BIGGEST ISM U.S. FACES

by Paul Harvey

The "ism" which presently threatens us most is "alcoholism."

It is the No. 4 health problem in our nation, the No. 3 killer.

Every year 350,000 alcoholics die at the average age of 51. For non-alcoholics, life expectancy is 70.

Short of death, however, brain tissue is gradually destroyed by indulgence in alcohol, and such tissue does not replace itself.

The Russians are taking the subject with sudden seriousness.

Khrushchev is, himself, on the wagon and urging abstinence. Further, he has arbitrarily raised the price of vodka so high that most people can't afford it.

Izvestia, the Moscow government newspaper, calls drunkenness "public enemy No. 1 in the Soviet Union."

Russia's efforts to legslate prohibition, however, are meeting with no more success than did our own.

Russia, with no inherent religious restraints, has a more acute problem than we. Yet we are the second only to France as the most inebriated nation on earth.

The United States has an alcoholic population of five million and it is increasing by 200,000 a year.

Two million alcoholic workers keep trying to work. But absentee alcoholic workers last year cost industry 36 mllion man days. That's more than double the time lost because of strikes.

Approximately 80 per cent of all persons in prison are there because of alcoholism.

There are enough alcoholics in the United States Congress so that when General George Marshall was asked where our national security was most threatened, he repield, "In the cocktail lounge at the Mayflower Hotel."

I wish, while the Communist third of the world is tough and strong and dynamic and hard-working and expanding—but drinking. . .

That we could play it smart. . .

Then, while, they pickle themselves into a second-rate power, we could remain first-rate.

That's not the way to bet, but that's the way to pray.—**Topeka Daily Capitol**

We Need A Revival That Will Restore A Moral Consciousness To Our People

by Evangelist Joe Hankins

If ever there was a time, if ever there was a task, if ever there was a challenge — that would put God's people on their faces in heart-searching, heart-broken prayer — it is today!

Every one of us who names the Name of Christ needs the courage to face our lives on our knees—while God turns on the searchlight!

The kind of revival we must have — is a Holy Ghost, Heaven-sent revival from the Almighty, that will humble the Lord's people in the dust, and bring them down in sackcloth and ashes, confessing their sins and crying to God for mercy and cleansing.

Then once more they would arise in the power of His might, and shake this world for Christ!

There is not the slightest doubt in my mind — that if preachers all over the world would stand up and preach against sin for one year, all the powers of hell could not quench the revival fires that would break out all over the world!

Herald of His Coming

SUICIDE RISE LINKED TO UNEMPLOYMENT

WASHINGTON — Unemployment and suicide rates are closely related.

When unemployment rises, there are more suicides; when unemployment goes down, the suicide rate decreases. This relationship held during the 30-year period from 1929 to 1959. It applies to white males in the 45 to 54 year-old bracket. A British study for the years 1923-47 shows the same results.

It has been known that suicide rates vary with social conditions, but these new figures indicate unemployment is the specific economic condition most directly related to suicide rates.

Unemployment is a main cause of suicide, Drs. Brian MacMahon and Thomas F. Pugh of the Harvard University School of Public Health, Boston, and Dr. Samuel Johnson of the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver, have found.

Science Service

LIBRARY BARS NOVEL ASSAILED BY PRIEST

ASHLAND, Wis. (Religious News Service) — "The Last Temptation of Christ," a novel by the late Greek author Nikos Kazantzakis, has been removed from the shelves of the Ashland Public Library after a Roman Catholic priest forbade his parshioners to read it on pain of mortal sin.

The Rev. Conrad Schneider, assistant pastor of St. Agnes church, was given the book by a parishioner who had borrowed it on a regular card. The priest forbade his parishioner to return the book, saying that it would be a mortal sin to make it available to others.

"I still have the book," said Father Schneider. "I'll have to return it to the librarian now and see that it's buried."

The librarian, William Sloggy, who is not a Catholic, agreed to remove the book. He said the library's board of trustees would make a final ruling, "but I don't anticipate any more trouble over it."

Robert Lyons was one of our Sunday School boys several years ago. His family moved away from the neighborhood. He recently visited our office. We were very happy to learn he is now an ordained minister of the Gospel. Praise the Lord. His younger brother, Garry, also one of our former students, is going into training for the ministry in January 1964.

Taken Over by The Roman Church

The Roman Catholic Church plan for acquiring public land was nowhere more convincingly demonstrated than in New York City where a tremendously valuable site at Lincoln Square fell to Jesuit Fordham University. The school paid only a fraction of the fair value of the land, then obtained more Federal aid to develop the campus. Manhattan College, an institution of the Christian Brothers, famous for their wines and brandy, obtained a large factory and assistance in remodeling it for college purposes from Governor Rockefeller's Dormitory Authority. The Department of HEW came through handsomely for the Roman Church on Long Island where a part of surplus Mitchell Field was awarded free of charge to Cardinal Spellman for parish schools. In Queens the borough officials acquired North Hills golf course for a "park," then turned over 27 acres of it to Cardinal Spellman for the Brooklyn Diocese.

Church & State.

DOCTOR URGES 'RESPECT' FOR SOCIAL NON-DRINKERS

CINCINNATI (UPI) — The public needs "a thorough revision of our entire book of etiquette at every point where it touches on the matter of social drinking," an American Medical Association official said.

Dr. Marvin A. Block, chairman of the association's Committee on Alcoholism, told the National Council on Alcoholism that the necessity for drinking in American culture had become so widespread 'that the individual who does not drink often feels himself conspicuous, or worse, sometimes ostracized."

"It is a sad commentary on the depth of our interest in each other that no group can successfully get through a party without the gurgle and splash of alcoholic drinks," he said. "Would it not be better to encourage respect for those who can be interesting without drinking?"

THE MAN WHO EXPECTS TO GO TO HEAVEN SHOULD STUDY THE ROUTE THAT WILL GET HIM THERE!