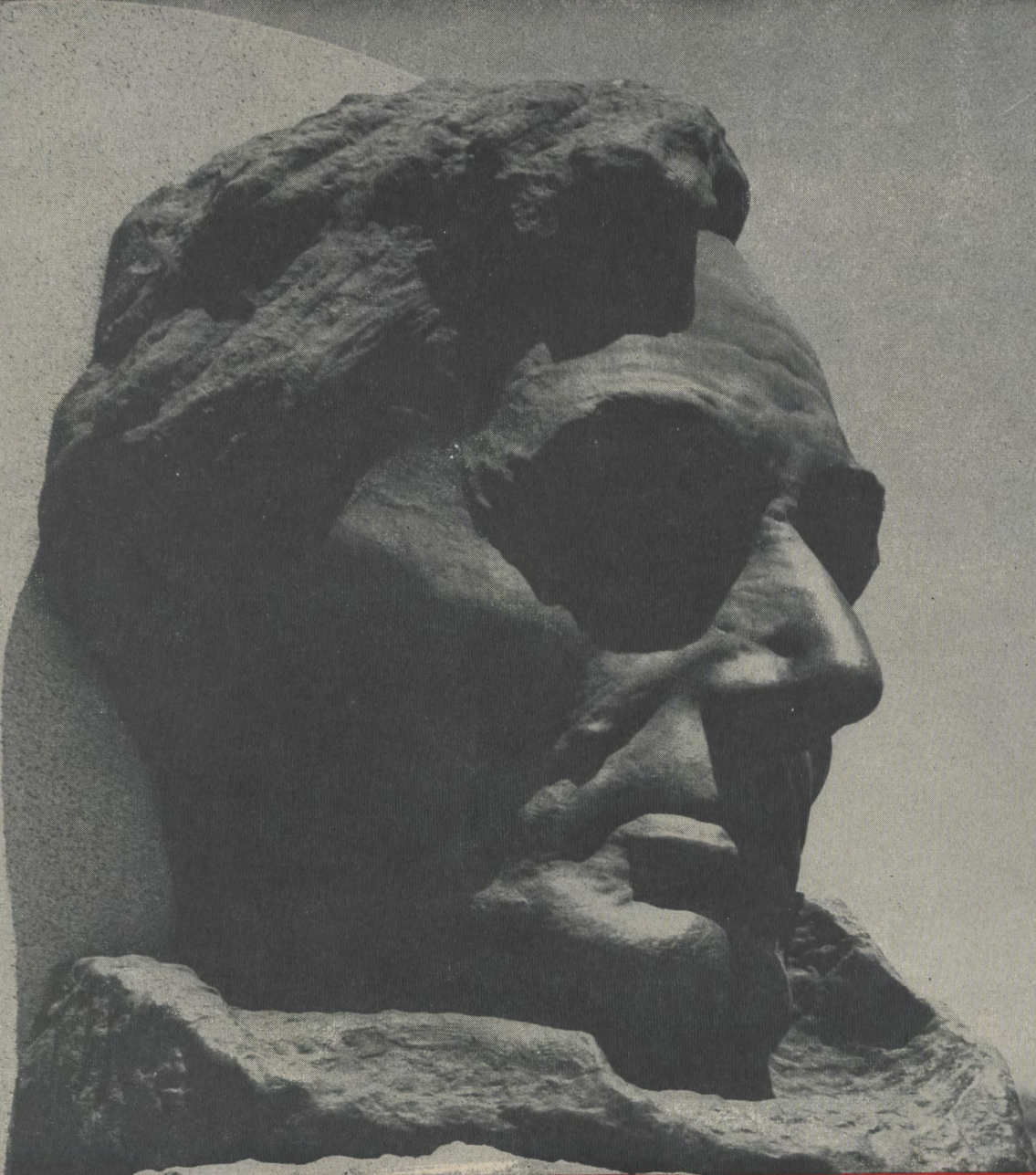


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## ***CALLING THE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM***

And we don't mean just the all-American football team. We're talking about you—and you—and you. We're talking about the greatest team of all time—the U. S. A. in which we're all teammates; Catholic, Protestant, Jew, white and colored, immigrant or native born—all Americans.

### **THERE'S DANGER AHEAD**

**Danger** from racketeers who want to profit from the hate racket.

**Danger** from skillful demagogues ready to set one group against another, one religion against another, while they achieve political power.

**Danger** from the unthinking John Doe who enjoys and passes along malicious gossip about another American's race or religion.

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LT. COMM. BENNY LEONARD

Naval officer, boxing champion, good citizen, he has been an inspiration to a generation of American youth as a model of Americanism, clean living and good sportsmanship.

Only living retired, undefeated, world lightweight champion, he was recently awarded the Edward J. Neil Memorial Plaque as the man who has done most for the advancement of boxing by his conduct in and out of the ring.

Out of 190 boxing matches which he fought during his ring career, he lost only three, winning the world's lightweight title in 1917. He retired undefeated in 1924. Later he sought to win the welterweight title and was victorious in over two dozen bouts, losing only to the then champion, Jimmy McLarnin.

After the close of his boxing career, he devoted several years to the stage and movies and became a sports commentator. He was active in the training of boys, teaching boxing at the School of Business of New York City College, at the Newman School for Catholic boys and at the Baron de Hirsch School for German Jewish refugee children.

In the first World War, he served with rank of lieutenant in the United States Army as an expert in hand-to-hand fighting. At present, he holds the rank of lieutenant commander in the United States Maritime Service in charge of the physical conditioning

That record has been a credit not only to the prize ring of which he has been one of the most famous figures for a generation, but to his country and to the people of his faith.

In recognition of his military service, his public spiritedness and his record as an outstanding Jew, the *Jewish Veteran* is proud to present this citation to

*Lt. Comm. Benny Leonard*

"The Patriotic Voice of American Jewry"

J. GEORGE FREDMAN, Editor

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## On the Military Front

The Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling,, head of International Christian Endeavor, tells this story of one of his visits to the battle fronts:

In 1943 I was almost a commuter in Natal, Brazil. Three times I came through that great Army base—once flying back from Tunisia by way of Dakar; once en route eastward to Acra, India and China; and finally, just before Christmas, returning from the Orient.

The senior chaplain in that area was Capt. Overstreet, a Protestant minister from New England, and one of the clergymen who honor their own faith by appreciating and ministering to all others.

On my first visit I suggested that he accompany me to the civilian city; but he smiled and shook his head.

"Sorry," he said, "but I am busy tonight. I am conducting the Jewish service for the Roman Catholic chaplain."

It was Friday afternoon.

I looked at him incredulously. "What," I ejaculated. "Please say that again," and with a grin he did.

"Well," I replied, "I am not interest-

ed in Natal, I am staying right here to see a Baptist preacher from New England conduct a Jewish service for a Roman Catholic priest!" And that is what I saw.

At 8 P. M. 42 Jewish servicemen gathered in the very attractive Army chapel, which serves all faiths and denominations. They went ahead with their own program, which was an adaptation or blend from both the Reformed and Orthodox rituals.

An RAF pilot acted as cantor. He had a grand voice. And then Chaplain Overstreet gave the group a stirring talk.

Later on he said to me, "There are plenty of great verses and passages in the Old Testament you know." There was no permanent Jewish chaplain in Natal so one week the Catholic priest spoke in the Jewish service and the next week the Baptist preacher. On the occasion referred to, the Catholic was ill so the Protestant took over.

Here is something very wonderful and very American that only the war could produce and that the peace will hardly duplicate. But it will be too bad for

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