All States except New Mexico have such laws. They also should insist that close tabs be kept in the schools to find children who peddle for the major distributors.
4. The same educational groups should write periodic letters to the newspapers, calling on the Federal courts to deal sharply with smut dealers who use the mails. "Judges

and prosecutors will attend to their work when they sense a strong public opinion against fancy jurisprudence and law enforcement," Father McVann declared.

5. Parish Deceit Committees or Clean Literature Committee members should visit drugstores and newsstands, asking them not to display or sell to children comics that are contrary to the code of the National Organization for Decent Literature. Cooperating dealers are given a committee placard to display. School children and their children are urged not

to patronize stores which do not display the committee's sign.

Father McVann said that while the law is clear in forbidding use of the mails for obscene matter, dealers in pornography "are a persistent tribe, though arrested time and again, they pay their fine and start up again." He complained that "with a slim equipment the profits are enormous, and they count on a fast gain before the law overtakes them again." Postoffice officials have a special file of about 4,000 complaints against one dealer alone.

F. P. Kenkel, Journalist, Sociologist, Dies at 89

St. Louis, Mo. (NC)—A Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis in St. Cecilia's Church here for the late Frederick Philip Kenkel, one of America's leading Catholic sociologists and journalists, who died in St. Louis at the age of 89.

Hundreds of Church dignitaries, priests and laymen crowded the church in a final tribute to the Chicago-born layman whose crowning achievement was the foundation in 1938 of the Central Bureau in St. Louis of the Catholic Verein of America, of which he served as director until his death. Archbishop Ritter is the spiritual director of the Verein, which is a union of societies devoted to Catholic Action and the promotion of the Christian social order.

A MINING engineer by profession, Mr. Kenkel also assisted in founding the National Catholic Rural Life Conference in 1924. He was a past president and a member of the board of directors of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems. He also participated in the work of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, and the Catholic Association for International Peace.

In his capacity as director of the Catholic Central Verein's central bureau, Mr. Kenkel had charge of many publications on historical and sociological subjects, chief among which are Social Justice Review, pioneer Journal of Catholic sociology.

ME. KENKEL was the recipient of many ecclesiastical honors in recognition of his extensive contributions to the Catholic cause. In 1912, Pope Pius X — now Blessed Pius XI — made him a Knight of St. Gregory the Great. Some time later, he was again knighted, being made a member of the Order of the Holy Sepulcher. He was awarded the Lactare Medal in 1930 by Notre Dame University for distinguished services to Church and country.

Born October 16, 1863, Mr. Kenkel was educated at Northwestern College, Wisconsin; Quincy (Ill.) College, and the Royal Academy of Mining in Germany. He came to St. Louis from Chicago in 1908, to become editor of Die America, a German Catholic daily newspaper that was discontinued in 1921.

Widowed in 1948, Mr. Kenkel is survived by seven of his eight children. He and his late wife, the former Elenore Kamptz, celebrated their golden jubilee in 1942, and received the special blessing of His Holiness Pope Pius XII on that occasion.

Two of Mr. Kenkel's surviving children are nuns. They are: Sister Gertrude of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, superior of St. Elizabeth's Day Nursery; and Sister Ursula of the Maryknoll Nuns, Maryknoll, N. Y.

DIVISION OF LABOR: — Those who work to produce, and those who work to control the profits made by those who work to produce.

Education Meet Slated April 15

Washington (NC)— Archbishop Francis E. Keough of Baltimore will deliver the sermon at the Solemn Pontifical Mass which formally will open the 49th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association in Kansas City, Mo., on April 15, it has been announced at NCEA headquarters here.

More than 8,000 Catholic educators from all sections of the country are expected to attend the sessions, which will continue through April 18.

Opening session of the convention will be in the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium. Principal speakers will be Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, Mo., and Judge John E. Swift of Boston, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

Former Minister Begins Studies for Priesthood

Annaburg, Md. (NC)— Seventy-two years old but convinced that it's never too late to learn, Floyd Keeler has decided to begin life anew as a priest.

Mr. Keeler spent many years of his life in promoting Catholicism through the apostolate of the laity. At the request of Bishop Peter L. Irwin of Richmond, he now has been accepted as a seminarian at Mount St. Mary's Seminary here.

A native of Bedford, Va., Mr. Keeler attended Roanoke College 50 years ago. He became a clergyman in the Episcopal church, but grew interested in Catholicism and in 1917 was received into the Catholic Church. He worked for a time for the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade and in 1926 joined the staff of the NCWC News Service. Later he worked for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

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