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Salve Regina College, Newport, R. I.

March 1950

Vatican City Displays Centuries' Treasures To Holy Year Pilgrims

During the 1950 Holy Year pilgrims will have the opportunity to view the treasures of art and literature accumulated in the Vatican throughout the centuries.

Among the art masterpieces are Raphael's 'The Coronation of Our Lady', 'Madonna of Falingo', and 'The Transfiguration'. The Pinacoteca galleries contain the work of hundreds of artists, some of the more famous of whom are Leonardo da Vinci, Titian, and Murillo. Friar Angelico's artistry is found in the Chapel of Nicolas V. Michaelangelo's magnificent fresco, The Last Judgment, to which he devoted seven years, may be seen in the Sistine Chapel.

In the Treasury and Sacristy of St. Peter's Church the sacred relics are kept, among which are two thorns from Our Lord's crown and a relic of the True Cross.

Also well-worth seeing are the Greek, Etruscan, and Egyptians museums, and the five Vatican libraries. Contained in the Vatican Library, in addition to one-half million books, are the original scores of Palestrina, the greatest composer of church music.

Interest Of College Students Pleases Mrs. Roosevelt

In speaking to an audience of well over 2300 people in the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Providence, February twenty-four, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt stated that, "Our children and our grandchildren may have to continue the struggle to win against Communism because it is a struggle for men's minds, so we must pass on our faith to younger generations." She went on to say that our success in this endeavor may well depend upon whether or not the citizens of the United States and other democratic nations can be "the kind of people that can win a peaceful world."

Mrs. Roosevelt was addressing a meeting sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Rhode Island of which Salve Regina College is a member. The theme of her speech was the "United Nations' Activi-

World Affairs Week Features Renowned Count As Speaker

Count Nicholas de Rochefort will speak on "France Today" as a special feature presented by Salve Regina College for World Affairs Week which will be observed March twenty-three to thirty.

Physics Students Hear Two Scientific Lectures

During the past few weeks four members of the Physics class, under the direction of Sister Mary Rose Agnes, R.S.M., have been attending a series of lectures.

The students were invited to attend these lectures, sponsored by the Newport Engineering Society, by Mr. Dow, president of the society. Lectures concerning the use of the spectroscope in industry, movies, electricity, and jet propulsion were the main topics of interest.

Doctor Dowd, from Tufts College, lectured on the Spectroscope. He showed slides of intricate machines which, in a matter of perhaps twelve seconds, in one case, could give the amount and composition of various elements in any given sample.

Those attending the lectures were Catherine Hawkins, Pauline Silvia, Vivian Delmonico, and Harriet Atamian.

Educated at the University of Paris and St. Cyr in France, Count de Rochefort, now a professor in the political science department of Georgetown University, is an informative source on conditions within that country. A Russian-born French professor and originally a member of the Fordham University faculty, the count served in the French infantry in 1940, was later captured by the Germans, and after his release volunteered in the First Armored Division.

Promotion of informed public discussions on international affairs and American foreign policy is the object of the World Affairs Council of Rhode Island. Salve Regina College joined the collegiate World Affairs Council this year and plans to assist in such programs throughout the future. These aims will be realized under the student leadership of Jane Murphy and Patricia Fox, delegates to the council.

Every March the council brings together more than sixty community organizations to sponsor a state-wide educational program. The 1950 assembly will mark the organization's thirteenth annual world affairs week.

ties and The Declaration of Human Rights and Covenant." After her formal speech however, Mrs. Roosevelt invited questions from the floor and thus brought her views on various other phases of current foreign policy and world problems to the fore. In practically every case, the opinions expressed by Mrs. Roosevelt were those of a true humanitarian unbounded by any narrow, political considerations.

She insisted that today all people should realize that they are under a mutual obligation to understand one another, and the United Nations is one of the best agencies through which this obligation can be met. In answer to the popular charge that the UN. is a debating society, Mrs. Roosevelt replied, "It is, but it has to be." She emphasized the fact that it takes infinite patience to work out a prob-

lem in the UN. because so many complex interests are represented, but the problems must be solved if there is to be a permanent peace. She claimed that the one way we can win the fight against Communism is by making our daily life, our community, and hence, our nation a living example of real democracy free from intolerance.

After the meeting a small group of collegians, including several Salve Regina girls, were given a brief interview with Mrs. Roosevelt. She said she was always happy to talk with college students and know that the leaders of tomorrow are thinking in terms of world affairs. On the whole Mrs. Roosevelt left her audience in complete agreement with Governor Pastore who introduced her as one of the most lovable and greatest Americans of our day.

Come On, 'Sports'

Drop those bridge hands, you indoor sports! The courts are appealing for a session with all embryonic "Babe Diedricksons". Lend an ear, my athletic associates, while we give you the inside track on a new racket.

Hop aboard the *Sports-Special* and root for extra-curricular athletics at S. R. C. For those interested in tennis, badminton, basketball and softball, what could be more exciting than competitive team sports. Our college has made great strides intellectually, culturally and spiritually—now we must pull our trusty sneakers out of the moths, and take a few giant steps in the right direction. Why confine ourselves to mental gymnastics, when we have the opportunity to combine both brain and brawn?

No doubt there are other "Jims" in your lives, but how about giving *The Gym* a break.

Other schools have succeeded in organizing top notch teams—never let it be said that we're not in there pitching—let each "Sport" do her part, and the game is ours! ! ! !

Gitney Super-Service

There is only one way to visit Newport! Trains and planes, usually found around like resorts, just don't exist. One must either drive to Newport, or take a bus. Thus, the Short Line, bears the brunt of the burden—visitors, business-men, commuters. It's a big order, but the Short Line, like the Pony Express, always come through.

Our college learned this a few weeks ago, when, with a change in schedule, day-hops couldn't arrive in town until nine-thirty a. m., reaching the college in time for only the *last half* of their early morning class. What to do! ! !

We called the Short Line, that's what we did. The result was ACTION. Soon, students presented themselves before professors on *time*—appreciation ran rampant.

Though we've only been Newporters for three years, Newport assisted us. We appreciate it! It proves that you, the Newporters, like us. It proves that co-operation breeds co-operation on both sides.

To What Purpose . . .

Are closets and bureaus really necessary? Our room gives one answer. Coats look so artistic draped over chair backs. Put that scarf away! Why ruin the effects of blues, reds, and greens against a pink spread?

To what better use could we put our fireless fireplace than as a boot rack mirroring our varied tastes with a black, brown, red and white jumble.

That books *alone* should grace a desk went out with the horse and buggy. Surely a more practical use is to keep hydrox, tangerines, cards, and aquamarine on them. The books! Well, there's always the bed.

Indeed modern ingenuity (barring student council action) has made archaic such things as bureaus and closets.

Flotsam . . .

Intercollegiate Messages Travel Now Via Radio: Phone In Use

. . . Jetsam

A CERTAIN BROADCASTING STATION . . . in Worcester will, in the near future, play a certain song entitled "While You're Away" for a certain student at Worcester Tech. We wonder if Irene McCarthy happens to know anything about it.

SINCE THE LAST ISSUE . . . the dance at the naval academy has come and gone, and the result has been a perpetually busy telephone line.

SPEAKING OF SAILORS . . . we might add that Jane Murphy saw to it that the navy was also represented at the recent Sapphire Ball.

AFTER THE SAME AFFAIR . . . a pair of shoes caused a great deal of confusion. One gentleman had to drive thirty miles to get his own pair back after some one else packed his by mistake. Incidentally, there were five sizes difference between the two pairs.

BOSTON COLLEGE . . . seems to have cultivated a sudden interest in Wild-Root Cream Oil. Or so we notice from their paper. The picture of the ape used in their advertisement to stress the appearance of unruly hair is captioned "This may look like your roommate." (Information donated by Carol Higgins.)

JOAN DANIS ISN'T THE ONLY ONE . . . who has caught the "Contest fever". Franny McGuinness seems to be suffering from the same trouble.

THE CURRENT RAGE . . . seems to be the beautifying of the natural highlights in one's hair. The bottled kind. Florida sunshine has nothing on this strong Newport fog.

FRANNY BRIDGEMAN'S BACK . . . after a prolonged illness and the lounge is again resounding with the melodious voice of said individual. Things were quiet long enough Fran. Nice to hear you around again.

IT WAS ALSO NICE . . . having Barbara Kelley at the Sapphire Ball with us on February eighteen.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH? . . . Is someone having trouble with broken slats on her bed?

CONGRATULATIONS . . . to Jane Murphy, Mary Cahill, Marjorie Ackroyd, Loretta Ross—new officers of student council.

Irish Medley

March is the month for *The Wearing Of The Green*. Hailing Glorious Saint Patrick on his feast-day started it, and now the seventeenth is a Great Day For *The Irish*, en masse, (please pardon my French). The *Grand Old Shillalah* comes out of the hall closet; a green ribbon perches on the curls of *The Rose of Tralee*; *Danny Boy Looks Over A Three-Leaf Clover*; *Paddy McGinty Plays His Harp*; blood tells, even in Cleopatra, for according to a delightful ditty, *The Irish Were Egyptians Long Ago*, she's a colleen from Connemara, "who lost her nationality while strolling through (not S. R. C.) Sahara".

Irish Eyes Are Smiling, from *Mother MacCree* to *Peggy O'Neil* to the *Too Ra Loo Raed* branch of each and every clan.

Sure and it's *A Little Bit of Heaven* for one and all—all except poor Paddy. When he's finished harping, people start "Now Paddy dear-ing" him about Irish History; "he leads the band on each Saint Patrick's Day"; his head is in the way when *Clancy Lowers The Boom* at *The Meeting Of The Waters*. Easily seen why he ends up in a coffin with "the boys" celebrating *The Night That Paddy Died!*

Did His Mother Come From Ireland in Her Low Backed Car? Ask *Kathleen Mavourneen*, or possibly *Harrigan*. The history of the family is discussed from *The Minstrel Boy* to *Johnny Doughboy In Ireland*. Nostalgia overcomes all. They yearn to *Go Back To Erin—to Dear Old Donegal and Galway Bay*. *The Garden Where The Praties Grow*, never seemed "prattier"! Who *Threw The Overalls In Mrs. Murphy's Chowder* is forgotten. It is a *Great Day Tonight For The Irish*. Victor Herbert was right!

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Students Cooperate In Red Cross Project Entertain Children With Physical Disabilities

Eileen is only six, pretty with big blue eyes, but she has been deaf since birth. Yet she understands very well. She is proud that she can write her own name. And surely her dog is the most intelligent one living—every school lesson is diligently past on to him.

Although he is twelve, his muscular co-ordination is poor from cerebral palsy. But he plays the piano by ear, and shames Olivier with his readings. Barbara had to be sure to see his drawings of Kukla, their favorite television marionette.

She is the youngest, and he the eldest boy among physically handicapped children eight sociology students visit as Red Cross volunteers. Attempting to interest the children in outside activities they find them co-operative, lovable, and bright for their age.

If happiness lies in love, the girls are discovering new horizons for themselves.

Mr. Smith Lectures On Business World

What a business man expects of his secretary will be the theme chosen by Mr. George H. Smith, who plans a visit to the Commerce Department on March twenty.

Such information as selecting a place of employment, the letter of application, the interview, attitude, dress, speech, responsibility, associates, places frequented, and conduct after office hours will be included in Mr. Smith's talk. The objective of this lecture and informal discussion is to gain knowledge of essential business traits and abilities.

Mr. Smith, father of Miss Cynthia Smith, a student of the college, is an executive of the Petroleum Heat and Power Company in Newark, N. J., and has shown a personal interest in business students, since his position as a personnel manager some years ago.

Lecturer Views The Catholic Attitude Toward Psychiatry

Mr. Alfred McAloon, preventive coordinator for the juvenile court, spoke on the 'Catholic Approach to Psychiatry' to the assembled student body in the Great Hall on February twenty-four.

Going back to the nineteenth century, Mr. McAloon traced the development of psychiatry in the light of Darwin, Freud, and Marx. The need for all men to recognize the existence of a Supreme Being constituted the latter half of the lecture.

A graduate of Providence College and Boston College, Mr. McAloon now specializes in psychiatric social work.

Father Xavier Lectures Students Assembly On Indian Art and Culture

Father Xavier S. Thani Mayagan, a native Indian Priest, spoke on Indian Art and Culture to the student body on March ten.

Although the church in India lacks funds, needs more hospitals, orphanages and native contemplative orders, Father's special interest in the country is cultural. When he returns, he wishes to establish a House of Catholic Writers, a printing establishment, and a Research Institute to fill the cultural role of Catholics in India. With the Research Institute, South Indian scholarship can take a lead. The House of Writers will enable a few gifted priests and laymen to devote themselves to literary work to keep the Indian public supplied with the work of the great Catholic authors in their own language. Because of the onslaught of Communism and other ideologies from the West, this phase is very important too, because conversion work in India must in the future devote more attention to the educated sections of the Indian public.

A fluent speaker, Father is well-known in India as a writer, lecturer, and radio speaker. Educated at St. Patrick's College Saffa, he studied at the College of the Propagation of the Faith in Rome and served as master of ceremonies at the Coronation of the Holy Father. In 1947 he received his M.A. and M.Litt. degrees at the Annomalai University, South India.

Traveling throughout the U. S. A. from July 1949 to May 1950, Father Xavier seeks support from Catholic schools, colleges, and institutions. Since Hindus and

Art Students Enjoy Practice Teaching Role

The art education class, directed by Sister Mary Mercedes, R.S.M., is gaining experience by practice teaching at St. Mary's Parochial School in Newport on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

By assisting the first and second grade pupils in drawing, the girls are able to put different teaching theories into practice. They are also integrating the drawing lessons with various other subjects. The trainees receive practical training both in planning projects and in classroom management.

Since each of the practice teachers takes charge of one pupil, all have the opportunity to employ the educational psychology they have been studying.

Each Monday and Wednesday at three o'clock the class of twelve, composed mainly of education majors, instruct at St. Mary's School.

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'The Bitter With The Sweet' Proved Correct As Prospective Profs Taste Teaching Fruits

"The grass is always greener . . ." applies well to those who think the teacher's job is a vocational holiday. After experiencing the awesome, grueling ordeal of practice teaching, the part-time profs of the Methods of Teaching Modern Languages class eagerly restore the honorable position behind the desk to Sister Mary John Francis, who conducts the course.

Knees tremble, hands shake, and the pages of the much-labored-over lesson plan vibrate under trembling fingers as the anxious practitioner awaits her first class. This feeling of despair soon disappears, however, as the absorbing lessons whiz by and the confidence of "teacher" spreads to the pupils.

During the first semester the class learned the theories and the approved methods which will be put into practice in the second semester. Each member will have the opportunity to teach her classmates for three consecutive lessons either in Spanish or French on any phase she desires. Much stress is laid on the adequacy of her lesson plan and on sufficient drill. Sister criticizes each girl individually and offers general suggestions for perfecting teaching techniques as a whole. Profiting from suggestions, the students gain valuable pedagogical experience along with a better appreciation of modern languages, standards for evaluating textbooks, and the opportunity to put theory into practice.

Complex Chaucer? Chaucer Complex?

"Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote!" A plug for Al Jolson—subtle commercialism? Guess again, for our attempts to confuse eager readers are purely intentional. Superiority and inferiority complexes are by-words in an age where it's no fun to be normal, but the newest angle in psychiatric circles is the Chaucer Complex.

Victims of this minor mania are the English majors, confined as arm chair patients and slowly drowning in the stream of consciousness (or unconsciousness, as later diagnosis may prove.)

Mr. Chaucer, Middle-Englishman and literary light, has hurled these poor "pilgrims" into the dark, as they draw blanks concerning his verse.

Nevertheless, the Canterbury Tales, with all its complexity of lines, is an adventure as well as a frustration for those who "wend" with Knight and Squire "Theire waye to Canterbury".

Napoleon had his Waterloo, Whittaker Chambers had his pumpkin, and the Juniors have Chaucer! However, convalescence is just around the corner, and until then Chaucerites reign over all.

Visit To Hospital Proves Interesting

Directly from an eye witness who viewed the proceedings at the Veterans' Hospital, Providence, on March one, comes a report from Miss Joan Devlin, one of the Home Economics Club members, who went on the field trip.

The cleanliness and organization of the hospital and the fact that the patient comes first in everything were only a few of the things which impressed Miss Devlin.

Many opportunities for internship are offered at various hospitals by the Veterans' Administration, and the training, the salary, and the positions offered, were a few of the facts which Miss Devlin learned on the field trip.

Miss Devlin, along with the other Home Economics Club members, also witnessed the special care and diet provided for T. B. and diabetic patients. T. B. patients have their own special wards.

The cafeteria, states Miss Devlin, provides a home-like atmosphere with both waiter and cafeteria service.

St. Patrick's Day Program Has Broadway Style Theme

St. Patrick's Day will bring about the traditional entertainment by the Queen's Choristers which will be held at Mercy Hall on Wednesday, March fifteen at 5 o'clock.

The Glee Club, as a whole, will sing three Irish songs: "Come Back to Erin", "The Wearin' of the Green", and "It's a Great Day for the Irish". Special group singing and dancing will also be included in the program, and various solos will be sung.

NFCCS 7th National Congress Convenes In Pittsburgh, April 11-15

The Seventh Annual Congress of the National Federation of Catholic College Students will convene in the Hotel William Penn, Pittsburgh, Pa. April 11th through 15th, 1950.

Miss Barbara O'Rourke and Miss Anne Logan, Senior and Junior Delegate's respectively will represent Salve Regina College at the Congress, and will travel to Pittsburgh with approximately twenty-five other delegates from the other eighteen colleges in the New England Region.

"Social Action and The Catholic Student Community" will be the theme for this convention which will bring together over seven hundred Catholic College Students as representatives of about 210,000 students from all parts of the United States. Numerous plenary sessions, commission panels, constitutional revisions, resolution adoptions, council meetings, and election of officers will constitute this five-day convention.

Tentative plans are underway for joint transportation from New York to Pittsburgh for delegates from the New England and New York regions.

Louis L. Manderino, Congress Chairman, St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pa. has stated in the latest "Congress Chatter" release that judging from the present number of inquiries and the amount of enthusiasm displayed thus far, the Seventh Congress is expected to be the biggest and best in Federation Congress history.

A script, written by Miss Jean Judge, and including the various performances, will combine to produce a sort of Broadway musical production.

After the concert the faculty will invite the students to a "green" dinner.

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