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Thru The International Institute

Milwaukee, Wis. "Discovers"

Lithuanian Culture

During the last 15 months Milwaukee has been "discovering" Lithuania's culture.

Through the various Holiday Folk Festivals in The Milwaukee Auditorium during the last two years Milwaukee has been beginning to take special notice of Lithuania and its rich cultural treasures.

Last Dec. 1st., The "Ateitis" Group of Lithuanian Dancers under the direction of Vytautas Beliejus made an appearance during the Lithuanian section of the Holiday Folk Fair, sponsored by the International Institute. The Ateitis dancing group really caused a sensation with their interpretation of the Lithuanian Dance.

Last year during the same Folk Fair, The B. V. M. Singing Group of Brighton Park (Chicago) appeared with a rendition of Lithuanian songs and dances.

Lithuanian Christmas

Milwaukee's Public Library is sponsoring an exhibition of Christmas tables and trees around the world.

The Lithuanians will be represented during this exhibition through the efforts of Mrs. Stella Markunas and Mrs. Griselda Mitka. These Lithuanian spirited women are preparing a typical Lithuanian "Kūčiū Stalas" which will be exhibited Dec. 21st and 22nd., in the Literature Room of the Main Library.

Together with the "Kūčiū Stalas" will be a Lithuanian Christmas tree decorated with typical Lithuanian ornaments. Many of the ornaments were made by Mrs. Mazeliauskas and Mrs. Juška of Chicago, the very same who did so much for the decoration of the Chicago Christmas tree exhibited at the Museum of Industrial Arts and Sciences.

Exhibits and Dinners

During the last years of
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Refugee Balts Put New Hope In Further U. S. Aid

FRANKFURT, Germany. — President Truman's recent announcement that the United States was accepting 48 Estonians who sought refuge in Florida, has given the 170,000 displaced Balts in Germany new hope that the America might do something to find refuge for them in the United States.

The United Nations rehabilitation and relief administration estimates there are 83,639 Latvians, 37,243 Lithuanians and 29,978 Estonians in the American British and French zones of

Germany

Afraid to Return Home

Representatives of the Balts say they dare not return to their soviet-occupied homelands because of "political conditions". They don't want to stay in Germany and they don't know that the future holds in store for them.

One member of the U. S. army's displaced persons section described the Balts as a "hard-working, highly cultured people who would be an asset to any country, whether the United States, Great Britain, South America, or any other place".

They are known to army and UNRRA welfare workers as "unsung" DPs because they have few spokesmen to call attention to their plight.

Quotas Negligible

Under present quotas enacted by the U. S. Congress, 386 Lithuanians, 236 Latvians and 116 Estonians are permitted entry into the country each year.

Only 2.5 per cent of the Estonians and Latvians and 9.7 per cent of the Lithuanians have been repatriated from the DP camps, as compared with 99 per cent of the Belgians and French, 88 per cent of the Russians, 86 per cent of the Czechs and 61 per cent of the Poles.



LUKE, 2, 1-14

And it came to pass, that in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that the whole world should be enrolled. This enrolling was first made by Cyrinus, the governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, every one to his own city.



And Joseph went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished, that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an angel of Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them; and they feared with a great fear.

And the angel said to them: "Fear not; behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the peoples: For this day, is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying: "Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will."

Keep
it up
USO
DON'T LET THEM DOWN!

THE FRANCO REGIME ON TRIAL

By: The Observer

"In this case the United Nations are nothing else but a criminal court, in which the defendant has no defense attorney". This is the way, **Dr. Hector D. Castro**, delegate of El Salvador, described the debates on Franco Spain in the Political and Security Committee of the U. N. Assembly last week. El Salvador was one of the few countries which stood openly in defense of Spain and had the courage to denounce the Soviet tactics of "calling everybody we dislike a fascist". Otherwise the entire discussion was a fantastic spectacle of how, through a network of cleverly instigated delegates, the Soviet minority in the Committee succeeded in winning crucial positions and appearing as a true majority. Because of defensive methods and holding the tongue in their cheeks the Democracies seem to have lost the first round.

Double standards of morality are like a bad conscience, they bring out weakness and put one in a defenseless position, even while standing for the most righteous cause. This is the characteristic of the American and British position in the Spanish case, which in spite of strong words used both by **Sen. Conally** and **Sir Hartley Shawcross**, failed to save the situation. The fact that no one dared to mention the Soviet bloody intervention in the Spanish civil war and to accuse the present communist regimes in Europe as the only real danger for peace to-day, gave all the trump cards to the Soviet bloc.

In this light they succeeded in presenting Franco as the only remnant of dictatorship in the world, an arch-criminal who summoned Nazi and Fascist troops to crush true democracy in his country, helped the Axis in the war and is now the only sinister exception in a world of freedom and justice.

The Soviet tactics are rather simple and not mysterious at all. Whenever they do not feel sure of success, — and subject to a majority vote they always feel insecure, — they try to introduce chaos and stall the debates. Amendment after amendment is introduced by one after another pro-communist delegate and after this again new speeches begin, so that finally the exhausted members do not know precisely for what they are voting. But the Soviet bloc knows always very well its objectives.

In the Spanish case, the fact that shrewd **Mr. Manuilsky** was the chairman of the Committee gave the communists a decisive chance. In spite of sharp accusations levelled by **Sen. Conally**, **Sir Shawcross** and other delegates against his partiality and disregard for parliamentary rules, **Manuilsky** ran the meeting as an able orchestra conductor. He gave preference of the floor to delegates favoring aggressive intervention in Spain, helped them with his own arguments and always found the way to bar a defender of Franco from speaking. And in the resulting confusion, he would smilingly invite the Soviet delegate **Mr. Gromyko** to resolve the troublesome knot.

It was only due to a definite opposition of **Sen. Conally**, that **Mr. Manuilsky** was prevented from inviting a representative of the Spanish Giral regime to take the floor. But like a rabbit in the hat, there was immediately someone else ready to take his place. It was the delegate of Guatemala, a well trained agitator, who volunteered to speak "for the Spanish people". He appeared as a leader of a South American anti-Franco group composed of Guatemala, Venezuela, Mexico, Panama and Chile, all countries now on the communist time-table.

There were seventeen proposals and amendments on the Franco question before the Committee and after long debates they were finally sent to a Sub-Committee charged with drafting a joint resolution. How such a joint resolution could possibly be drafted, if two entirely opposite views and objectives are under discussion, is anybody's guess. Anyway, **Mr. Manuilsky** scored his greatest victory, when he succeeded in appointing a Sub-Committee composed exclusively of the seventeen delegates who presented proposals and amendments, eleven out of whom are for intervention. The British delegate attacked this as a "farical committee packed with proponents of intervention", but he had no success.

The Spanish battle in the U. N. will continue unabated, now in the Sub-Committee, then again in the Committee and so forth. This is not the issue of Spain alone, but another field of conflict, and a very important one,

A CHRISTMAS HOPE



Talking It Over

Murder Made Holy

Recently, fifty, so-called Christian, religious leaders of New York state declared to the world that murder was perfectly in accord with the teachings of Christ. Of course, they had a much nicer name for it than murder. They called it **Euthanasia** or **Mercy-killing**. Nevertheless skulking behind this high-sounding word is the fact: murder.

Here is an example of mercy-killing. A father is told that his young daughter's sickness is incurable. The disease is extremely painful. Rather than see the child suffer he obtains a court order and then kills her with an overdose of morphine. At first some may be tempted to consider such a killing as noble. But it is not. It is the crime of a monster. And this is why:

The life that is given us is not ours to throw away or keep at our own pleasure. Only God has the right to take away life, for He has created us and we are His property, not our own. Besides this, it is only the mad man that would tamper with the plans of God. If He sees in His tremendous wisdom that we are surer of capturing the After-life on a bed of suffering than on our own two feet, who are we to smash His loving design and so risk the one thing that matters, life after death?

To make this clearer, here is a parallel. Suppose that your best friend asked you to take his little daughter to Berlin for him. He explains that he himself cannot do so, and further (that his whole future happiness depends on your success. You agree to take the responsibility. The first part of the trip is most enjoyable and the little child wins your heart and makes it glad. But then suddenly, after landing in France, you are beset by many difficulties — lack of food, sickness, attempts on your life by thugs. For a while you are tempted to give it all up, but for the love of your friend you suffer all this and finally bring the child safely to Berlin.

We, too, have been given a precious charge by a best friend. Our happiness and His depends on the safe delivery of this charge — our life. And it must be delivered.

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between the Democracies and Russia. In the meantime Soviet propaganda will hail the victories of the anti-Franco bloc and announce to the world that under Soviet leadership rescue for the Spanish people from Franco is on the way. And Franco's trial without a defense attorney will continue before the United Nations. It is in American and British hands first of all, who will eventually win. Only real action of the Democracies can save Spain from a communist verdict.

The Spirit of Peace and the Fire of Love

J. P. K.

IN the course of our lives we come across days of renown; eventful days. Some of them pass on unnoticed, in a matter of course fashion, leaving us void of personal satisfaction or joy. Whereas, others, perhaps three or four a year, somehow or other affect, influence, our lives; introducing something new, something out of the ordinary. In this latter category we may well place Christmas as being one of the greatest and most beautiful days of the year.

Christmas always did fascinate us from our early childhood days when we used to hear all the interesting and mysterious stories about good Old Saint Nick; to older age when Christmas receives a more noble, more inspiring significance.

We all enjoy nature's soft, crystal-creamy, white blanket of snow which adds to the beauty of Christmas — the Christmas tree with its sparkling, smiling lights and upon whose gracious boughs the magic snow never melts — the unforgettable and melodious Christmas Carols that never fail to thrill even the hardest-hearted Scrooge in our midst — the peppermint cane and the ever traditional red stocking filled with undigestible and fascinating candy.

Centuries have passed, and, no doubt, many more will pass on and Christmas will go on with its gaiety and thoughtful remembrances. Sadly enough, however, that is all Christmas means to many of us. We fail to realize that Christmas had begun in a cloud of song and a first impulse of giving, for in the crib lay God's greatest gift to man, His only begotten Son who was made man for love of us and who, till this very day, remains with us. Man, too soon, forgets the reason for the Child's birth. After a day or two he forgets that the angels heralded His birth by singing "Peace on earth and good will to all men".

We have but to look around us today, and what do we see? — numerous strikes; racial intolerance; hatred of one's neighbor; finally, the disregardment of the principles of morals and decent living. And to think that just months ago thousands upon thousands of American youth were laying down their lives to make America a safe living place for all men.

Today peoples and nations are still unrestful. They are bickering for peace and groping for it in darkness. As 1946 years ago, the Child

was rejected, so too, to day we fall to find Him embodied in our principles of peace and right living. True He was born in Bethlehem but has not been born in the hearts of all men. This birth will only take place in the hearts of man, when His teachings will be heard not only in our Churches, but also when He will be brought into our everyday life — when employer and employee, student and professor, mother and daughter, father and son, will, side by side, in all humility partake of His Body and Blood.

We all love Christmas along with its wonderful traditions of songs and children's laughters, sleighbells and little boys and girls dreaming happily of good St. Nicholas. But let us not have that love for Christmas week only. Let us try it in public life where the regard for God's likeness in our neighbor will bring countless rewards in the form of peace, for peace comes to men of good will. Let us embody our peace terms and moral standards of life with a kindly love based on sympathy and understanding; a love built on the firm foundation of reality. Let us remember that the angels, upon announcing to the world the birth of Christ, gave us the formula for achieving and retaining this peace and love: "Glory to God in the highest; Peace on earth to men of good will".

CORN and STUFF

By J. A. SKELLY

A doctor while hunting stayed out late and got lost. He finally came across a farmer's home and pounded on the door.

"What do you want?", the farmer asked. The doc said "I'd like to stay here for the night". The farmer replied, "O. K. stay there" and closed the window.

Jake — "Why is a room full of married people empty?"

Shake — Because there isn't a single person in it."

IF HE CAN'T GO HOME



(American Red Cross Photo) Yuletide parties and programs are brought to patients in military and veterans' hospitals all over the nation. Many agencies, including the American Red Cross, help bring Christmas right to the bedside of the many who can't

A Book Review

The Great Friend: Frederick Ozanam

By A. P. SCHIMBERG - Bruce Pub. Co.

"You are right, Ozanam, when you speak of the past! In past centuries Christianity did marvelous things. But what is it doing for mankind now? And you, who pride yourself on being a Catholic, what are you doing for the poor? Where are those tangible results which alone will teach us the practical value of your faith? We await them, for it is through them that we shall be converted."

That sharp, piercing challenge to Frederick Ozanam became the challenge of a lifetime. Had it not been issued the magnificent society of St. Vincent de Paul — the answer of the great friend, Frederick Ozanam — might never have

Sponsor New Year Eve Party for Vets

CHICAGO. — The Darius Girenas Post 271, American Legion, is sponsoring a gala 7th Annual New Year's Eve Party at the Post Memorial Hall, 4416 South Western Avenue. The Committee in charge has arranged for continuous dancing, special entertainment, food and refreshments, so that the guests of the evening may enjoy themselves to the nth degree.

The net proceeds of this party will be used to cheer and brighten the long days for the hospitalized veterans at Hines and other veterans hospitals in this area.

Tickets may be obtained at the Post Headquarters or from the following committee members: L. F. Gubista, John Urbas, M. Massey, Frank Sankus, Joe Bardaukas, Dan Sebastian, Al Lucas and John Krachunas.

crystallized into being and millions of God's forgotten poor would not have received the solace, the encouragement, companionship of the Christ-like visits of the members of the Society of St. Vincent. But the challenge was accepted and the firebrand of love in Ozanam's generous heart flamed and responded with the establishment of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, whose members advance the cause of personal sanctification by dedicating themselves to the service of the poor.

Although Frederick Ozanam is known primarily as one of the prime movers of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, his devotion and dedication to the cause of truth and personal sanctifications was expressed wherever he labored. His influence, writings extended into many an arena of thought and championed many a forgotten cause. As an apologist he brilliantly defended the faith of our fathers at a time when there were few respondent hearts among the laity.

As a historian he proudly (Cont'd on page 4)

Opinions On The Baltic States

Baltic Peoples, Replaced By Asiatics....

Inhabitants of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, are being deported by the Soviet authorities who are replacing them with colonists from Asia. These reports were received from the Balts who managed to escape over the Baltic Sea to Sweden in fishing boats.

The Baltic republics are under the supervision of the Soviet authorities and they are governed by the secret police, NKVD. Foreign correspondents, representatives of UNRRA and religious workers are not permitted to enter the Baltic countries.

Catholic Lithuania is reported dying; national and religious life no longer exists. At first, Lithuanians were allowed to pose as Poles and be transferred to Poland. Now the frontier between Poland and Lithuania has been sealed and both the Poles and the Lithuanians are being sent into the wilds of Siberia.

The Mongols and other Asiatic races are steadily replacing the Estonians. Estonian towns which before the war had less than two percent Russian inhabitants now have two percent Estonian natives.

Riga, the capital of Latvia, is now a real Russian town. The Latvian language is seldom heard in the streets. Towns are deprived of physicians, dentists and teachers. Lack of male youths is conspicuous in the village where Soviet colonists have not yet arrived. These young men seek refuge in the forests and spend all of their time in skirmishes with the Soviet

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critic he espouses the cause of social justice and democratic rights. And as professor, father and friend we see his enlightening example and catholic action. No matter in what aspect we view Ozanam we see his influence to be tremendous and example to be persuasive.

This book was published on the occasion of the centennial anniversary of the founding of the first society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States. The author presents a wealth of detail and an abundance of facts that are smoothly woven into an appealing, compelling and decidedly absorbing biography. The book is full of the spirit that motivated Ozanam—his simplicity, courage, zeal and love for all. It can be had for the reading. **E. V.**

Police.

Such is the condition of the Baltic peoples. External Catholic life has been almost completely destroyed. Local inhabitants are being rapidly exterminated and are being replaced with colonists from Asia. And yet people have the effrontery to say that we are trying to obtain a just peace.

(The Annunciator, Oct. '46)

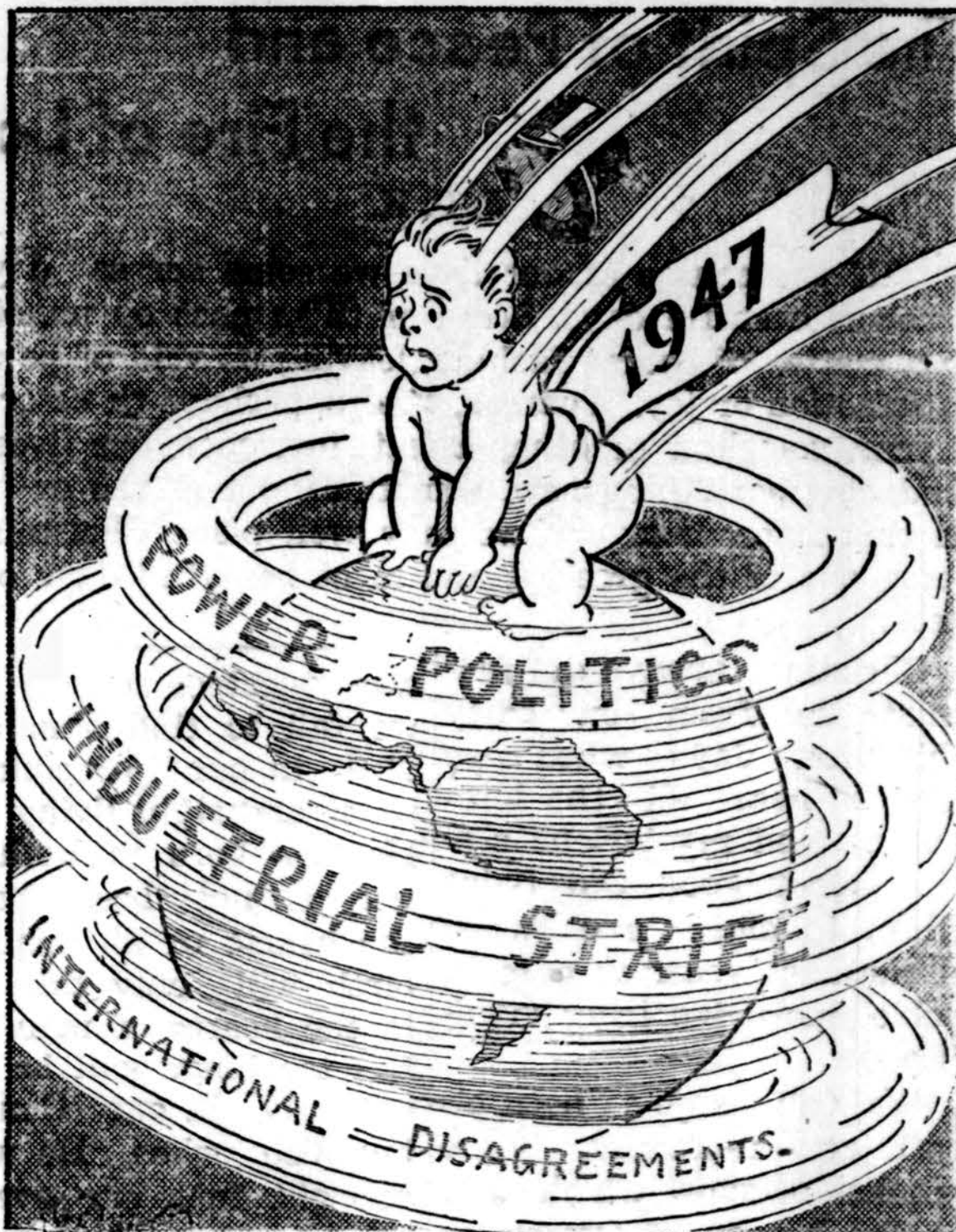
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Russia Unlimited

Russia has deliberately chosen an independent and expansionist line. In the countries immediately around her borders she has imposed her will by a mixture of force and infiltration. In all important matters of policy these countries are now her puppets. Opposition is being undermined or entirely eradicated by intense propaganda, backed by selective arrests and concentration camps. Political freedom as we

HAPPY LANDING, BUD!

By COLLIER



know it is virtually non-existent. The economic life of these countries is being steadily integrated to that of Russia. Commercially and politically the Russian sphere is all but closed to us. The Iron Curtain is an evident reality.

(Paul Winterton, Spectator, London, May 17, 1946).

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time which He has set. We red to that very place in narrates the glories of the Catholic Church. As social we failed in this duty no matter how painful, how we would be false to Him if would be false to ourselves, difficult this delivery of our life may be.

It might be well to recall that nineteen hundred years ago on a little hill outside Jerusalem God allowed His only Son to be racked on a cross and did not attempt to save Him because God saw that by His Son's sufferings a great good would be won for us — a life of everlasting happiness after death.

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the Holiday Folk Fairs at the Milwaukee Auditorium, the Lithuanians through the special efforts of Mrs. Stella Markunas and the courtesy of the Lithuanian Consulate of Chicago, Lithuanian exhibits of various items of interest have been admired by the throngs that visited the Folk Fairs.

Jan. 21st., 1947 the International Institute is sponsoring a typical Lithuanian Dinner during which Mrs. J. Dauzvardis, will speak of Lithuania and Mrs. Ann Pieza will sing typical Lithuanian songs. The dinner is being prepared by Mrs. Stella Markunas and her group of Lithuanian cooks. The dinner will be served in the suite of the International Institute on East Wells Street, Milwaukee.

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GUIDED READING

Class A

(Unobjectionable)

- Wartime Mission in Spain Carleton Hayes
- Chungking Listening Post M. Tennien
- Inside Rome with the Germans June Scrivener
- The Heart of Man Gerald Vann, O. P.

Class B

(Unobjectionable for adults)

- The Egg and I B. McDonald
- The Star of the Unborn (but why bother) Franz Werfel
- The Snake Pit Jane Ward
- A Frenchman Must Die Kate Boyle
- The Bulwark The Drieser
- Burma Surgeon Returns George Seagrave

Class C

(Wholly Objectionable)

- Glory to Me MacKinlay Kantor
 - The Zebra Derby M. Shulman
 - The Human Life of Jesus John Erskine
 - The Manatee N. Bruff
- (*Recommended)

On Our Defense

NEVER in history have the obstacles to this necessary production and distribution been so many, so costly, and so ruinous to our defense at home and our welfare abroad.

AT A TIME when war debt should be reduced, and the power of America to defend itself increased, the savings of people are being dissipated by inflationary concessions in exchange for votes.

NEVER in American history have agriculture and industry been geared to produce so much food and goods and services.