

6:45 Lenten devotions. Fr. University of Notre Dame \$14 for Jim Aoki. His re-
Barry preaches. . . (Novena Religious Bulletin habilitation depends on your
for Happy Marriage!) March 12, 1952 generosity.

Loosen Up For Bengal.

We were once talking to a foreign missionary. He said that we in America have no idea of poverty until we met Poverty in the Orient. It is unbelievable. In Mission, a magazine edited by the Worldmission Aid Society, Bishop Sheen, editor, quotes from J.F. Bursara to give us an idea of the "real" India. Read this and you'll be more inclined to buy a ticket for the Bengal Bouts. Graduates of Notre Dame and St. Mary's are in the thick of India's teeming millions.

Bombay with its 86 slums, its 70% illiterates, its 74% one-room tenements (with an average of 1- person per room), its 10% pavement dwellers (some 250,000), leaving only 4% housed according to the requirements of hygiene and decency, its 25% infant mortality below the age of 1 year (rising to 70% in the one-room tenements), its 30% undernourished children, its 27-year average expectation of life, its 43,000 beggars, its 40,000 T.B. cases, not to speak of other diseases like Malaria that attacks 25% of the country's population--all this in a city whose population numbers 2,750,000, of which two-thirds are men and one-third women, which accounts for the unnaturality of the city life and for its immorality--these and many other facts and sights cannot make us feel assured that all is well with us. And even if Bombay is hailed URBS PRIMA IN INDIS, judged according to civilized standards, she has many years and miles to go before she comes anywhere near the standard of western cities.

Tonight's Battlers For Bengal.

Skilled labor in Bombay is about \$16 a month. Ordinary labor earns about twenty cents a day for men, fifteen cents for women and eight cents for children. When people who earn such wages, says Bishop Sheen, give their souls to God, they have nothing else to give. That is why we are asked to supply what they cannot.

That is why you are asked to buy a ticket for the bouts, whether you go or not. But whoever goes tonight will see the following scraps:

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| Sal Fiorella | vs | Tom Magill | Bob Bickert | vs | Aaron Dyson |
| Pat Lally | vs | Bob Noonan | Charles King | vs | Fred Poehler |
| Pat Drew | vs | Charles Paquette | Terry Sweeney | vs | Jerry Hagman |
| Leo Hickey | vs | Joe Martin | Jack Bush | vs | John Massa |

Passing The Buck.

We have fulfilled our Easter Duty at Notre Dame. Not everybody cooperated. We know that from the statistics. We also know from Communion records that 25% of the students are infrequent communicants--going less than once a week.

It is a dangerous thing to refuse God's grace. God will not force Himself on any soul. He breaks down no fences, batters down no doors. He just stands at the door and knocks. He offers His grace each morning at Mass; He speaks to our ears from every pulpit; He encourages us to pay our debts, to make reparation, by attending Lenten devotions, making the Way of the Cross, doing other acts of penance.

The guilty conscience will make excuses, will long to escape the pain which is the price of reconciliation by laying responsibility elsewhere for its shame and misery. So the guilty conscience becomes a cynic and looks for someone else to whom he can "pass the buck" of blame. This someone may be a professor, a disliked class, a frequent communicant, a priest, or even the Catholic Church. But some day the abused and misused conscience will turn with fury and assail its hapless victim. It may come as a collapse in adult life, or it may come right before a good confession.

Prayers: (deceased) grandfather of Joe Stengele; relative of Bart Ferrari. Seriously Ill, daughter of Wm. J. Broderick. 3 sp. ints.