

LOOK OUT BELOW!

By REV. (Lt. Col.) FRANCIS L. SAMPSON

To bring you up to date — Father Sampson, chaplain of the 1st Division, U.S. Army Paratrooper Corps, chucked into Normandy on D-Day and later into Holland and after the War's end and a year in an Iowa parish he returned to Chaplain's duty with the Paratroopers.

Epilogue

CHAPTER 26

The hard and difficult thing about war for those at the front were the long days that went by when none could raise his eyes beyond the next foxhole or above the next rise of muddy ground.

Friends died and were taken away, and we were very busy with the work at hand to think about them very long. A little later, during a lull in battle, we were able to assemble in formation at a military cemetery for services.

The services were very sincere but short, for our duties called us back to the front almost immediately.

There are many things about war that we want to forget. We are anxious to forget the necessary sordidness and cruelties of battle. We want to forget the mud and the muck and the mire, the painful days and the endless nights. We want to forget the sickening sensation of fear.

But there are many things that those who were there will want to remember.

We want to remember the innate sense of humor of the American soldier, that reservoir of good nature that seems to be a by-product of his native courage and optimism, an incredible ability to joke and laugh under the most severe trials.

But there are other things I want to remember.

I want to remember such men as Nathan Miller, a Jewish soldier who was literally cut in two by machine-gun fire when he walked within fifty yards of a Tiger tank and knocked it out with his bazooka. I want to remember men like Philip Leitch, a Protestant, who was killed saying the Lord's Prayer. I want to remember young men like "Hap" Houlihan, a devout Catholic, who stopped a sniper's bullet in the attack on Auldville.

Every chaplain wants to remember the men whom it was his privilege to be near in their last hour. All of us should remember, too, some three hundred thousand little white crosses that now dot foreign fields, each representing a priceless treasure for our country.

Those simple little crosses have nothing on them but a name, a serial number, the unit, and the date of death. Some of them are unadorned, but bear these engraved words: "Here lies in honored glory an American soldier known but to God."

We must never think of war casualties in terms of mere statistics. Every one of us must remember that each cross and each name represents the sacrifice of a fine young man; they must also remind us of the tears of a mother and father and the empty place in a home that can never be filled and the tears of a young man who has been cherished in the photograph on the family piano and the Purple Heart beside the photograph.

The feeling I am sure you share with me is one of inadequacy. How, we ask ourselves, can the laying of wreaths, the parades, the heads bowed in reverence, indicate either their sacrifice or our sentiments?

"Let us for a moment, in our mind's eye, draw aside the veil that separates us from these young men who gave their lives for our country. See them standing before us, row after row of them.

There is the boy that used to deliver your paper, remember? And there is Tom Jones, who made such a name for himself in high school athletics. And there is Marvin Peters, who did so well competing with his mother after his father died. They look familiar; happy, energetic American youths, so full of the vigor of that age.

What now do they expect of us? What can we do for them now that they are dead? Do they ask for praise? Grandeur? Eloquence? I think not. Do they ask to have their deeds eulogized? No, I think they would resent any attempt on our part to place halos about their heads.

But if they could look down upon our country today and see us working together for the ideals upon which our country was founded; if they could see us co-operating with one another in the spirit of understanding and Christian charity; if they could see us of every station in life, all working together, and ready and eager, each one of us, to make any personal sacrifice necessary; if those soldiers looking down could see that, then, figuratively speaking, they could polish up their boots and shine up their brass and with shoulders back, each one could stand down the golden streets of Paradise (as we have often seen them strut down our streets), and he could nudge an old-limer up there and pointing down at us, say with pardonable pride, "That's my country."

those are my people; what I did for was worth dying for."

There is a dangerous tendency in all of us to accept the great promises embodied in our Constitution as inalienable rights about which we need do nothing. That right to life, for example, if it is inalienable, belongs to every person in the world, be he Chinese, Hungarian, Italian, Greek, or African. But millions of lives in these countries are in desperate need of the necessities to sustain life. If we really believe in the right to life, you and I must approve our country's sharing its resources.

We must do more; there is a personal obligation, each of us, as an individual, is his brother's keeper.

We believe in the principle of liberty; then we are obliged to demand that right for peoples of other lands, even though our own wartime Allies may seem to refuse them that right. If we fall in this, our soldiers have fought in vain, for it was in defense of that right that this country went to war.

The pursuit of happiness is our natural right and we almost take it for granted. But this right is being attacked in the United States of America, and the land of the free, as well as in foreign countries. Strangely enough, certain groups, such as the Ku Klux Klan, dare to rear ugly serpentine heads again and to sink deadly fangs of racial discrimination, and relegate a bigotry into the watery public.

Our obligations and our debt of gratitude to the dead of World War I and of World War II and of Korea cannot be paid simply by accepting in theory the ideals for which they died, and then continuing to "live blantly selfish lives."

The men in the service did not, perhaps, philosophize deeply about the cause of the war, but they did know that they were fighting for a way of life that they loved. The sceptic and the scoffer may rant and rave about false causes of war, about unprovoked warmongers, about Imperialism of one country or another, and about any number of other things.

I have no original answer to that. I can't but point out our plain duty by appealing to one of the gentlest and kindest men more than ninety years, after the words of Abraham Lincoln seem singularly appropriate today:

"It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this so well-merited day shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Indeed it is proper that we be dedicated again, and that every aspect of American life be dedicated to the great tasks that still lie before us.

The recently printed book "Look Out Below" is published with permission of the Catholic University of America Press, Washington. All photos illustrating this series in the Courier-Journal are official U.S. Army photos.

THE END

Germans Vote Million To Poor

Aachen, Germany — (RNS) — Aid totaling \$1,025,000 was voted by the German Roman Catholic hierarchy at a conference here today to needy persons in Asian, African and Latin American countries. The conference met under Josef Cardinal Erings, Archbishop of Cologne.



Court-Church Cooperation

Amarillo, Tex. — (RNS) — Msgr. Leroy T. Mathieson, pastor of St. Lawrence's church, Amarillo, Tex., talks to youngsters in his role as "probation officer" in a unique plan of cooperation between church and court. Since the adoption about a year ago of the system, records of the Amarillo juvenile court show a 23 1/2 per cent decline in juvenile delinquency cases. The city has an honor title of voluntary probation where the youth in trouble is dealt with in an informal court proceeding and is then referred to his priest. One of the main provisions of the program is regular church attendance.

BOOK SHELF

Gloom and Hope

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA Nazareth College

Modern Gloom and Christian Hope, by Hilda Graef, Regency '59, 143 pp. \$3.50.

When Hilda Graef analyzed Theresa Neumann, she earned her present title of "controversial author." This latest text, however, may swing the pendulum back again — because she writes of novels, and plays agree with her first premise, that today's literature moves in a prevailing smog of gloom ("A lunar landscape of unmitigated despair," Miss Graef calls it), and would like to know just how low the visibility is and where to look for clear skies.

Miss Graef traces the smog to the "loopy turgid world of existentialism," follows it from its highly reputable source, the emotional Angst of Soren Kierkegaard, down through the sorry Nothingness of Ibsen's Catholic Heidelberg, the brave self-assertion of Sartre, confronting life's "absurdity" the atheist "holiness" and "intensity" of Gamsel, the defiant immaturity of Anouilh — summing up in a strong chapter on the rejection of God and of man as the image of God.

THEN SHE deals quickly with the lesser fry — the "angry young men," but makes of their anger a showy cult, and the women the illogical Simone de Beauvoir, offering "an incredible misrepresentation of Christian teaching on the part of a highly educated Frenchwoman" from a preaching Catholic family; and the adolescent Sagan, also a baptized Catholic, who writes of "love" as a drug against despair.

Next, Gabriel Marcel, Francois Mauriac and Graham Greene are etherized upon the table, and a very neat job, book by book, character by character, is done.

Miss Graef has not undertaken literary criticism; she is straightforwardly a sweater in that other question we all ask: Where does this story, this announcement here.

Hilda Graef

Leadership Skill

'Executive' Role For Nuns

Notre Dame — (NC) — the fundamental psychology of successful leadership and administration, he observed. Cardinal Cushing of Boston (old age) has been here to develop a set of the skills of a good religious superior must be intelligent, emotionally stable and capable of adjusting to changing situations.

Speaking at the formal opening of the seventh annual Institute of Spirituality, the Archbishop of Boston cited "definite similarities" in the relationship of a religious superior with her subjects and a business executive with his employees.

CARDINAL CUSHING declared that "those who exercise authority in religious communities should know something of the student do not guarantee

Sensation of Culinary World!
ROCK CORNISH GAME HEN
AT
TREADWAY INNS
ROCHESTER • CANNONDAUGA

CARMELITE PRIESTS

Men of Prayer
Men of Action
Men of Mercy

St. Carmelites have their own Order in calling for volunteers. Write for information today to Fr. Simpson O. Carmel, 123 South St., Auburn, N. Y.

FANTASTIC!
"The liquor is in!"
JENNING'S
Remy Martin
WHISKY SCOTCH
8 other Varieties
12oz. \$1.99 10oz. \$2.35
Ask your liquor store

INCOME SECURITIES

for CONSERVATIVE INVESTORS

CRONIN & CO.
Established 1925
STOCKS • BONDS
MUTUAL FUNDS
1210 GRANITE BLDG.
HA. 6-3605 • 6-3606
Open Saturday 7:11 Noon

In India's Kerala

Churches Oust Red Regime

New Delhi — (RNS) — The Communist rulers of Kerala — India's only Red-dominated state — have met their Waterloo, largely at the hands of Moslem, Hindu and Roman Catholic communities who have steadfastly refused to become spiritually and educationally subservient to them.

A proclamation issued by President Rajendra Prasad of India announced that the state's legislative assembly had been dissolved and all its powers assigned to the national parliament here.

His action meant the end of a Communist regime that had been in power for two years and four months of a five-year term.

THE PRESIDENT'S action climaxed two months of mass popular demonstrations, marked by strikes and picketing of government buildings, and sparked chiefly by Communist efforts to increase government control of private schools, most of them belonging to the Nair Hindu and Catholic communities. The private schools — number 7,000, about evenly divided between the two groups.

Clashes between police and demonstrators saw at least 15 Catholics killed, tens of thousands arrested and more than 10,000 sentenced to short jail terms. Many of the demonstrators were Catholic picketers.

The Indian constitution which authorizes Presidential rule over any state in which government cannot be carried out in accordance with the charter, and a presidential proclamation of emergency — for a new assembly could be held "as soon as possible."

Arab Republic Sends Envoy

Vatican City — (NC) — The first ambassador of the new Arab Republic to the Holy See is expected to present his credentials to His Holiness Pope John XXIII in early August.

He is Galal Ezzat and he will become the 34th ambassador to be accredited to the Holy See. In addition to full ambassadors, 11 other sovereignties maintain legations at the Holy See.

The UAR, established in 1955, raised its legation to the rank of an embassy on July 25 the same day that the Chinese (Formosa) ambassador presented his credentials to the Pope.

Hemlock Lake water makes the difference!

... adds bright taste to GENESEE beer!

Enjoy the bright taste of Genesee ... take home a six-pack tonight!

THE GENESEE BREWING CO., INC. • ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Daily Mass Calendar

Sunday, August 9 — Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (green). Gloria, Creed, Trinity Preface.

Monday, August 10 — St. Lawrence, martyr (red). Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Tiburtius and Susanna, no Creed, common preface; VR.

Tuesday, August 11 — Mass as Sunday except no Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Tiburtius and Susanna, no Creed, common preface; VR.

Wednesday, August 12 — St. Clare (white); Gloria.

Thursday, August 13 — Mass as Tuesday except 2nd prayer of St. Hippolytus and St. Cassian; VR.

Friday, August 14 — Vigil of Assumption (purple). 2nd prayer of St. Eusebius.

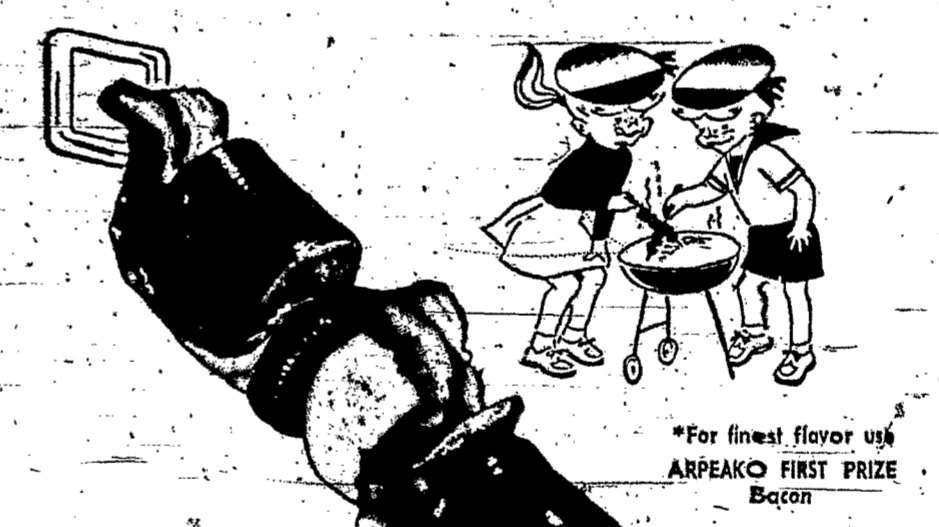
Saturday, August 15 — Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (white), Gloria, Creed, Preface of our Lady, Holy day of obligation.

VR — Votive or Requiem permitted.

Grail Girl To Be Africa Missioner

Toronto — (RNS) — Mary Anne Weber of Toronto, a parochial school teacher, is the first woman from Ontario Province to go to Africa as a Grail missioner.

Tobin's ARPEAKO. FIRST PRIZE. FRANK-KABOBS



THE FINEST OF ALL SKEWER COOKING ... INDOORS OR OUT!

... because ARPEAKO FIRST PRIZE Frankfurts are the finest made ... plump, juicy, all pure choice meat blended with milk and imported natural spices!

They carry the Good Housekeeping Guaranty Seal, America's most honored buying guide.

POLISH SAUSAGE

... SATISFYING, HEARTY EATING ... HOT OR COLD

When they say "Let's have something different!" fix ARPEAKO FIRST PRIZE Polish Sausage their favorite way. That luscious, spicy goodness adds appetite-appeal to Summer menus whenever, however it's served!

ARPEAKO FIRST PRIZE PRODUCTS ARE U. S. GOVERNMENT INSPECTED

GENESEE PACKING CO., INC. • 900 MAPLE STREET • ROCHESTER 2, NEW YORK

*For finest flavor use ARPEAKO FIRST PRIZE Bacon