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The Holy Ghost In Tokyo

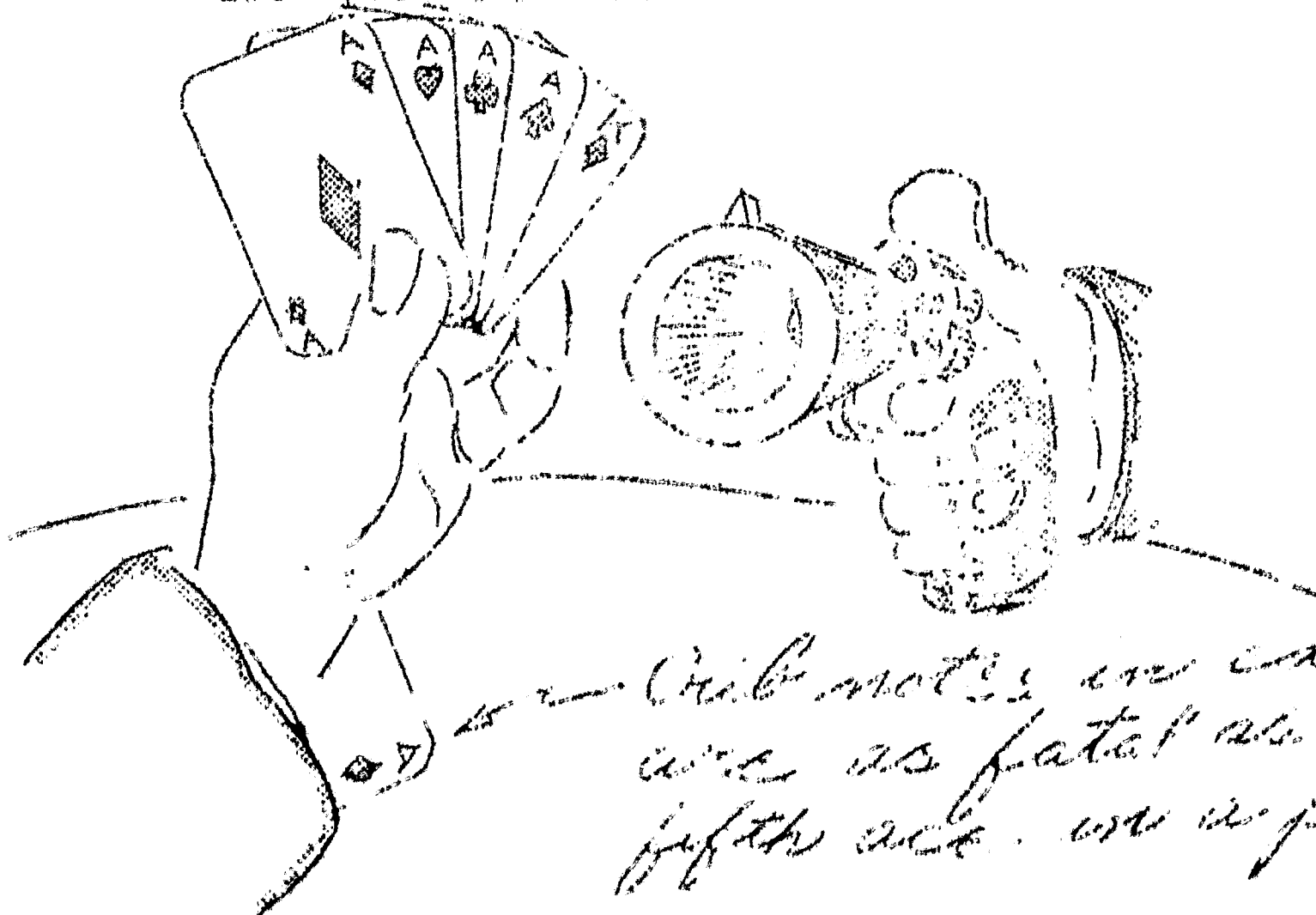
A number of GIs were chatting with a Catholic priest in Tokyo. The priest made a passing comment about the vast missionary work to be done in Japan and expressed his hope that a number of veterans would become priests and take up this apostolate. To one GI it seemed like the priest was talking to him alone, because from out of nowhere an idea came into his mind.....

When the group disbanded the idea still remained with the GI. It went to his barracks with him. It stayed, hovering in his mind for many days. Then it bore fruit. The young man, about to be discharged, sat down and wrote a letter to General MacArthur and asked for permission to remain in Japan to study for the Catholic priesthood. MacArthur granted the permission, and today the ex GI is in the seminary of the Salesian Fathers in Itabashi, Tokyo.

During the next months, what seems to be a call to follow in the footsteps of Christ will be tested. There will be no leap into the dark. There never is in regard to a vocation. Every novice learns about the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Insofar as it is possible within the walls of a novitiate, the missionary and religious virtues are practiced, especially those centered about prayer and sacrifice. After a year of this simulated missionary life, the novice makes his decision about taking vows and entering the priesthood.

The Holy Ghost, who attracted this college graduate to the priesthood, must also be at work on this campus preparing other apostles. In a group of four thousand young men the Holy Ghost must be attracting some toward the priesthood. Those who feel the Divine Pull may not understand what the attraction is at first. They should take their problem to a priest who guidance will help them determine the true nature of their call. The need for priests today is appalling. God calls some to work in Catholic education, and others for the Mission fields. If Christ seems to have placed his hand on your shoulder, seek counsel. If your vocation is in some other field, pray that God will inspire young men to continue the work of the priesthood.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Walter James, relative of Father Cunningham, CSC; father of Jerry Concannon (CC); grandmother of John (AI) and Lou (OC) Amberg.
(Ill) Rev. Dr. Charles T. Baillie, recovering from operation, Mayo's.
Two Special Intentions.



*Chit notes in exams
are as fatal as the
fifth ace in a poker game.*