

Catholic Press Drive Launched For GIs

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A practical and vigorous program is about to be launched whereby it is hoped that Catholic publications—news-papers and magazines—may be placed in the hands of most of the Catholic men and women in the Armed Services, both in this country and abroad.

Cordial endorsement and encouragement has been given the project by the Military Ordinate, in charge of the religious welfare of Catholics in the Armed Services.

The Catholic Press Association of the United States likewise is to lend its strong backing and help.

SINCE THE EFFORT is to be made on the parish level, as a practical implementation of the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women are calling into action their thousands of nationwide affiliates.

Mrs. William H. Dalton of Augusta, Me., president of the N.C.W., and Francis I. Nally of Toledo, president of the NCCM, joined in an appeal to all affiliated organizations actively to support the undertaking.

In sum, the plan calls for each parish throughout the country to see to it that each parish member who goes into the Armed Services is provided, without charge, with at least one subscription to a Catholic newspaper or magazine. The parish organization or organizations that might organize and continue the project locally would be in the hands of the pastor and parish.

EITHER ONE parish organization or a combination of many might be the spark plug.

The plan came about through the solicitude of a high Navy officer, who believed it vital that the spiritual life of the GIs and their sisters in the Armed Services should be bolstered up continuously, and that Catholic newspapers and magazines would be a powerful instrument regularly to encourage spiritual and moral improvement while combating the grave danger to morals that inevitably service people encounter.

The officer, who prefers to be anonymous, wrote His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the Armed Forces, presenting his plan. He said in part: "The United States has be-

come a military nation, and no doubt will continue so for 10 or 20 years, in spite of the outcome of the Korean War. There are at present about 12 million graduates of the Armed Services who spent their growing-up years in the military. Thus the military has become and will continue to be a great educational institution.

"The approximate 3,700,000 military personnel in the Armed Forces of the United States are exposed to the moral dangers of military life; they are spiritually neglected and are inadequately provided with spiritual guidance. These young men and women have become spiritually underprivileged because they have been, called from their homes and their parishes, and have been sent to distant and widespread places.

"Some spiritual provision is planned for these defenders of our way of life, but all too often and too soon, they are 'thrown to the wolves' and are on their own. They are in continuing need of religious instruction in Christ's teaching and in Catholic doctrine, and information about national movements and world problems in accordance with Christian philosophy. They are in special need of 'The Truth'."

THEREUPON THE OFFICER proposed to meet best this urgent need for information and instruction, "that through the most suitable local agency, a year's subscription to a Catholic magazine or paper" be provided to each Catholic person in the Armed Forces.

This he would implement by urging each Catholic parish to arrange such subscriptions.

Many efforts already have been made to get Catholic literature into the hands of Catholic service people. However, such efforts in the past have been scattered and have not been on a nationwide scale.

Former Cop Now Maryknoll Missioner



New Rochelle, N.Y.—The Rev. Peter J. Halligan, M.M., a former New York City policeman recently ordained a Maryknoll priest (center), celebrated his first Solemn High Mass at the Catholic Church of the Holy Name of Jesus here. With him are: Robert Rehm (left), and William Sauer, both New York patrolmen who served an altar boys at the Mass, at which some 1,000 uniformed policemen were present. Father Halligan, 28, comes from a long line of priests and policemen. His father, Joseph P. Halligan, is a retired police lieutenant. His uncle, the Rev. James J. Halligan, is pastor of the Holy Name of Jesus church. A cousin and a brother, both priests, served as deacon and sub-deacon respectively at the Mass. Father Halligan will fly to Peru soon to take up his work as a Maryknoll missionary there. (Religious News Service Photo).

Hungary Seeks To Train Future Pro-Red Priests

Vienna (NC) The Hungarian Communist regime has established two indoctrination centers to train youths to become future pro-Communist priests, according to reports reaching here.

The two centers are located in monasteries confiscated by the regime. One is in the former Benedictine monastery at Estergom and the other at the former monastery of the Plant Fathers at Nagykanizsa.

Promising young Communist students are encouraged to enter the training centers and promised that they will later be given an opportunity to infiltrate the Catholic seminaries, the reports state. The courses at the indoctrination centers are given by pro-Communist priests and are aimed at teaching the students how Christian doctrine can be twisted to suit Communist purposes.

North Carolina Bishop Bans Any Segregation In Diocese

Raleigh, N. C. — (NC) — "There is no segregation of races to be tolerated in any Catholic Church in the Diocese of Raleigh," Bishop Vincent S. Waters has stated in a letter which was read in parish churches throughout the diocese last Sunday, June 21.

"Pastors are charged with the carrying out of this teaching and shall tolerate nothing to the contrary," the Bishop stated, saying that he wished to make the statement "as emphatically as I can" so that "in the future there can be no misunderstanding on the part of anyone."

If the non-segregation order is not carried out, Bishop Waters said, "all special churches for Negroes will be abolished immediately as lending weight to the false notion that the Catholic Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, is divided."

"EQUAL rights are accorded, therefore, to every race and nationality as is proper in any Catholic church and within the church building itself everyone is given the privilege to sit or kneel wherever he desires and to approach the Sacraments without any regard for race or nationality. This doctrine is to be fully explained to each convert who enters the Church from henceforth in the Diocese of Raleigh."

The letter was a clear-cut outline of the Catholic position on racial matters, a review of the stand on racial relations held in the Diocese of Raleigh, and a reminder of the unity that must prevail in the Church.

Citing "our Faith" as the cure for "the virus of prejudice," Bishop Waters said "I revolt against our children being infected with this virus, when men and women of goodwill everywhere can preserve them from it."

"The virus will not die out of itself. It has to be killed by being exposed to the light of Faith. The Church does not propose tolerance which is negative, but love which is positive."

"Can men be so callous as to remember race hatred while kneeling around the cross of the crucified Christ?" he asked.

IN THE Mystical Body of Christ which is the Church, he stated, "all the members, no matter of what race, what nation,

what qualities of body, or of mind, or with how many or how few possessions all are in one communion if they belong to the one Church. Anything to the contrary is heresy."

Bishop Waters said that "as pastor of your souls I am happy to take the responsibility for any evil which might result from different races worshipping God together, but I would be unwilling to take the responsibility of those who refuse to worship God with a person of another race."

My only sorrow is the fear that I shall not convince you of the will of Satan."

Urging his people to practice love rather than tolerance, the Bishop stated: "If Christ said love your enemies, we certainly can love our friends. These are our friends and members of our

Fulbright Award Received By Nun

River Forest, Ill. — (NC) — A Dominican nun who teaches classical languages at Rosary College here has been awarded a special Fulbright scholarship.

Sister Mary Melchior Beyenka is one of 12 teachers of classical languages and ancient history who will spend the summer studying at the American Academy in Rome. The special seminar will be complemented by a week in Naples. The group will go by plane from New York to Rome and will return on Aug. 29.

An alumna of Rosary College, Sister Melchior received her master's degree at the University of Wisconsin and her doctorate at the Catholic University of America.

Obscene Literature Concord, N.H. — (NC) — The New Hampshire Legislature has approved the obscene literature bill sponsored by Rep. Louis I. Martel of Manchester, a persistent crusader against the distribution of indecent publications in this state.

own body, the Church."

THE BISHOP pointed out that some special Catholic churches and schools were established a few years ago in North Carolina in order to give a special impetus to the missionary work among the Colored people.

"Did this mean that the Church was abandoning her centuries-old teaching of 'one fold and one shepherd' or that Negroes were thereby forbidden to worship in any Catholic Church in the diocese except in those for Colored? By no means."

"It meant that there was no division but merely that special attention was given to a few, and all Catholics still had the rights and privileges of worshipping God together as everywhere in the Catholic Church."

"To be assured that this was understood entirely by all Catholics and enforced by all pastors, we wrote a letter clearly defining this teaching two years and a half ago. . . . The same teaching has been reiterated in our letters."

STATING THAT the attack of the enemy of the Church always is directed against its fundamental unity, its authority, its Catholicity — Bishop Waters said "the spirit of division" is behind "all anti-Semitism, all racial tension, all capital-labor friction, all rural-urban disputes or any other religious hatreds which have been allowed to spring up and grow in the human heart."

"Opposed to this confusion, and hatred, and division, is the Church Christ founded — one Mystical Body."

"The Catholic Church has been meeting and solving such problems as an attack upon its bodily unity ever since the day of Pentecost. . . . This Catholic Church has been meeting and solving by Christ's teaching race problems in all parts of the world: in India, in Africa, in Central America, in Mexico, in the West Indies, in the United States in the North, in the East and in the West. It will also solve them in time in the South."

"The Church is not made for one section, or one period of history but it is Catholic in time and in territorial extent as well as doctrinal in teaching."



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