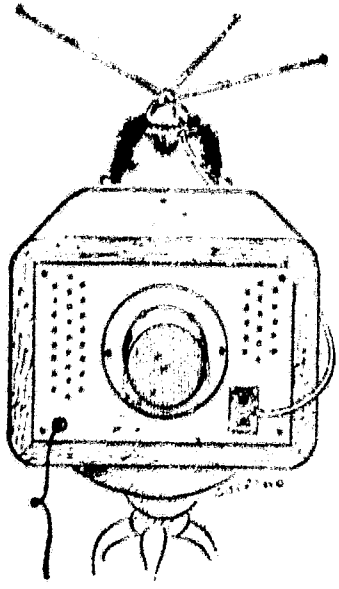


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THE GREAT DEBATE gets underway this P.M. at 8:30. Across the country, more than a few will be glued to TV sets, the local gentry not excepted. May the best man win. God grant that, in the final tally, we will make the right choice. And may He help both men present their cases. The man elected may well be the hope of the free world. Pray for him.

o THE SOPHOMORE MISSION got off to a fine start last evening. It seems, however, that a few alarm clocks failed to get set or just failed to function this morning. Again, tonight, and tomorrow, too, the Mission will continue. Fr. Barry will start the visit at the Grotto at 6:45, after which there will be a sermon and Benediction in the church.

o THE MISSION FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS will open Wednesday evening at the Grotto at 6:45. Ten confessors will be available in the church following the sermon. No one can have a legitimate excuse, therefore, for not beginning the schoolyear in the state of grace.

o "Modern religious concern is not deep. Affiliation with the churches grows by leaps and bounds, but an ascetical dedication to the vision of the churches is hardly the consequence. What is called for is the training of our members in the ways of asceticism. This is the necessary task.No man can decide on his own initiative to be St. Francis of Assisi. He must be called by God. One thing Christians can do is pray the Lord to raise up not St. Francis of Assisi, but St. Tom, Dick, or Harry of Chicago."
--Fr. Gustave Weigel, S.J.

o IT IS GENERALLY HELD that China has produced more 20th century martyrs than any other country. One of every seven Christians has given his life for his Faith. In the past fifteen years, mainland China's Red masters have subjected the country's 3.5 million Catholics to atrocious persecution, murdering more than 500 priests and imprisoning more than 10,000 priests and lay persons because they upheld their loyalty to the Church. Let's keep this in mind when we're asked to contribute to the Propagation of the Faith next month and the Bishops' Relief Fund later.

o THE REAR GUARD was much in evidence at yesterday's Masses. There are many who need to start out for Mass earlier on Sunday morning. And there are too many who "squat for the last benediction, and then, ere the service is through, have faded from view". Your obligation--keep in mind--is to hear an entire Mass on Sunday.

PRAYERS. Deceased: Father of Ernest Klaschka of Cavanaugh; father of Chuck DeJan of Alumni; father of Norman Krauss, '57; mother of Paul Neville, '42; father of Paul Bydalek, '59; mother of Harry Yeates, '44; Dr. Lawrence L. Dill, '49; John Henaughan, '23; Robert A. Peck, '23; Joseph Oelerich, '11; S.A. Cressy, '06; seven friends of Rev. Leo R. Ward, C.S.C. Ill: Father of Fran Reiner, Off-Campus; father of Marvin Anderson, '60; Clement Bruns; Michael Mahaney, Off-Campus; uncle of Tom Larkin of Walsh.



THE ANNOUNCEMENT, yesterday, of the Ford Foundation's grant of \$6 million dollars to Notre Dame was greeted by everyone here with heartfelt thanks. The occasion should call to mind once more our conviction that we have a serious obligation to provide the intellectual leadership and spiritual guidance needed by our country.

THE EARLY AMERICAN COLLEGES, some of them great universities today, were religious institutions at their inception. Only in recent times, when the principle of separation of Church and State has been so strictly interpreted and applied to public schools and state universities has public education become decidedly secularized.

A PURELY SECULAR system of education, according to Christopher Dawson, can be highly effective on science and technology, but cannot be an effective moral guide, since it is obliged to treat all fundamental moral and spiritual issues as lying outside its sphere of competence. Catholics, on the other hand, urges Dawson, possess just that vital element that is lacking elsewhere. They are the ones, therefore, who must become fully conscious of the cultural value of the Catholic tradition, and, at the same time, become more aware of the intellectual interests and needs of the non-Catholic world. By fulfilling this obligation, we can also show our gratitude for the generosity and confidence of the Ford Foundation.

EVERYONE OF US has an obligation to be inspired, not just now but always, in a real and not merely in an emotional way by the ideals of Catholic education. By doing so there is hope that we could bring about a change in world civilization. This would require that we realize that we are not merely natural men, but men who possess a supernatural destiny. We must develop the full range of our capacities, supernatural as well as natural. We must train our intellects by the study of Divine revelation as well as of human science and the arts. And our wills too must be trained in the service and love of God in obedience both to the law of nature and to the higher law of grace.

THIS IS AN OBLIGATION that cannot be taken lightly in any age. And especially in our own. The year ahead should see us advancing towards the fulfillment of it with new zeal, in view of the confidence others have placed in us.

NO ONE may rightly regard himself as a by-stander in the accomplishment of this program. By combining our prayers and efforts, we will not only achieve the objective but share together the satisfaction of having done it well.

Gene Boorman, c.s.c.
Student Chaplain