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Friday, March 7, 1947

From Behind the Iron Curtain

### News From Soviet-Occupied Lithuania

Arrests, Deportations, Terror

Among the Lithuanians who were recently arrested by the NKVD and sentenced to imprisonment may be mentioned, for example: (1) Professor Tadas Petkevicius, former legal adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; (2) Mrs. A. Lastas, wife of a prominent writer and teacher, sentenced to ten years of imprisonment; (3) Mrs. J. Jablonskis, whose husband was deported to Siberia in 1940, sentenced to ten years of imprisonment; (4) J. Keiliotis, graduate of the Paris School of Journalism, former editor of *Naujoji Romuva* magazine, sentenced to three years imprisonment; and (5) Kniuksta, director of Sakalas publishing house, sentenced to eight years imprisonment.

According to the December 31, 1946, issue of *Draugas*, Lithuanian language daily of Chicago. H. E. Vincentas Borisevicius, Bishop of Telsiai, aged fifty-nine, has been deported to Siberia for forced labor in the forests. Bishop Borisevicius studied in Fribourg, Switzerland, and lived in Russia during the first World War and the Bolshevik Revolution. After his return to Lithuania, he was professor at the Mariampole College and the Vilkaviskis Clerical Seminary, and later became rector of the Clerical Seminary in Telsiai.

Arrests are of frequent occurrence among university students and professors. An article by T. R. Noderer, from Geneva, in the *Chicago Daily Tribune* of December 2, 1946, entitled "Baltic Reds Put Curbs on Higher Studies", notes: "Deportations and arrests which still continue make it difficult for students to face the future with confidence".

The most recent deadline for registration of arms in the possession of Lithuania's inhabitants was August 25, 1946. Non compliance with the order was threatened with severe punishment.

All janitors and caretakers in Lithuanian cities and towns are compulsorily enlisted in the service of the MGB (formerly NKVD). Many innocent persons are arrested as a result of this practice. Such persons are seldom released from prison; when they are released, it is only after months of imprisonment.

Political prisoners are

judged by military courts exclusively. Such ad hoc courts are functioning in every prison. The accused is permitted defense pro forma only. There have been amnesties in the cases of criminals, but not once for political prisoners. The Bolsheviks label as "bandits" not only all patriotic partisans caught by them, but even the priests who administer the last sacraments to the dying when asked to do so. Curiously enough, the so-called "bandits" are never judged by the criminal courts, but only by military courts.

Refugee from Lithuania  
Tells of Red Terror

The harder you work the less you make in Russian occupied Lithuania, according to an authoritative source who is hiding out in this Swiss mountain village after escaping from his native land.

It is obvious that the Soviets are trying to destroy anybody who has acquired property, even if it is a small acreage. The idea is to make everybody dependent upon the state.

Despite the food shortage which resulted in UNRRA pouring millions of dollars worth of food into Russia, much good agricultural land in the Baltic States remains uncultivated. This is because the Russians threw many able bodied Lithuanians into the Red Army. Thousands of others withdrew into the forests, where they joined the woodland maquis, pledged to fight the Red invader to the death.

(E. R. Noderer, *Chicago Daily Tribune*, Jan. 14, 1947)



NOW HE'LL COMPLETE SCHOOLING



American Red Cross Photo.  
An excellent seamstress, this veteran's wife will take on sewing jobs for the girls in the college her husband is attending. The suggestion was made by a Red Cross Home Service worker whom the couple sought out for "budget" advice when they became discouraged over increased living costs.

From Washington, D. C.

### Lithuanian Scandinavian Group Commemorates Feb. 16th

The Society held a banquet and social on Saturday, February 22, 1947 at the El Patio, 711 13th St., N. W., celebrating George Washington's Birthday and jointly commemorating the National Days of Lithuania and Estonia which fall on Feb. 16 and Feb. 24 respectively. Among the guests attending were: Mr. Johannes E. Markus, former Estonian Minister to Hungary, who represented Mr. Kaiv, the Estonian Consul General in New York; Dr. Alfred Bilmanis, the Latvian Minister;

Mr. Thomas Mansy, Secretary of the Iraq Embassy; Rev. Dr. Clarence Nelson of the Augustana Lutheran Church and his wife; Rev. Fr. Louis Chertham of the Holy Comforter Church; and Congressman Alvin E. O'Konski of Wisconsin. The affair was attended by Catholic, Protestant and Jewish persons of the Baltic and Scandinavian extractions and nationalities. After the talks, there was some entertainment and folk music and dancing.

Mr. Markus, representing Mr. Kaiv, Estonian Consul General, pictured how the population of Estonia was affected by the Nazi and Soviet occupations. He stated that over 25% of the population were victims of Russian occupation, either sent to other parts of Russia or are now among the displaced persons.

Dr. Bilmanis, the Latvian Minister, paid tribute to the memory of George Washington who in his day received help from abroad in America's struggle for freedom. And today the Baltic States

are looking to America to regain their freedom and independence. Dr. Bilmanis pictured the progress made by Latvia during her independence in contrast to the miserable existence of the Latvian populace under Soviet occupation. All that Latvians want is peace and security and recognition to be free and independent. He stated that while some of the satellite countries received help from UNRRA, no such help was permitted to come into the Baltic States by the Soviets. From reliable sources, he stated that fortifications are being built along the Baltic. Then he posed this question: "Against whom are her borders being secured if Soviet Russia claims to be a friend of the United States and Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries." He also stated that while communists through their fifth column activity have gained control of the satellite countries, Soviet Russia is afraid to annex them out-

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## THE FAMILY THEATRE

Old prospectors say that you often find gold where you least expect it. We are inclined to agree with them. For we have found gold... real gold... and plenty of it where we had expected only ore, or even mud.

The "gold" we have found is the "Family Theatre" and the place... none other than Hollywood. Really, we don't have to exaggerate to say that the new radio program called "The Family Theatre" is gold. It has qualities that we would look for in vain among other programs, and, these qualities make this program especially valuable.

The purpose of the "Family Theatre" broadcast is to keep the family as the intimate unit God meant it to be by encouraging Family Prayer. There is no high-pressure preaching and there is no play on sentiment. A story is told illustrating the need and the beauty of family prayer for successful family life. The amount of Catholic teaching brought before the eyes of millions of Americans in this unostentatious way is remarkable.

And no one is told that "this is a Catholic program, for Catholic listeners, sponsored by Catholics.... and would you please send in a small contribution to help the cause along...." Such an approach would be disastrous and not quite true, either.

While it is true that it is a Catholic program, illustrating Catholic principles and sponsored by the "Family Rosary League"... a great Catholic organization, yet it reaches the ears of non-catholics and it is intended for everybody. The message the "Family Theatre" has to present is needed, and should be welcomed by all classes of people. That message is simply this: We must base our family life on the rules God has laid down. Only in this manner will true happiness and peace be our lot.

This program originates in Hollywood. The scripts are written by experienced writers; the cast is composed of stars of radio and screen. In the first two programs such stars as Lorreta Young, Don Ameche, and Walter Brennan were featured. In the third broadcast none other than Bing Crosby and Irene Dunne had leading roles.

The radio time for this program is given free... that is how much radio men evaluate such a program. The stars also offer their services free. This is one case when we can get something good... for nothing. These stars have to donate more than the half hour of the broadcast. To produce a good story on the radio takes a lot of practice, and a lot of practice requires a sacrifice of valuable time. The originator of the broadcast also deserves our praise. He is Father Peyton of Albany, New York.

If we appreciate this wonderful program then let's do something about it. But what? The answer is as close as our pen and paper. People appreciate being told that they are appreciated. Then let's tell them how grateful we are. A letter to your radio station would help to encourage more broadcasts of this nature. Our letters to the stars appearing on the broadcasts will encourage these "idols" of American Youth to practice what they have consented to preach... the Catholic Way of Life.

In case you haven't heard this program yet... it is broadcast over the mutual network, every Friday evening at 9 P. M. Central Standard Time. It is transcribed over Station W. G. N. in Chicago, every Saturday night at 8:30 P. M. This program should be a date with every family... it is already a date with every family that has listened to those first few broadcasts.

Don't delay! Tune in Tonight!

## FIRST AMENDMENT

The law has a long arm and a strong one. But that arm just as any arm on a human body has to be directed by a head which knows what the arm ought to do. We have a head, the Supreme Court, to direct the long, powerful arm of American law and the movements of the Supreme Court are of great importance to every American. The ac-

## HI, NEIGHBOR



## CORN and STUFF

By J. A. SKELLY

— "My first husband was a drummer."

— "What happened to him?"

— "He beat it."

Moe — "How does that that amateur weather forecaster hit all the rainy days?"

Joe — "He gets the dates of all sports events, picnics, holidays, and carnivals. The rest is easy."

A lady remarked to her husband that a man out West had exchanged his wife for a horse. "You wouldn't exchange me for a horse, would you dear?" She asked.

## Miliza Korjus Sings At Schubert Theatre Sunday March 16th

CHICAGO. — Miliza Korjus, star of "The Great Waltz" and considered by many as one of the best co-

loraturas in years, will appear in a recital at the Schubert Theatre Sunday afternoon, March 16th, at 3:30 p. m.

Miss Korjus, combining beauty of appearance and voice, has a voice of marked natural beauty of timbre. Her tones are trim and pure and the florid passages remarkable in flexibility and ease of emission. Her voice is striking not only in its upper reaches. The middle and low ranges are warm and easily projected. Miss Korjus is a musician as well as a technician.

## "Family Hour" On WGN Saturday Nites

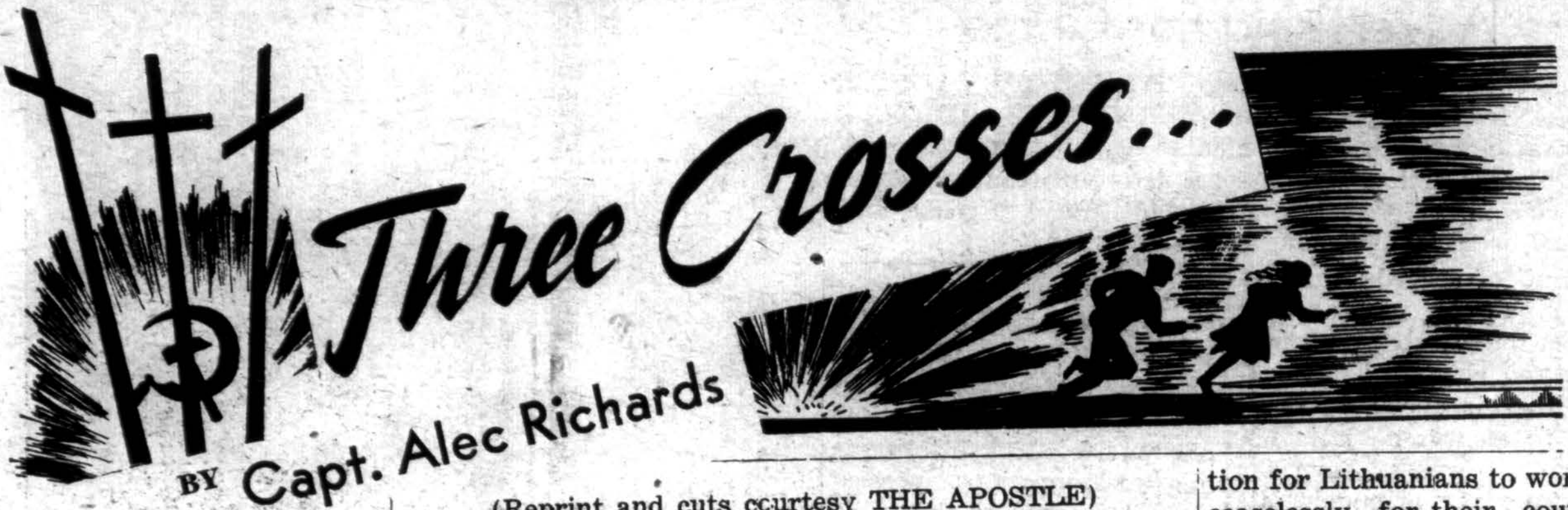
CHICAGO. — The "Family Hour", dramatic program produced under the direction of Fr. Patrick J. Peyton, C.S.C., to promote the family Rosary crusade is being broadcast nationally by the Mutual Broadcasting System. In the midwest area, station WGN, Chicago, carries a transcription of the program Saturday evenings, from 8:30 to 9:00 p. m. (C. S. T.).

tions of the Supreme Court are of great importance to all Americans because it is the task of this court to see that the laws in our Constitution are carried out according to the intentions of the men who framed the Constitution. By determining how the Constitution should be interpreted the Supreme Court protects the ideals of liberty and justice for all, the ideals closest to the hearts of true Americans. This watchfulness on the part of the Supreme Court was shown in one of its recent decisions.

It was a question of the First Amendment. Now, the First Amendment states that "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion...." The case was this. In New Jersey taxpayers were sending their children to non-profit, private schools. The New Jersey legislature decided that it was only fair to give back to these parents money spent in transporting their children to private schools. But since these private schools were

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In the year of the Russian occupation, Reds deported 50,000 Lithuanian citizens to Siberia in sealed cattle cars without comforts or conveniences of any kind. In one night during a single raid 30,485 persons—men, women and children—were arrested. Families were always separated and sent to different parts of Russia to meet again. Then the whole country, acting with Latvia and Estonia—the other two Baltic republics—rose against the Russians.

When the Reds left, the Germans came in. They remained from 1941 to 1944. While they did not persecute religion as fanatically as had the Russians, they shot and deported many people, and took the best of food, goods and livestock. Now the tragic whirligig has again turned, the dreaded and fiendishly cruel Russians are back again in Lithuania for an indefinite stay, as they are supported by the full prestige of the United States—never put to a baser purpose.

Powerfully organized and intensely active Soviet propaganda in America spreads the lie that Lithuanians joined the U. S. S. R. voluntarily, and that racially they are the same anyway. Even a cursory glance at Lithuanian history, and at current events will nail this as just another of the Kremlin's lies. It behooves every right thinking American to contradict this atrocious falsehood whenever he hears it uttered by any Soviet apologist. Actually, Lithuania was incorporated into the Soviet Union and sovietized only at the bayonet's point when the country was completely overrun by the Red Army.

But the people have not bowed before the Reds any more than they did before the Nazis. There are at least eight underground papers distributed throughout the country. Those who print, and those who distribute them and read them risk

death by torture, or at best deportation to Siberia—worse than death. The underground movement itself works in close cooperation with the two sister Baltic republics suffering the same agony.

Everyone is working secretly against the hated Reds. The flaxen-haired child scuffing bare toes along a country road is probably carrying an important message to desperate men hiding in the depths of the forests, where rusted guns and skeletons of horses and men with tattered uniforms, have kept grim watch since the first World War, which too

made of Lithuania a battleground. The bent old peasant woman who passes a man on the road mumbling as she goes, may be conveying important information about the underground. The man never looks at her—he is singing—but in the words of his song lies the answer to the old crone's muttered question.

The shadow of three crosses, whereon died the tortured, disfigured bodies of Justinas Dabrila, Vaclovas Balsys and John Petrika lies dark over the land. But the blood of these crucified martyrs, of other murdered priests, and thousands of citizens, will be an inspira-

tion for Lithuanians to work ceaselessly for their country's liberation.

The so-called "democracies" have cynically turned their backs on Lithuania and doomed her people to destruction. Lithuanians now have only their faith in God, their stubborn patriotism and their will to live, to guide them through the darkest night in their history. May their courage never falter until the night ends, and some day the monstrous Bolshevik rule is broken and Lithuania is free once more!

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## GUIDED READING

### Class A

(Unobjectionable)

For the Top of Your Reading List

A Testimonial To Grace ..... Avery Dulles  
Major Trends in American Church History F. Curran, S.J.  
The Love of God ..... Dom. Alfred Graham

Worth Reading

In the Hands of the Senecas ..... Walter Edmonds  
Sister of Maryknoll ..... Sister Mary Cogan  
Wayfarer's Friend ..... Courtenay Savage  
Austrian Requiem ..... Kurt von Schushnigg  
Barabbas (A Novel of the Time of Christ) .. E. Bekessy  
As We Were ..... Bellamy Partridge  
Green Grass of Wyoming ..... Mary O'Hara  
Your Manners Are Showing—(For Teens) .... Betty Betz  
Preface to Religion ..... Monsignor Fulton Sheen  
Spotlight on Labor Unions ..... William Smith, S.J.  
I Chose Freedom ..... F. Kravchenko  
The Reader's Shakespeare ..... Babette Deutsch  
In Him Was Life ..... John P. Delaney  
Know Your King ..... Robert F. Grewen, S. J.  
The Abbe Edgeworth ..... Mildred Woodgate  
The Devout Life ..... Saint Francis de Sales  
The Flight of the Swan ..... Margaret Hubbard  
From the TTop of the Stairs ..... Grethen Finletter  
Personality Plus ..... Sheila John Daly  
The Great Globe Itself ..... W. Bullitt  
Straight From the Shoulder ..... Father Thomas Hosty

### Class B

(Unobjectionable for adults)

For the Top of Your Reading List

The Woman of the Pharisees ..... Francois Mauriac  
The Tale of the Twain ..... Sam Constantino  
Hiroshima ..... John Hersey

Worth Reading

New Orleans Woman ..... Harnett Kane  
That Captain from Stonington ..... Theda Kenyon  
The World of Idella May ..... Richard Sullivan  
Dante Alighieri ..... Gerald Walsh, S. J.  
The Lowells and Their Seven Worlds ..... F. Greenslet  
Reveille for Radicals ..... S. Alinsky

## Ice-Capades Open At Chicago Arena Monday March 17th

CHICAGO. — The 7th edition of Ice-Capades of 1947, the greatest show on ice, comes to the Chicago Arena for an 18-day stay, beginning Monday evening, March 17th.

This unusual extravaganza on ice, produced at a cost of \$500,000, requiring a company of 176, will feature the 100 beautiful Ice-Ca "pets", 25 Ice Cadets, 15 production numbers, 25 star acts, 40 lavish scenes. Individual stars Donna Atwood, Bobby Specht, Eric Waite, Benoit Sisters, The Old Smoothies", and others will be back again to entertain and thrill the spectators with their breath taking acts.

## Jesuit Gets Doctor Of Medicine Degree

CHICAGO. — The first Jesuit in the 400-year history of the Society of Jesus to get his doctor of medicine degree after entering the community received his degree from Loyola University here at commencement exercises in Madonna Della Strada Chapel. He is the Rev. William J. Devlin, S. J. He intends to begin his internship April 1 at Cook County hospital, and then carry his Catholic and medical background into psychiatry, for which he has been specially trained.



## Talking It Over

## Advertising For Crime

## AX MURDERER KILLS TWO! WIFE ADMITS POISONING HUSBAND! SLAYER DENIES GUILT!

As we read these and similar headlines almost daily in our great national newspapers, two important questions enter our minds. First, why the sudden wave of crime, and second, what are we going to do about it?

First of all, why are we being plagued with an ever increasing number of murders and slayings? In answer to this query, as difficult to answer as it is important to every American citizen, many criminologists say that the war is to blame. In war men are trained to kill and when they return to peacetime they sometimes avail themselves of the use of this homicidal education.

Be this as it may, there are greater causes that must be reckoned with. These are the murder movies, detective stories, and comic strips which make such a small account of human life. When a feeble-minded person or a young pervert sees a movie in which several innocent people are indiscriminately murdered by underworld thugs, he might be inclined to take this same means to eliminate those who displease him. Or when a small boy reading one of the many crime comics, sees a man killed in cold blood, he may be convinced that human life is not worth so much after all and that murder is a perfectly legitimate means of exterminating one's enemies.

We all realize that a crime wave is sweeping the country; and most of us recog-

nize the causes. But what are we going to do about it? For one, we must make our movies and comic strips show a higher respect for human life. A man's life is his most precious possession, it is one of the great freedoms for which our ancestors fought in the war of revolution and for which our young men gave their lives during this past war. If we are going to allow murders, stabbings, and robberies, both real and fictional, to dominate our lives, then our country is little better than the wilds of Tibet where human life is valued as nothing by the hordes of armed bandits that charge unhampered over the countryside. In a country such as ours, a man's freedom to live must be respected.

Perhaps if our newspapers led the way, for they can either aid or hinder the cause, there would be less crime in the United States today. Now granted that a murder is news and granted also that the purpose of a paper is to bring news to its subscribers, still this does not mean that killers are worthy of the front page. When a man commits a murder he is guilty of a criminal act against society and should be an object of shame rather than the cen-

## NAVY GUIDED MISSILES

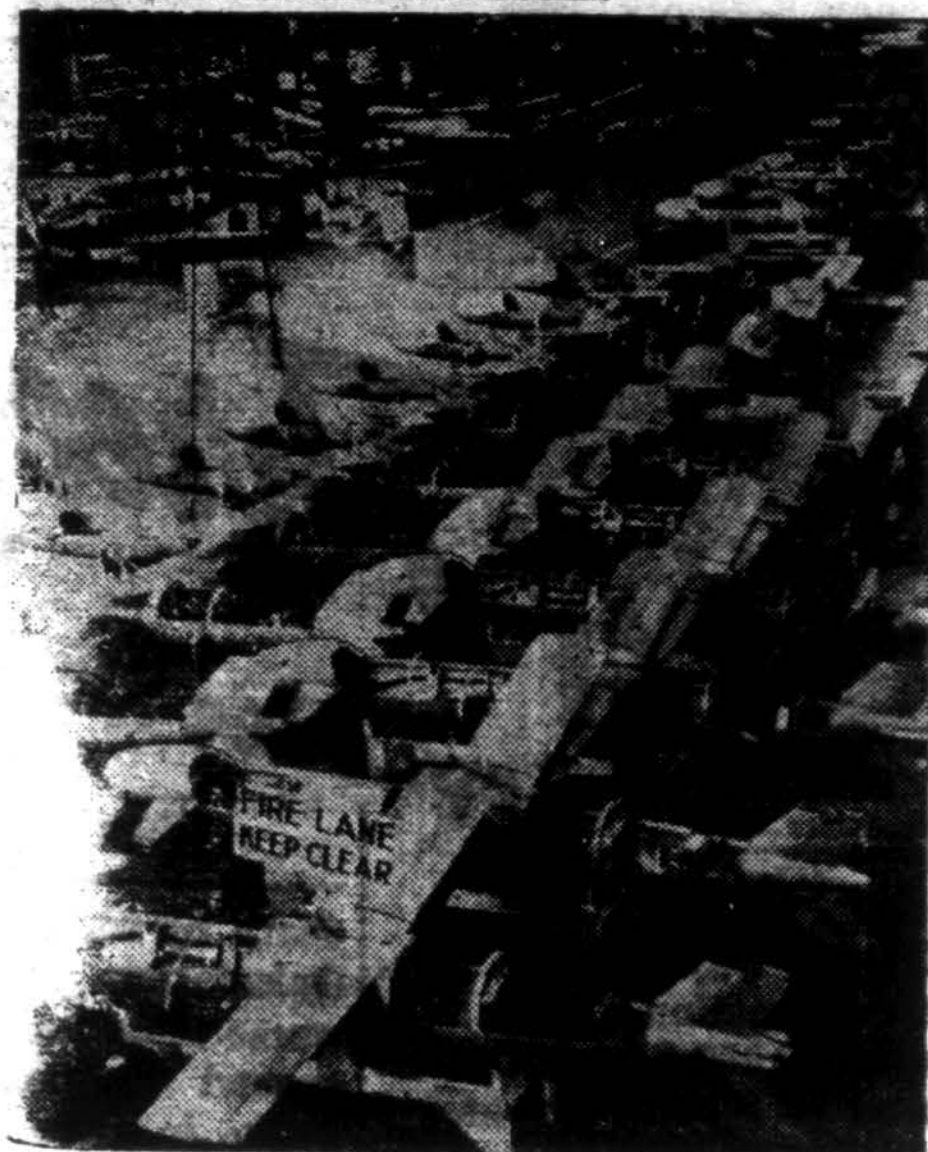


Photo shows the manufacturing section of the Naval Air Modifications Unit, Philadelphia, where the Navy is putting into production the latest designs and improvements in guided missiles. In background are small planes which will be converted for pilotless flying.

(Navy Photo From Acme Telephoto)

## COMMEMORATE FEB. 16 (continued)

right through fear of an opened rebellion that she may incur against her.

Congressman O'Konski stated that we are further away from peace today than we were in 1939 and that the Baltic countries have been victims of appeasement and because of their geographical location. Fate of Poland has been sealed because United States and Great Britain approved. The fate of the Baltic countries, O'Konski stated, is yet not sealed because we have not ter of fame and publicity. Maybe if crime were a little less publicized it would become a little less popular

yet said "yes" to Stalin. Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia are definitely a test case of future United Nations to resolve and prove its effectiveness.

One of the great tragedies of the war was the O. W. I. which "oversold Russia" and belittled our own American efforts in the war. He brought out the fact that \$460,000,000 has to be paid by Finland to Soviet Russia for reparations in 8 years and a fine is leveled against her in the sum of \$200,000 for each day overdue. He went on to say that it was not surprising that Finland had to borrow 35 or 40 millions of dollars from the United States to help pay her reparations and that Russia was in reality the recipient of our finances and that the same thing will hold true in the case of Italy and Germany when treaties are made with them. He further claimed that Soviet Russia has been sustained since the war through direct and indirect aid that she has received from the United States.

L. J. E.

Women's Alliance  
Nr. 48 Plans  
Cake Party

CICERO. — A sincere invitation is extended to all to attend "The Golden Mix Griddle Cake Party" sponsored by the A. L. R. C. Women's Alliance, Chapter 48, Thursday Evening, March 13, 1947, at the St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 15th St. and 49th Court, Cicero, Ill. at 6:00 P. M. Admission 65 cents.

A complete menu will be served; appetizer, bouillon and crackers, salad, griddle cakes, butter, syrup, meat, coffee and cream, butter cookies. What a bargain! There will also be "20 door prizes" distributed!

Make your reservations now by calling any one of the following committee members: Mrs. J. Husarik, Olympic 825, Mrs. S. Gasperaitis, Olympic 359J or Mrs. A. King, Town Hall 1898.

## FIRST AMENDMENT (Continued)

being attended for religious reasons some thought that in making it a law to give money for transportation to these schools the New Jersey legislature was making a law concerning religion, aiding a religious body, not serving the public good.

Supreme Court decided that the public interest was being served in repaying money spent in sending children to private schools. Since the private schools fulfilled the state requirements for education, the government was satisfied. The First Amendment decrees that there is to be a separation between church and state, and Justice Black, who gave the court's opinion, said that the court could not approve of the slightest violation of that decree of separation. He also said that in the New Jersey case there is no violation of that separation.

There are two great American doctrines defended in the Supreme Court decision. (1) There shall be religious freedom and consequently separation of church and state. (2) The above doctrine shall not be interpreted so as to wall off any group of citizens. All men, no matter what their religion, are entitled to their civil rights. Thus the Supreme Court in this decision has upheld both civil equality and religious liberty, two freedoms vital to the American way of life. In their study of the case and the meaning of the law involved the Supreme Court tried to discover and follow out the ideals of the founding fathers of our government. In this decision we are happy to see that the Supreme Court is really carrying out the ideals of the American tradition as begun by men like Jefferson and Madison.



EASTER BEAUTIES — Charming that match — Eileen Barton and an armful of gorgeous Easter lilies. The lovely singer is starred on NBC's "Eileen Barton Show."