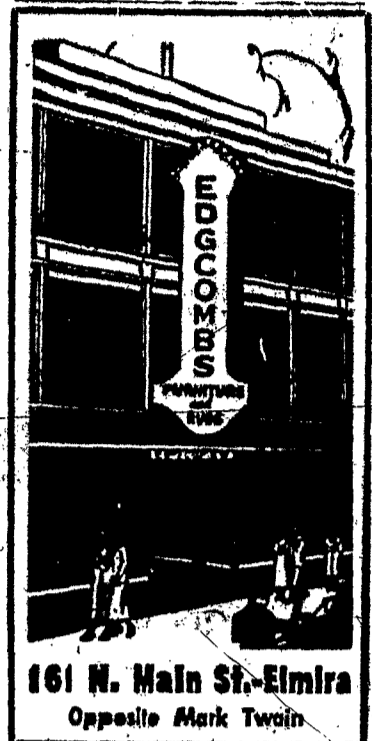


**Escaped Reds**  
Chicago — (NC) — The Rev. Richard Arens, Divine Word Missionary, who escaped from Chinese communists in an airplane that took off from a Peking school playground, has been appointed professor at San Carlos University, Cebu City, Philippine Islands.

**Priest Shortage Perils Catholics In Philippines**

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR  
Manila — (NC) — More than 650 Filipino Catholics died today, and most of them died without the Last Sacraments. That happened yesterday, too. It will happen tomorrow. It will keep on happening, so long as there is only one priest for every 7,000 Catholics in this predominantly Catholic nation. That's an average. In some places priests are much fewer in proportion to their flocks. MANILA ARCHDIOCESE, for instance, has seven parishes of more than 20,000 Catholics and three of 15,000 to 20,000, with only one priest in each. Cebu has two parishes of more than 30,000 Catholics, 11 of 20,000 to 30,000 and another 11 of 15,000 to 20,000, and only one priest in each.



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**Catholic Students' Mission Crusade**



Elected to the executive board at the 15th national convention of the National Catholic Students' Mission Crusade, held at Notre Dame University, Aug. 21-24, are: left to right, seated: Geraldine Henry, Manhattanville College, New York City; James D. Kellen, College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.; and Anita Thirl, St. Mary's Academy, Leonardtown, Md. Standing: John Noble, Louisville; Sylvester Salomon, Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit; Msgr. Edward A. Frelking, national CSMC secretary; Esther Hubert Singleton, S.V.D., St. Augustine Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.; and Jerry Van Dyke, St. Francis De Sales High School, Denver.

**Converts Give Church Foothold In Area Once Klan Stronghold**

Dunlap, Tenn. — (NC) — "I'm wanting to live to be 100," James O. Mahoney mused, "so that I can see a Catholic church here in Dunlap."

Sixty-nine and the father of nine children, Mr. Mahoney was sharing his dream with three young trailer missionaries. A convert of two years standing, Mr. Mahoney has already seen two grown sons come into the Church. His boys, the old man hopes, will be the backbone of a Catholic settlement in what was formerly a Ku Klux Klan stronghold in Tennessee.

**St. Ambrose Girl In Franciscans**

Miss Mary Claire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Robone of 180 Hazelwood Terrace received the habit of the Third Order Regular of the Franciscan Sisters at Allegany, N. Y. on Aug. 15.

In the religious life, she will be known as Sister Ann Martin, O.S.F.

A member of St. Ambrose parish, Sister Ann Martin was graduated from Nazareth Academy in 1951.

Attending the investiture at the Motherhouse in Allegany were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robone with their other daughters, Theresa, Juanita and Roberta. Also attending were an aunt, Sister M. Vincenta, O.S.F., who is Mrs. Robone's sister, and Sister M. Ruth, O.S.F., a companion, from St. Francis Convent, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Nuns Face Loss Of Barracks Home**

Houma, La. — (NC) — Because there is talk of reactivating a former naval air station as a jet interceptor station, it has become necessary to find a new home for 11 Religious of the Presentation who staff St. Lucy's grade and high school for Negroes here. The nuns reside in barracks which once housed WAVES at the naval air station.

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**Catholic High Schools To Give Pre-Induction Courses**

Worcester, Mass. — (NC) — Special pre-induction courses will be offered by Worcester diocesan high schools this fall. Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester has announced.

They are being offered, he said, because of the increased number of youths being drafted following high school graduation and "evidence of a grave need for pre-induction moral education."

THE COURSES will provide an introduction to the possibilities and problems of military life with emphasis on moral principles. Lectures will be given by selected priests and laymen.

A military contact advisory office is also to be set up in the Diocesan School Department. Bishop Wright said that once the program is set up and tested within the framework of the Diocesan School Department, it will be extended to include Catholic boys attending non-Diocesan schools. He said the channel for extending the program would be existing parish organizations or the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

THROUGH THE military contact office and an advisory committee of former armed forces chaplains and ex-servicemen, information will be made available to seniors concerning draft laws, induction policies and other aspects of military service. Bishop Wright strongly emphasized the program includes no element whatever of recruiting for the armed services.

**Overseas Tour**  
New York — (NC) — Monsignor Edward E. Swanson, executive director of War Relief Services, N.C.W.C., has sailed for Europe and the Far East to discuss relief plans for the coming winter.

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Mahoney confided to the missionaries, "who never go near any of the meetings up this way, and they like what you boys have to say."

AS THE WEEK progressed the mother of a large family gave her name for a course of instructions by mail. She sent one of her teen-aged sons to make the arrangements.

On the last night of the mission a well dressed, middle aged business man sat waiting for the crowd to leave, then got out of his car to approach one of the missionaries.

"I was only able to get here four of the five nights," he said, "but in these four nights you men have given me an entirely new view of the Catholic Church. I would like to receive the free correspondence course."

"This mission sure has caused a lot of interest here in Dunlap, and you can be plumb sure they'll be asking me all about the Church during the winter," he said.

MR. MAHONEY'S first favorable contact with the Church came three years ago when a Marine son returned home. The Marine, Sgt. John C. Mahoney, first became interested in the Church while in the South Pacific. The plain lives of Catholic buddies had won his admiration. But what fascinated him most was the universality of the Church's teaching. He had always felt that the truth must be the same the world over. Non-Catholic churches to which he had belonged had not taught the same things, even among themselves.

The Sergeant took a course in instructions from one chaplain, and then another course from a second chaplain to see if the two Catholic chaplains contradicted one another.

Finding only harmony, the young Marine finally told the chaplain, "I'm going home to Tennessee, and when I get home I'm going to get hold of a priest somewhere. If he teaches the same truths in Tennessee as you teach out here on the islands, I'll know that you people teach the universal gospel of Jesus."

Shortly after he returned home, a brief week-long debate shook Dunlap. The debate, held in the school auditorium, was between the local Church of Christ and the Baptist Church. The elder Mahoney and another son belonged to the Church of Christ.

"The big fight proved one thing to me," the level-headed old gentleman later said, "and that was that both were wrong. But I knew someone had to be right, or else I was lost."

HEARING OF THE Catholic church from his Marine son, Mr. Mahoney's first question was: "But did Jesus Christ establish that Church?" In his search for the answer, Mr. Mahoney brought the Church of Christ preacher to dinner one evening, and across the dinner table asked the preacher point blank: "Which is the Church which goes back to the time of Jesus Christ?" The preacher answered: "Why, every one knows from history that it is the Catholic Church, but..."

"That's all I'm wanting to know" the white-haired mill owner said.

THE HISTORICAL fact of the Church's foundation by Christ brought Mr. Mahoney back to the Church from which his grandfather had slipped when there were no priests in the isolated parts of Tennessee. One week after Sgt. Mahoney was baptized, he stood by as Monsi-