

DUBAY IS WELCOMED TO SYNANON HOUSE

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SANTA MONICA, Calif.
March 1—Synanon House, an institution that cares for narcotics addicts, accepted today a controversial Catholic priest, the Rev. William H. DuBay, as a religious counselor after first balking over his application for the post because of the priest's alleged affinity for Socialism.

Father DuBay, who was suspended from the priesthood last week, will live at Synanon and help counsel addicts.

Meanwhile the 31-year-old priest disclosed that he had received a warning from the Vatican's Apostolic Delegate in Washington that he faced excommunication if he went through with his stated inten-

tion of appealing his suspension through the civil courts.

Father DuBay said he still intended to make the appeal if the Vatican rejected his request for an ecclesiastical trial. This formal request has been forwarded to the Vatican, he said.

Synanon House, which houses 600 addicts or reformed addicts, balked over Father DuBay's request when local newspapers carried reports that the priest was a member of the Socialist party. Today, however, Synanon officials called a press conference to say the priest would be welcome.

"Mention of Father DuBay's supposed involvement with Socialism caused a terrible explosion," said Charles E. Dederich, a reformed alcoholic who is founder and chairman of Synanon. "But Father DuBay is not a Socialist, he's a registered Democrat. Synanon tries to stay apolitical — we're not left or right."