

CALLS FOR 700 NAVY CHAPLAINS

Lt. Cmdr. McKelway Tells Inter-Faith Group of Experiences.

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Times Church Editor

The navy needs 700 chaplains immediately.

Lt. Cmdr. A. J. McKelway, veteran chaplain of South Pacific battles, stressed the need for naval chaplains of all faiths at an inter-faith luncheon at the Indianapolis Athletic club yesterday. Speaking quietly but vividly, Chaplain McKelway drew on his own experience as chaplain for 26 months aboard the U. S. S. Essex, one of the navy's largest aircraft carriers.

In order to secure 700 chaplains to minister to 87,000 men aboard ships already in service and 150 ships to be commissioned, Chaplain McKelway is visiting a number of cities. He represents the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Chicago.

Cites Needs at Sea

He contrasted the situation of the congregation without a pastor and the sailor without a chaplain. He said persons living in a city can always find a clergyman of some denomination and a church, whereas a sailor is without a minister, no matter how greatly he needs one, where no chaplain provided.

Chaplain McKelway introduced himself as a Presbyterian minister from North Carolina and then in gracious, though solemn words, brought an indictment against Protestants and the Protestant church. He said some congregations were persuading their young and vigorous pastors not to enlist in the chaplaincy but to remain with the local church.

In answer to the charge that "the Catholic church is running away with the military services," he said that was because Protestants "have slowed down to a walk in the chaplaincy emergency."

The Catholic church in its old wisdom and with its more workable organization, is doing more and prepared to do more than the Protestant church," he added.

Suffer from Loneliness

"There is no situation a sailor can't get himself into, but it is the chaplain, or padre, who must get him out," Chaplain McKelway said. Sailors "let down their hair" and open their hearts to the padre. In this intimate relation, the chaplain has the opportunity to see how the young sailor, far from home, suffers from loneliness and at times a very natural fear.

"Naval men are eager for prayers before combat but they ask more often for the strengthening peace of God than for protection from danger," he added.

Chaplain McKelway feels that a chaplain has a greater opportunity for service in a few years in wartime than in many years as pastor of a church. Because of this and what it means in the development of the spiritual life of the chaplain, he besought the religious leaders present to do all they can to help meet the tragic chaplaincy shortage.

The speaker was sponsored here by the Indianapolis Civilian Office of Naval Officer procurement.

PUBLIC DEFENDER BILL IS APPROVED

Several measures pending in the senate have been reported out favorably by committees.

One approved yesterday by judiciary committee provides for establishment of the office of public defender. The committee recommended passage of the bill with an amendment setting the annual salary at \$5000.

The committee also reported favorably bills relieving persons in the armed services from filing for mortgage exemptions and authorizing the governor to deed to the federal government land for a veterans' hospital. The latter bill was amended slightly in committee.

The banks, trusts and savings associations committee reported favorably on a bill to amend the state banking act. It would permit savings banks to accept as collateral for loans approved bonds and stocks, life insurance policies, livestock, grain, crops and other

25 EMPLOYEES OF STOKELY GIVE BLOOD

A group of 25 male employees of Stokely-Van Camp, Inc., 941 N. Meridian st., today had completed blood donations at the Red Cross center in the Board of Trade building.

Members had given blood previously, the latest time being the 13th for one employee.

Another group from the firm has been scheduled for later in January.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

Burns-West Streibach auxiliary, No. 2698 to the Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at 6:15 p. m. today at the hall. Members of other V. F. W. auxiliaries will be guests of the group.

Rep. LaFollette Ready to Start On First Leg of Overseas Trip

Times Special

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Rep. Charles M. LaFollette, Evansville, Republican, will leave for Montreal, Canada, by train tonight. From Montreal he will fly to England as a guest passenger of the British government.

With the legislative calendar scanty at the beginning of the 79th congress, Mr. LaFollette obtained 30 days' leave from the house. He has visa for Ireland and France and expects to visit both countries.

Masons Install



BRITISH, E.L.A.S. Discord in Japan Indicated As Press Sounds New Alarm

By UNITED PRESS

The American landing on Luzon was "viewed with alarm" by the Japanese press today.

At least one newspaper, the important Asahi Shimbun, implied disharmony among Japanese leaders by calling for a "united political front to meet the critical nature of the situation."

According to a Tokyo broadcast, reported by the FCC, Asahi declared the Japanese people were "burning with sincere enthusiasm," and that it was up to the government to take steps "so that the divided enemy can be pulverized."

The discussions were based on conditions laid down by Gen. Scobie as necessary for an armistice in the fighting.

British armored columns, meantime, were more than 50 miles northwest of Athens at a point only 10 miles south of Lamia, and at Kalkis on Evvoia Island almost due north of Athens.

A Greek dispatch said the situation inside Athens and adjoining Piraeus remained quiet. More than 6000 free meals and 300,000 free rations were being issued in Athens daily, the communiqué said.

Other officers who will be installed by Mrs. Daisy Schumann, past president, are Mrs. William J. VanDerstine, vice president; Mrs. Lillian Glickert, secretary, and Mrs. Laura Carr, treasurer.

New members of the board of directors include Mrs. C. H. Everett, Mrs. George Wilds and Mrs. George C. Park.

The demand for unity added importance to an earlier broadcast by the Khabarovsk radio in the Soviet far east, quoting a Russian commentary on developments in Japan as saying recent military setbacks put a strain on internal politics, sharply affected the Japanese economy and lowered public morale.

The commentary said Premier Kunisaki Koiso's "compromise cabinet" was facing numerous obstacles.

Japanese army men, it said, were demanding tighter economic controls on the nation while industrialists were struggling to relax the grip of the military figures.

A Domel transmission heard by the United Press in New York said the landing operations were the principal subjects in editorial columns of all Japanese metropolitan newspapers.

Domel quoted Asahi as saying the battle "that has now begun on Luzon is a development of utmost gravity whose outcome will determine Japan's destiny itself."

SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE

Prayer candles will be lighted for members of the armed forces at the special week of prayer service to-night at 7:30 o'clock at the North Methodist church. Dr. Dallas L.

Browning, pastor, will preside.

THE LATEST WORD: 106TH IN BELGIUM

By JOHN B. McDERMOTT
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WITH 84TH DIVISION, Belgium, Jan. 10 (Delayed).—From the bruised lips of victims came today the story of German atrocities in the Ardennes bulge.

It is a story of wanton slaying; inhuman imprisonment and abduction of women and girls.

One American soldier, Pvt. Joseph Gorczak (no address), told how he and five buddies were captured and stripped in a snow-covered field. German machine guns were turned on them. He escaped by falling to the ground and feigning death.

Mr. and Mrs. William Featherstone, 108 N. Brazil ave., received a letter with a Dec. 24 dateline from two New York men serving with the 106th and a Detroit, Mich., soldier wrote Miss Doris Stewart, 628 E. Vermont st., that he spent Christmas day in a foxhole in Belgium.

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REDS DELAY UNRRA FUND

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (U. P.).—Soviet Russia still owes \$1,300,000

wives and daughters of the imprisoned men were abducted by the Nazis as they fled. Tales of abductions also came from the village of Freyneux.

Others revealed that Nazi storm troopers tossed a grenade into the cellar of a home where an elderly couple and their son were living. All three were killed.

American troops in Odeigne found an elderly man strapped to a chair in the shadow of the village church. His head had been bashed in.

In another village, the Germans drove a group of civilians into a barn and warned they would be machine-gunned if they tried to escape. Then the Germans set fire to the barn with incendiary grenades. When the heat became unbearable the prisoners broke out. The Germans were gone.

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SICILY RIOTS CONTINUE

ROME, Jan. 11 (U. P.).—Disorders by youthful draft dodgers and other rebellious groups were reported continuing in Sicily today.

Earlier this week, Mr. and Mrs. William J. VanDerstine, vice president; Mrs. Lillian Glickert, secretary, and Mrs. Laura Carr, treasurer.

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