

Collection This Sunday To Aid World's Needy

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LOOK OUT BELOW!

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CHAPTER FIVE Yanks In England

The rugged Scottish landscape seen through the fog from the ship's deck in early morning is really impressive; it is viable, invigorating, energizing. It is the sort of country bound to produce such literature as the "Waverly Novels" and the vigorous writings of such men as Stevenson and Burns.

We hugged the coast for several hours, and every one of us was enjoying this part of the trip immensely.

The last ten days on the Atlantic had been miserable. The men had been packed in the typical military-transport triple-decker bunks.

The weather was so bad and the sea so heavy that it was dangerous to allow anybody on deck most of the time.

The had weather was a blessing in disguise, however, for it made any attack from a German U-boat less likely. The holds were stilling, and just about everyone was sick to his stomach and had a cold.

In spite of this, Mass in the lounge was well attended, and I heard confessions for two hours a day. Men, lined up for confession, could watch the crap games going on beside them while they waited. Quite a row ensued when one of the big winners in the game quit to go to confession.

We disembarked at Glasgow and were treated to a "smoot" of Scotch-Red Cross lasses. They were bright-eyed, apple-cheeked, and friendly but with just enough poise and reserve to keep our men from getting fresh.

They laughed when anyone asked for sugar for his tea. "You Americans are the ones. There's a war on, 'ave you 'ead?" And of course our men came back with the cracks that these girls must have heard from the men of every troop ship that docked.

"Well, sweetness, how about

This Weekend Teenage Cage Tournament

This will be a busy basketball weekend for teenage cage stars of diocesan high schools.

The championship game will be played Sunday afternoon at the Rochester Institute of Technology gymnasium. Bishop Kearney will give the awards to the victors.

Applications At Guild House

Students or working girls, aged 18 to 30, may apply for immediate or future accommodations at St. Elizabeth Guild House, 1475 East Avenue.

Meals are provided.

Mrs. John Helfman may be contacted by phone, BRowning 1-6725.

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LAST WEEK'S PAID CIRCULATION

Electric Shavers: Sunbeam, Remington, Schick, Free trial, William S. Thorpe, Jeweler, 318 Main St. East—Adv.

Bishop Kearney has called Catholics of the Rochester Diocese to respond generously to an appeal from Pope John XXIII to aid the world's needy.

All 150 parish churches of the Diocese will take a special collection this Sunday as part of a nation-wide response to the Pope's plea.

Monsignor John E. Maney, diocesan director of the Relief Fund appeal, said American Catholics last year contributed a total of \$5,500,000 in this annual collection but that a 10 per cent increase is needed this year to meet the growing needs of "impoverished people all over the globe."

THE BISHOP, in a letter read at Masses last Sunday, said, "I am sure that you are all aware of the great need which still exists all over the world for the necessities of life for so many people."

He asked for a "generous response" to the appeal as a form of "sincere Lenten" observance.

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Pope John made his plea for the poor in a letter to the U.S. hierarchy which operates the world-wide Catholic Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference (CRS—NCWC).

Funds derived from the annual Bishops' Relief Fund campaigns have been the principal source in the building of CRS—NCWC into the world's largest private voluntary relief organization.

The Bishops' agency dispenses food, clothing, medicines and other assistance to some 40 million of homeless and hungry in 50 nations of the world, solely on the basis of need and without regard to religion, color or national origin.

"The Catholics of the United States of America," Pope John said, "have deservedly gained a reputation for their lively faith, for their fervor in the practice of their religion and for the unselfish enthusiasm with which they devote themselves to the various praiseworthy forms of apostolic activity."

The Pontiff said that if proof were required "of the vigorous faith of the Catholic people in America, it would suffice to contemplate their wholehearted dedication to those good works without which faith is dead."

He added that U.S. Catholics have been mindful of the "brotherly love commanded by the Divine Redeemer" and generously "have answered the appeal made to them each year in the name of the Common Father."

Pope John told the American prelates that he had witnessed first-hand "the fruits of the liberal generosity of American Catholics, first while serving in France as Apostolic Nuncio and later as Patriarch of Venice."

The Pope said that this generosity provided "additional grounds for confidence in the future of the Church."

"We can assure you," the Pope told the U.S. hierarchy, "of our sincere admiration for the noble spirit with which your people make sacrifices in order to help their brothers in need."



Sister Mary Martinella makes the Stations in Holy Family Convent chapel, Rochester.

Lent In A Convent

(Fourth in a series)

Nuns have somewhat of a year-long Lent—daily Mass, meditation, Communion, prayers, times of silence and mortification.

Lent only intensifies the program.

Since most nuns in the Rochester Diocese staff schools or hospitals, they must keep the right schedule already observed throughout the year. Lent, therefore, becomes a time for "in-between-times" special practices.

The Sisters individually choose some self-denial—often quite unobtrusive and unnoticed—but which exacts an added effort in performing routine duties, such as greater patience when irked, kneeling even more erect than usual, foregoing recreation time to do some convent task.

Notre Dame nuns have a daily Lenten ritual of venerating the crucifix like the Good Friday ceremony conducted in all parishes. Most communities also have similar special Lenten prayers or observances.

Many Sisters also add an extra visit to the Blessed Sacrament or another Rosary or the Stations of the Cross to their already full schedule of community devotions.

Watch for—Lent in a Rectory, by a Cathedral.



Dying Mafia's Days Numbered

The following article by Sister Margaret Teresa of Nazareth College reviews the recently published book "Brotherhood of Evil; the Mafia" by Frederick Sodern and published by the Farrar, Straus company.

The Brotherhood of Evil is dying. It has received its death-wound.

It moves, it still creeps about, like the terrible land-octopus, the many-tentacled-dragon that it is; and all the tentacles seek constantly for victims in its spreading murk of terror. American children, teenagers, young drug-addicts, are still its favorite food.

But time is running out.

THE FATAL DAY was that November day in 1957 when the dragon "summed itself on a hill in Apalachin."

Edgar Crosswell of the New York State Police set a total view that day of the chameleon-like monster he had been hunting: sixty of the Brotherhood, sixty top mafiosi of the 1000 who boss America's criminals, were detained and questioned, and the emerging pattern was scientifically accurate—the dragon cannot lose itself again.

Since then, information accumulated over the years has been pooled by all agencies of justice; the work of Senator Kefauver's 1951 Committee with its TV airings has been matched to the countrywide and overseas campaign notes of the Cleverest dragon-hunters of them all: Commissioner Harry Anslinger of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and his right-hand man in the New York Office, Charles Siragusa.

The thick dossiers of the FBI and of the N.Y. Police Department and of Departments in other great cities are part of the pool.

SECRET INFORMERS swell the total every day. Count witnesses for the dragon still strikes—Murder Incorporated was just one of its killing arms. Nowadays big mafiosi like Francesco Castiglia (who names himself Frank Costello) are phoned and fined and questioned and publicized and harassed and jailed. They look out of the daily news-sheet with defeated eyes.

Everything about them is known, and this is death.

Mafiosi cannot entirely trust each other any more, and as for their old recourse of voting death to a brother whose poor judgment weakens the regime—the number of deaths required would constitute suicide.

In this unsparring volume Frederic Sodern tells the history of the Mafia: how a useful patriotic society, its cause concluded, died—but spawned from its ashes a criminal organization—and how that hungry little organization came to batter on America in 1890, because in the Old World the law also bites, not having drawn its own teeth.

In the U.S.A., it grew and grew, murdered in 1909 its first adequate enemy in the Police Department. Officer Joseph Petrosino, murdered to triple king size under Prohibition, and after repeal, made good all its losses by the horrible expedient of fostering mass drug addiction.

Sodern gives all the names of the big mafiosi (as many as possible in large letters on the jacket), gives the FBI and Police number of each criminal member, sketches the life of Alphonse Capone and of Lucania-Luciano, describes the Apalachin meet and the "battle of the Mediterranean" and the "flight of the Williams"; he lists the countless aliases and the business legitimate and crooked of over 30 of the Brotherhood present at the meet, adds the roster of Brotherhood intermarriages worked out by the McClellan Committee in 1958.

He reviews many a case; but perhaps just one tale of a regulation inter-Mafia killing will serve to point up here the monstrous mind of the Brotherhood:

At a gala dinner in a Chicago restaurant in 1928, Alphonse Capone entertained three New York mafiosi who had plotted secretly to take over his rule.

Capone's own men were present in force, their guns trained on the plotters. Capone finally screamed out at the three, kicked up the baseball bat laid ready at his feet, and brained them one by one, while the rest looked on.

One blessed himself—there was time. Did that minute open on another scene in history—Disinas and a crucified Christ in converse?

Capone went on to his great "successes" thereafter.

The real evil of the Mafia, however, is its deliberate victimizing of America's children. Even its deliberate malcontrol of legitimate businesses like food distribution and real estate of Labor Unions, of State and Federal officials, cannot compare with the untold misery spread by narcotics; the fantastic total of crimes committed by the victimized (one half of all crimes).

"They sneer at me," said one judge at a trial of the Mafia, "as they sneer at Senators in Washington. What can any of us do against this damnable brotherhood of evil that is eating at the whole nation?"

Many things are being done.

The death penalty may now be given for turning a teenager into a drug-addict. And the Mafia dragon goes labeled, ticketed, seen, known, dishonored, mortally wounded, dying.

Pledges Still Pour In For Nuns' Drive

Pledges and contributions to the Sisters of St. Joseph infirmity-novitate appeal topped the million-dollar figure this week with final results incomplete in some phases of the fund-raising effort.

Expressing herself as "tremendously grateful for the prayers and generosity of our friends," Reverend Mother M. Helene, mother general of the Sisters' community, announced tentative plans for ground-breaking this spring for the proposed \$1,500,000 infirmity building adjacent to the Nazareth Motherhouse, 4095 East Ave., Pittsford.

WITH PLEDGE and contribution returns from parishes in Monroe County still being received by the Sisters, Mother Helene said Wednesday that still incomplete results from these parish collections to date totaled approximately \$150,000.

Final totals from several parishes outside Monroe County still are to be reported, Mother Helene added. A new figure from St. Mary's Church, Canastota, brought their total to \$28,000. Pledges from St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan, reached a total of \$12,000.

Also incomplete is the result of personal solicitation in Monroe County. The general committee will have a report meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Mar. 6, in Nazareth Academy, Lake Avenue.

William Muleahy, chairman of the advanced gifts committee in Monroe County, said Wednesday that results to that day were \$286,000 and that with several contacts yet to be made he was confident the committee would exceed the \$300,000 goal it had set for the group.

Muleahy and Gerald R. Barrett, chairman of the county's general committee, said committee leaders were highly pleased at the response to the appeal. They noted that no public goal had been set, and that it was the determination of the committee to attain as much as they could toward the estimated \$1,500,000 building cost. They termed the more than one million result thus far a real success.