



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all of you wherever you are. Your editor and his associates, all the Friars, join in sending this wish. You can be assured that come the dawn on Christmas morn, your names will be on the lips and in the hearts of the Fathers as they celebrate the Sacred Mysteries for CHRIST MASS. -- P.S. We still say the Prayer for Peace every day.

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EVEN THOUGH it has been said that "There is no one so dead as a dead Dominican," we all believe that Father Dillon will be remembered for a long time. We have not recovered from the shock even yet, because good news came earlier on Friday night, Dec. 1, that he had had his best day; then at 8:30 the same night news of his death arrived. The next morning the Governor was here to offer his condolences. Sunday saw more than a thousand - young and old, and from all walks in life - come to pay their respects. The Bishop sang the funeral Mass, the music was furnished by the secular Priests' Choir. All of which was beautiful. Fr. Chandler's short eulogy was tops. He said among other things, "He loved God without measure and therefore loved men without exception." May he rest in Peace, is our prayer.

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FROM PARIS Fr. McCarthy writes that several P.C. men are interested in organizing a Paris P.C. Club. They wonder if a charter is needed from the Alumni Association. Fred Foerber, of Newport, and Frank Stodnicki are among the organizers. Stodnicki flies into Paris for the meetings. Unquote. Fr. McC tells us about the doings of Fr. Doyle, in and around Aachen. The little captain is doing a bang-up chaplain's job.

ON THE HOME FRONT the Gymnasium Drive is going ahead by broad-jumps and high hurdles. Cash on hand at the present reading is close to 150 grand. And pledges amount to almost 200 g's. The first dinner was in the Narragansett not the Biltmore, as previously reported. Others are scheduled for Newport, Westerly, Woonsocket and Pawtucket. -- And the Alumni Loyalty fund is telling us just who is, and how.

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REFEREE'S WHISTLE can be heard these days as Physical Ed Crotty gets a Basket Ball team together. You'll be hearing from those boys, you can bet.

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MAIL BAG brings word from Ens. Harry Rourke '43, USS Rainier, FPO, San Francisco; from Sgt. Larry Drew who sent copy of YANK telling about S/Sgt. Willard Golby's part in the evacuation of Kweilin; from Lt (jg) Charlie McGovern on the USS Dehaven, Pacific; from Mike Halloran, 350th Inf., Italy; from Joe Bags, 51st Sig. Bn., also in Italy; John McKenna, '41, 243rd CM Depot Co, APO 952, San Francisco;

MORE MAIL BAG notes from Lt. Joe Mulhern '42, who is flying out of England in Lt. Col. Jimmy Stewart's outfit. He tells us that Jimmy S has about 82 missions, and could have come home for a rest, but prefers to stay a while longer.

VISITORS include Sil Batastini '41, Army, and Lt. Don Cronin '42 and wife. Don's in Navy Air Corps, but is now on shore duty after 18 m's in "everywhere, mostly Pacific."

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Fr. James Joyce, O.P., '27, is back in this country after eleven years in missionary fields of China. His stories of the latter years help us civilians to understand China in wartime. His trip home, by itself, would make a full length book. And for you fellows out there he has the highest praise. He left Kweilin just a few weeks before it left China, if you know what I mean.