

Benediction tonight
(1st Fri.) for all
at 7:00 P.M. in the Church.

University of Notre Dame
Religious Bulletin
January 4, 1946

Bob Hintz is still very
sick. Offer your Mass
and Communion Sun. for hi:

Wanted: Catholic Men For Big Job.

When you add up the hours you spent at Christmas parties, in extra long sleeps and catching trains, not much time was left for anything else, like serious reading. But you must have noticed the headlines at least. The General Motors strike is still going strong. Some 200,000 are out of work, and have been for six weeks. Nobody knows when it will end. There are hungry stomachs already, and breadlines are beginning to form.

The war is over, but things at home are a mess.

That good Christmas turkey with trimmings may have made you forget that thousands in war-torn Europe are starving and freezing to death. Bullets are flying in Palestine; the Arabs and Jews think it necessary to settle their differences by lead. Russia continue to embrace more territory, and Berlin has already become sovietized under Russian supervision. GIs returning from Italy do not paint a pretty picture of the civil and moral conditions of the country.

So things abroad are a mess too.

"Predicts mild New Years Eve." -- these were the headlines in a mid-west paper. The reference was to the weather and not to night club celebrations. From reports, all hot spots were ready for an overflow, both as to crowd and to liquor. Up in Chicago an announcement was made about the number of divorces in Cook County alone. 19,430 was the tally for the past year. Everything seems to be shaping itself for a new year of sin. If you do not want to form your own judgment from news accounts, just take it on the authority of the Bishops of the United States and of Europe, and the Pope himself, all of whom have made public announcements about the calamitous state of affairs.

But why tell you?

Because it's left to you to change the situation. The cure is not better diplomacy, nor a large army and navy, nor the atomic bomb. What the sick world needs is an injection of respect for God and the Ten Commandments, and for the rights of individual

Your job is to be a good influence on the people around you. If you are kind, someone else will follow your lead. If you are honest in examinations, your neighbor will be inspired to act virtuously too. That seems a small thing, but don't forget the student next door may become a judge and carry with him into the court room the virtue that he learned from you. Through the judge you will be fighting divorce and other social ills. Remember, it takes only a small match to start a million dollar fire.

The students you pal with will sooner or later take a position in society. Some will be employers hiring many men, others may follow labor and become leaders in the labor movement. The spark of justice and selflessness they caught from you will burst into a flame effecting thousands. One man can change a family, a family can change other families, and small groups can change a city. That's the way Nazism worked. Christian life will work the same way.

It all boils down to this -- you can help change the world by changing yourself. If you want a New Years resolution take this one: "I will be a better Catholic."

(Ill) father of Jack (Cav) and Geo ('44) McCarthy; father of Bob Hoffstetter, '41; wife of Bill Kearney, '28, injured in auto accident. Three Special Intentions.