

## U. S. Bishops' Relief Fund For War Victims

# \$5 Million Goal For War Relief

## THE LIFE OF CHRIST

By BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

### Christ Is Seen As Saviour Rather Than As a Teacher

#### CHAPTER V

[The Christ child has been born in a stable, for Joseph and Mary could find no other lodgings. In last week's installment, Bishop Sheen explained the significance of Christ's cruel entrance into His own world and His departure from it on the cross. "Disowned in entrance, rejected in exit. He is laid in a stranger's stable, at the beginning, and a stranger's grave at the end."]

Ordinary mortals go from the unknown to the known and submit themselves to forces beyond their control; hence we speak of their "tragedy." But He went from the known to the unknown, from the reason of His Coming, namely to be "Jesus" or "Saviour" to the fulfillment of His Coming, namely the death on the Cross. Hence there was no tragedy in His Life, for tragedy implies the unforeseeable, the uncontrollable and the fatalistic. Modern life is tragic when there is no belief in another life and no redemption from guilt. But for this Babe, there are no submission to fatalistic chains from which there is no escape; but there is an "escape" — the microscopic man summarizing a macrocosmic Golgothan cross.

In His First Advent Christ takes the name of Jesus or "Saviour"; it will only be in His Second that He will take the



Jesus, the young carpenter.

name of "Judge." Jesus was not a name He had before He, as the Son of God, assumed a human nature; it very properly refers to that which was united to His Divinity, not that which existed from all eternity. Some say "Jesus" taught as some might say "Elate taught" never once thinking that His Name means a Saviour from sin. Once He receives this name, Calvary is more a part of Him than Washington is related to a President of the United States. The shadow of the Cross that fell on His cradle, now falls on His name. This is "His Father's business"; everything else is accidental. Either He lives up to His name, or He does not. If He does not, then He cannot be called Jesus or Saviour.

#### Herod's Decree

Christ was not two years of age when King Herod ordered the killing of the male babies of Bethlehem. It is the first attempt on Christ's life. He has the sword when a Babe, stones when a Man, the Cross at His end. Bethlehem is the dawn of Calvary. The same law that would wind itself around the Apostles and around His followers for centuries, begins its first circuit in fresh lives snatched from their mothers' arms — now so happily commemorated in the Feast of the Holy Innocents. Upside down on a cross for Peter, a push from a steeple for James, a knife for Bartholomew.

### Jesuit Scientist Envisions New Mid-Atlantic Continent

South Orange, N. J. (NC) — Geological forces now at work will change the surface of the earth far more than man's new-found atomic power, according to Father J. Joseph Lynch, S. J., Fordham University's earthquake expert.

"The mid-Atlantic seems ready to rear its head above the surface so that tourists will either change boats or sail through a second edition of the Panama Canal," Father Lynch told a meeting of the New Jersey Science Teachers' Association.

"Russia," he said, "may well be joined to Alaska as a continuous mainland through the uplift of her land mass that is now but a string of Aleutian and Kurile Islands. The islands of Indonesia may well become a continent that will dwarf her Australian neighbor."

The Fordham seismologist admitted that such changes are speculative, but said that geological forces giving rise to such speculations are very real.

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### Legislature Passes Film Censorship Bill

Albany, N.Y. — (RNS) — A motion picture censorship bill expressly defining the word "immoral," to meet objections raised by a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision was passed by the State Senate and Assembly here and sent to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for signature.

In a case involving the movie "La Ronde," the Supreme Court had held that the word "immoral" in the existing New York State law was too vague.

THE MEASURE passed by the legislature defines as "immoral" any film "the dominant purpose or effect of which is erotic or pornographic; or which portrays acts of sexual immorality, perversion or lewdness, or which expresses or impliedly presents such acts as desirable, acceptable or proper patterns of human behavior."

It also designates as "tending to incite to crime" any film whose chief purpose or effect is to suggest that illegal activity or law-breaking is desirable, acceptable or profitable.

THE BILL was drafted by a joint legislative committee headed by Assemblyman James A. FitzPatrick (R-Plattsburgh) and was introduced by Mr. FitzPatrick and Sen. Earl W. Brydges (R-Niagara Falls).

Sen. Brydges said that the legislators' problem in drawing up the measure "arose from the fact that there had been an increasing number of films imported from foreign countries and for that reason we need a pre-censorship statute in this field."

"Our purpose," he said, "is to preserve our licensing statute. The better and good and decent element in the motion picture field should welcome this statute."

### Priest's Message Defends Marine Colonel Schwable

Washington — (NC) — A phone call from a priest was "really appreciated" by Marine Corps Colonel Frank H. Schwable, undergoing an inquiry as the highest ranking U.S. officer to sign a germ warfare confession in Korea.

"I'm not a Catholic myself," the Colonel explained, "though my wife and two children are. But I really appreciated that call I received from Father Francis Connell, the dean of the School of Theology at Catholic University."

HE READ ME parts of his article in the December issue of Catholic Men about "torture confessions." He explained how the Catholic Church stands on men who sign lies under duress. In the Catholic Men article, Father Connell said that Catholic theology "recognizes the possibility of such extreme torture that a person yields to the demands of the persecutors and makes the statements demanded without being guilty, subjectively, of sin."

The newly born lamb is not offered in sacrifice, nor is the first-birth of the rose cut to pay tribute to a friend. Each thing has its hour of perfection. Since He is the Lamb that sets the

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### Parents Warn Theater Managers

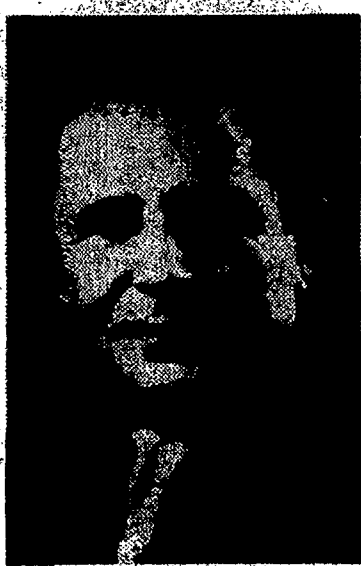
Cleveland, O. — (NC) — Theater managers have been notified by the Catholic Parent-Teacher League of Cleveland that members will stand by their pledge to stay away from theaters which run condemned films.

The action was taken in a resolution by the league after the Ohio censor board passed five films formerly banned in the State. The censors have predicted a flood of previously banned movies because of the weakening of State censorship statutes by the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision.

### Nuns Run Prison In Portugal

Lisbon, Portugal — (NC) — President Francisco Craveiro Lopes of Portugal and his wife visited the new women's prison at Tires near here which has been placed in the charge of the Good Shepherd nuns.

### CHIEF CHAPLAIN



Washington, D. C. — (NC) — Patrick J. Ryan, one of the most decorated Catholic chaplains in the United States Army, has been nominated Chief of Chaplains of the Army with the rank of Major General. He will succeed Major Gen. Ivan L. Bennett, a Southern Baptist who is due to retire April 30. A native of Littlefield, Minn., he entered the Army in 1927, one year after his ordination to the priesthood. He served as senior chaplain of the U. S. Fifth Army during World War II, afterwards becoming chaplain of the Sixth Army with headquarters in San Francisco, Cal. In August, 1953, he was named Deputy Chief of Chaplains.

### Georgetown Reports Gift From Cardinal

Washington — (NC) — A gift of five thousand dollars from His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman to the Georgetown University Medical Hospital has been announced by Father Edward B. Bunn, S.J., university president. The gift will defray part of the construction cost of a new research wing on the Georgetown University Hospital.

### Profanity Ruled Misconduct On Job

Providence, R. I. — (NC) — Continued use of profane language on the job after being warned against it by an employer constitutes willful misconduct according to the Rhode Island Department of Security's board of review.

The board made public a case in which it imposed a six-weeks penalty in the payment of jobless benefits to a worker who had been fired for using profanity. According to a board source, the man involved was ousted from his job after repeated warnings by his boss against using profanity in the presence of other workers, including women.

### House Asks Prayer For Reds' Victims

Washington — (NC) — The House passed a resolution urging churches and synagogues to offer special prayers on April 18—Easter Sunday and also the first day of the Passover—for the "victims" of Communist domination. The resolution was sent to the Senate.

### Cleveland Group Continues Bid On Behalf Of Negroes

Cleveland — (NC) — White and Negro Catholics in Cleveland have voted to continue their efforts to gain membership for Negroes in the Knights of Columbus here.

An application for an interracial council here recently was turned down by the K. of C. Supreme Board which held that the group was organized on "racial" grounds.

THE LETTER, Dr. Rogers said, will point out that the K. of C. is so close to the Church that everything it does "appears to have the sanction of the Church," and that in its refusal to accept Negroes as members or grant a charter to an interracial council, the K. of C. is "undermining the work of the Church in this country."

The action of the Supreme Board was criticized severely by Auxiliary Bishop Floyd L. Begin of Cleveland, a long-time K. of C. and a strong supporter of the interracial council plan.

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### Red 'Trial' Hinted For Cardinal Aide

London — (NC) — An imprisoned Auxiliary Bishop to His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński is slated for a public "trial" soon in Red Poland, according to information reaching here.

Auxiliary Bishop Anton Baranlak of Gniezno was arrested by the Polish communist regime last October about the same time that it seized Cardinal Wyszyński, the Polish Primate. Since then the Polish state prosecutor's office has been trying to gather "incriminating evidence" for a show "trial" of the Bishop.

Information reaching here states that the regime is trying to get its "incriminating evidence" from imprisoned priests who formerly worked in the now government-operated Catholic Caritas and from jailed members of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin and Catholic Action.

NOW 59 YEARS OF AGE, Bishop Baranlak accompanied Cardinal Wyszyński to Rome two and one-half years ago when the Primate paid a visit to the Holy See. The Bishop served as the Primate's secretary at the time, a post he had held with the late August Cardinal Hlond, the former Polish Primate. Bishop Baranlak was consecrated in July 1951.

During the "trial" last fall of Bishop Czeslaw Kaczmarek of Kielce the public prosecutor accused Bishop Baranlak of sending abroad intelligence material and reports to the detriment of the "people's democracy." Some reports described the Bishop as having been instrumental in sending abroad the "Lublin Manifesto" in May 1953, joint memorandum of the Polish Bishops, which accused the regime of a "mad wall" to destroy the Catholic Church in Poland.

### Sick Pope Makes Public Appearance At Window

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The Holy Father remained for perhaps three minutes, and then carefully and haltingly withdrew. As he left the window, the bells of St. Peter's rang out. Mass for the Alpine troops had previously been offered there by His Eminence Clemente Cardinal Micara, the Pope's Vicar General for the Rome Diocese.

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### POPE BLESSES PILGRIMS



Vatican City — Pope Pius XII, in his first public appearance since his illness began on Jan. 14, blessed a huge crowd of Italian pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square along with tourists from many lands. The Pope was greeted with shouts of "Long Live the Pope" from the massed gathering below. (RNS Photo)

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### War Victims Collection Set Sunday In Churches

The American Bishops' annual fund appeal for War Victims will be conducted this Sunday (Mar. 28) in all churches of the Rochester Diocese as well as in some 15,000 other Catholic churches throughout the nation. National goal of the 1954 Bishops' Fund for Victims of War is \$5,000,000.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney underscored the urgency of this year's appeal in a letter read in all churches of the Rochester Diocese on last Sunday. Citing the Holy Father's appeal which stresses the gravity of the world

Text of Bishop Kearney's letter is on page 4.

relief situation, Bishop Kearney called upon the faithful of the Diocese to maintain their reputation "in charity for the stricken people of the world today."

The Bishop's Fund is used annually for the relief of the needy and suffering millions throughout the world, in Europe, the Far East and the Near East.

POPE PIUS XII asks American Catholics to rally to the assistance of the homeless, hungry and needy in the world's war-wrecked lands "even at the cost of personal privation," and "to contribute with renewed generosity."

The Holy Father's appeal, written from his Vatican in the Vatican and addressed to the U.S. hierarchy, recalls the generosity of American Catholics to world relief work in past years but points out that the fact that millions are still suffering.

"We are so generous in the past, that we have almost forgotten the need of supporting the relief work and the suffering people of the world today."

"These who look almost dead, you see, are still alive and are suffering. They are in great need. Our work is to help them with the generosity of the Holy Father. We are for them not only a part of your abundance, but also the fruit of your real sacrifice and self-denial. In their name, we beseech you and your faithful people, even at the cost of personal privation, to contribute with renewed generosity."

The annual Laetare Sunday collection for the Bishops' Fund finances the works of the American Hierarchy's worldwide relief organization, War Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference.

WRS-N.C.W.C. gives aid in clothing, food, medicines and other forms of relief to refugees, exiles, escapees and others in need in all parts of the world.

In 1953, as a result of the programs, private contributions, arrangements made with private foundations and similar assistance, WRS-N.C.W.C. was able to expand the \$5-million contributed to the Laetare Sunday campaign into a program of more than \$32-million in relief for the world's unfortunate.

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