

A Program Hitler Couldn't Halt

New York (NC) — A Catholic German woman who helped save countless Jews from Nazi death camps in World War II said here: "When I could no longer help the persecuted I was glad I could share their suffering."

Dr. Gertrude Luckner of Freiburg, Germany, in the U.S. for a month-long lecture tour, referred to this year she spent in Ravensbrueck concentration camp when her secret network for saving Jewish victims was discovered.

During an interview at headquarters of Catholic Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference here, Dr. Luckner, a representative of Caritas, German Catholic Charities, disclosed she will lecture in Washington, Buffalo, West Hartford, Conn., Kansas City, Mo., Iowa City, Iowa and Los Angeles.

Her tour is sponsored by the Jewish Agency—American Section, Inc., and the Information Office of the German Embassy in the United States. Her lectures are titled "The Old and New People of God" and "A Catholic in Israel."

Dr. Luckner started the Jewish rescue work in Germany unofficially in 1933, successfully hiding her activities from the Nazi regime. As the persecution

became more intense, she was asked by the German bishops to integrate her work with Caritas. Through the Caritas network she was able to get messages to persecuted all over Germany.

"Our aid was to organize help from person to person," said Dr. Luckner. "The personal help so desperately was craved by the persecuted and archives cannot understand or ferret out personal service and help. This type of service is unobtainable — it is the last type of aid that can be destroyed."

On March 24, 1943, she was arrested by the Gestapo and sent to Ravensbrueck. She was liberated on May 3, 1945. Since the end of the war, Dr. Luckner has been aiding in rehabilitation and indemnification of Nazi victims, and has continued her charitable and humanitarian work for Christians and Jews.

Dr. Luckner visited Israel ten times and was honored there as one of the "unsung heroes" who have saved Jews at the risk of her life. For 15 years, with a group of Catholics, she has been publishing the "Rundbrief of Freiburg," a journal to promote the mutual understanding of Christians and Jews.

Born on September 26, 1900, in Liverpool, England, of German parents, Dr. Luckner went to school in Berlin, Potsdam and Koenigsberg, Germany. She studied at the Universities of Frankfurt and Frankfurt and attended the Quaker College for Religion and Social Work in Woodbrooke near Birmingham, England.

The work of Dr. Luckner is featured in a book published Nov. 25, dealing with American voluntary relief in Germany. The book is "Transfigured Night," written by Eileen Egan of CHS-NCWC and Elizabeth C. Reiss.

Aid To Developing Nations an 'Investment'

Los Angeles (NC) — One of the major problems in the world today is stabilization of underdeveloped countries and eradication of the idea that they cannot help their condition.

Christopher Hollis, British author, economist and historian, observed here.

"It is a technical question of actual physical investment and efficiency," he said at a press conference.

As far as the Church is concerned, Hollis said, Pope John's encyclical, Mater et Magistra, "has committed the Church to a program of international social justice."

Hollis, son of an Anglican bishop and a convert to Catholicism, has attended all three sessions of the Second Vatican Council as a journalist.

He said the Council would issue a strong statement on religious liberty that would "nail to the mast the lie that the Church seeks liberty for itself but denies it to others."

Questioned about the British election, the onetime Member of Parliament said the "one disturbing consequence is that no one's really won at all."

He said with neither party having much of a majority nobody can do anything very effective. "An insecure government is not good for Britain, nor for the world," he declared.

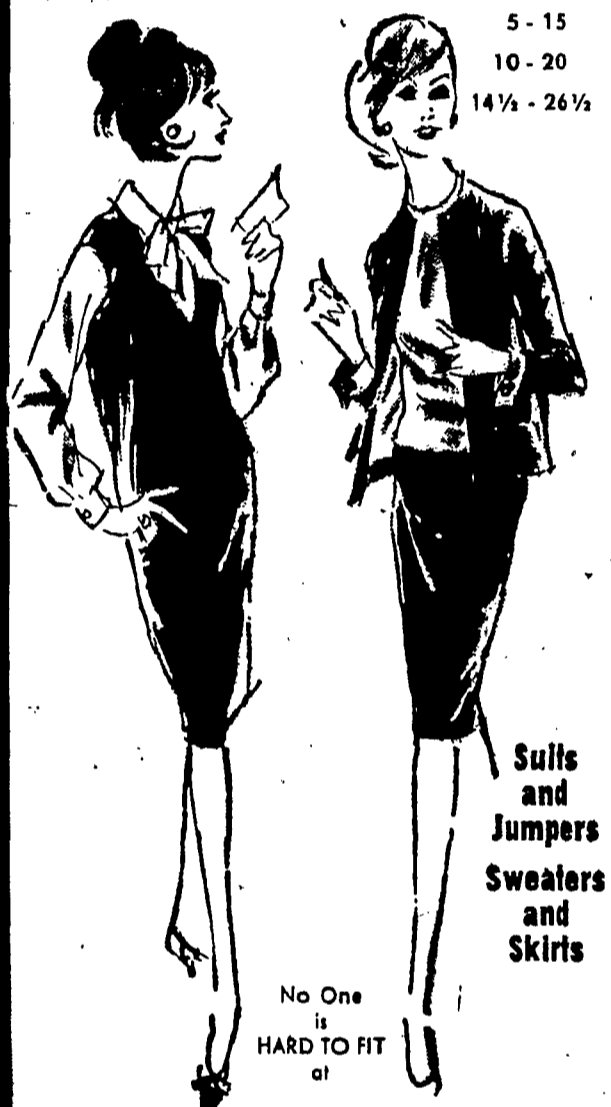
Hollis lectured at Loyola University as part of its golden jubilee lecture program.



Father Albert Named Colonel

FATHER JOHN F. ALBERT, Rochester Diocesan priest in the Air Force, receives the "eagles" of a Colonel from Chaplain, (Colonel) Palmer P. Pierce, Command Chaplain, Air Defense Command. Entering the Service in March, 1945, Father Albert has had duty in the Philippines, Texas, Puerto Rico, Maine, England, Washington, D.C. and Okinawa.

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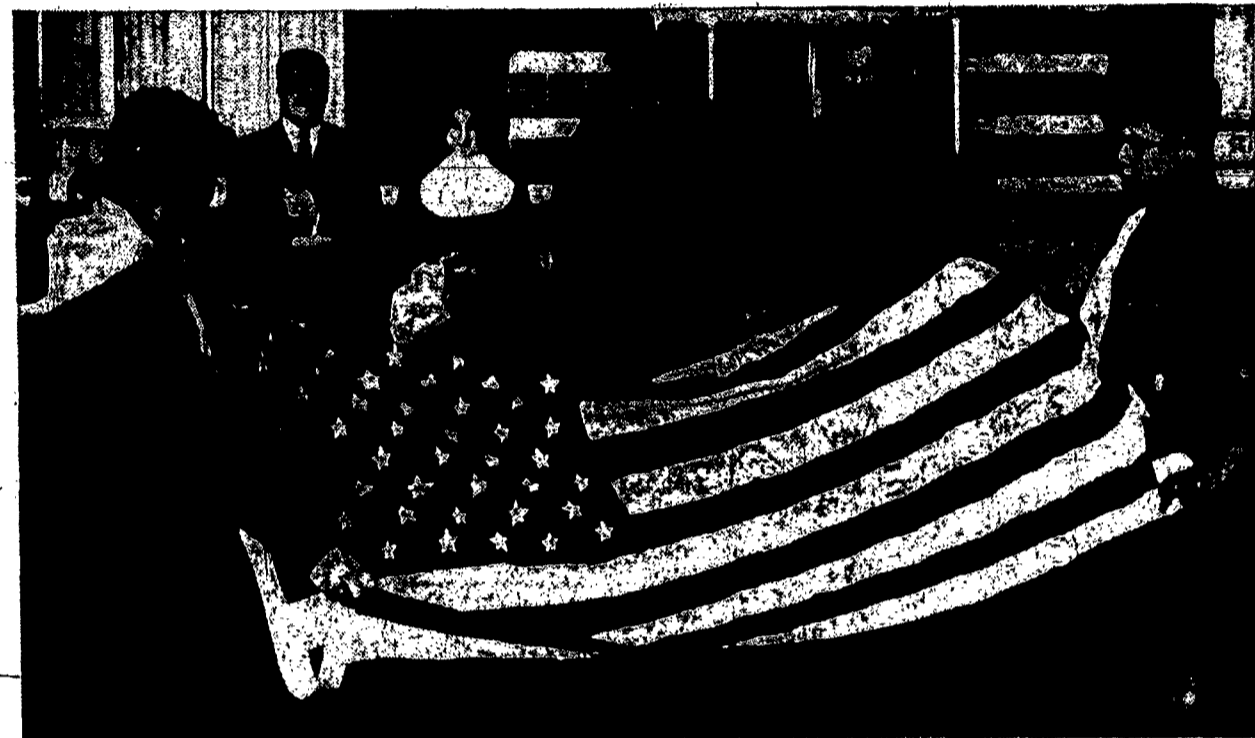


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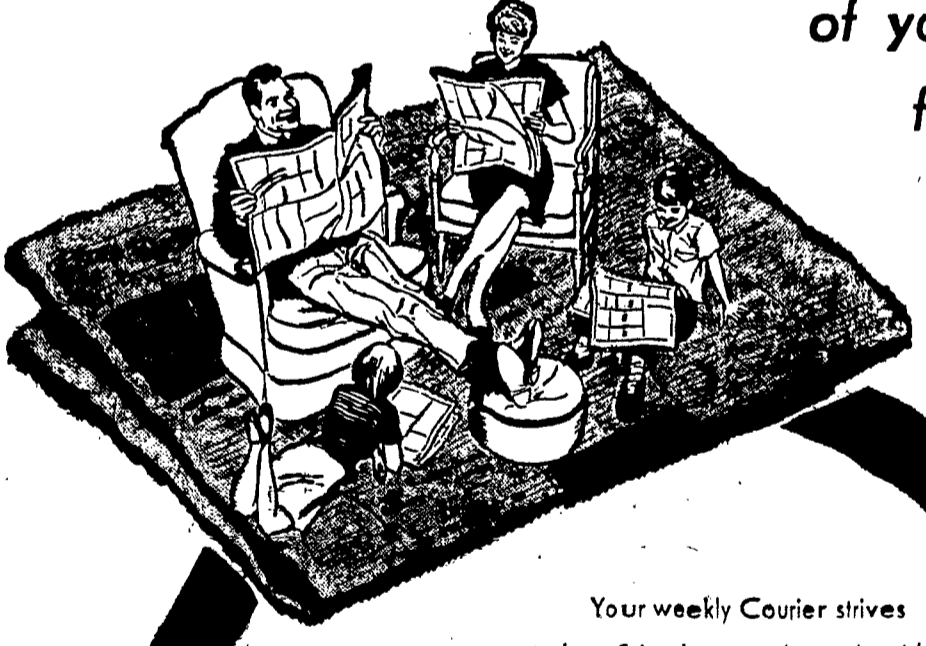
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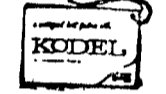
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