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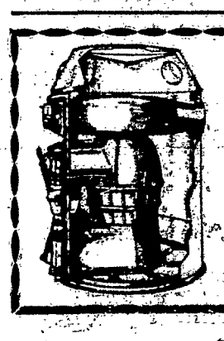

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Jews Unite With Catholics To Honor Priest

New York, Dec. 31—While parishioners of St. Nicholas' Church here were recently honoring their pastor, the Rev. John A. Nageleisen, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, a delegation from the Jewish Congregation Massas Benjamin, A.P., the synagogue of which is located behind St. Nicholas' Church, entered the room and presented the priest an engrossed resolution expressing their well wishes and "the affection and esteem in which he is held by his Jewish neighbors of the East Side."

Deputy Attorney General Charles A. Schneider, who headed the committee of Jewish "neighbors," declared that because of Father Nageleisen's "kind friendliness," the congregation "wished to demonstrate their gratitude and affection in some public manner."

Dr. Fulton Sheen Is Speaker Now On Catholic Hour

Washington, Dec. 31—The Rev. Dr. Fulton J. Sheen, professor of Philosophy of Religion at the Catholic University of America, will be heard in the "Catholic Hour," sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Men, every Sunday for 14 weeks. He began his series of talks last Sunday, December 27. He succeeds the Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., editor of the Catholic World, whose series ended the previous Sunday.

Two stations have recently been added to the network through which the "Catholic Hour" is broadcast. They are KGIR, Butte, Montana, and WHAS, Louisville, Kentucky.

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St. Patrick's Cathedral Radio Hour

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heavens seemed brighter, the sun more golden, the vegitation verdant, the waters of the bay like indigo, the birds, as it were, straining their little throats in happy chirps, even, old vesuvius with its spiral column of threatening gases told me that God is in the earthquake as He is in the sunshine.

"Father, not to draw this out to too great lengths, I never paid any more attention to the crowd that I came with. I forgot that they ever existed. I was wrapped up in self and the still voice that urged me on. To Rome I must go; to Rome at once. And to Rome I went and transposing the ancient Caesars triumphant cry "I came, I saw—but I was conquered.

"The train, even though direct, speeded not half as fast as I wished. I had set out to visit Rome as a tourist but somehow that plan fell flat.

What a Happy Day!

"Oh, don't smile, Father, I know your thoughts. Yes, I fell but what a happy day it was for me. Moreso for the grandest woman in this wide world, my wife and her little flock, for now I could see the why and wherefore of it all.

"Yes, Father, I visited St. Peter's. I knelt at the shrines of Peter and Paul. I went about and saw the tombs of Pope after Pope, successor of the One whom Jesus Christ made the Prince of the Apostles. I visited the Catacombs, where the first Christians sent forth their souls with a smile upon their faces after receiving their Eucharistic God. I saw the evidences of their belief in the Church which they proclaim to the world even now, as their bones rest in the altars of sacrifice. I saw their crude drawings and symbols. I came up from the depths of the earth refreshed, as it were, by this spiritual dew. I climb the stairs which ushered me into the presence of the great White Father of Christendom. I knelt, even though then I did not believe as I do now, and when the Vicar of Christ passed along the kneeling few and extended his fishermen's ring to kiss as a mark of respect, he seemed to float, as it were, on air about the room and, whilst he stood in front of me and I took his hand into mine and pressed my lips to the sacred emblem of authority and love; still, when it was over—and oh! Father, it seemed so soon—I felt again as if I were in a dream. I, who had scoffed and scorned all my life, now I had received a second time an impetus that I realized naught could prevent.

"Well, Father, not to take up too much of your time, for I realize that you have other pressing demands, let me say that the rest of the trip from the Holy City to the place of embarkation, through the various countries of Europe, was pleasant, but somehow my soul was disturbed. And you, Father, were the cause of this disturbance. I shall never forget, if I were to live to the age of Methusala, you or those two accurtful questions which I flung at you that eventful night."

A Higher Power

"Tom, I suppose that you have come to the conclusion by this time that it does not take much to set a man thinking. But don't give me any credit for what has been accomplished. There is a higher power than what mortal man possesses; you have experienced it, you know it, tell me what it is."

Tom was gone again. Present in body, but absent in mind. To urge him on I said: "What was the cause of it all?" As quickly as I propounded the question, as quickly came back the answer: "The grace of God. If I had been a little child, like my own dear children, I could not have followed the lead better than they would. But, Father, don't think that it was easy. I had many difficulties to overcome. I was convinced that the Church was right from what I had seen. My conscience kept crying out against me. Physically I was perfect, but mentally I was a wreck.

"Well, here is the rest of the story and then I must be on my way. What time is it? Three p. m. Father, this visit is all too short, but I must follow the scedule of the world when business cries, though often would I, like the anchorite, hie myself to a secluded spot and there think and commune alone with my God.

"I reached these good old United States shore one October morn. As we came down the narrows into New York bay it was impossible to see the length of the boat. By the way, Father, I came back on the "Lancastria" of the Cunarder lines. My eyes were all set for a glimpse of that grand Statue of Liberty which holds aloft her torch of freedom and welcomes the wanderer from all climes to these prodigal soils. I guessed from my mental condition that I was due for a befogging physically. Sure enough, there lay the blanket so thick that you could have cut it with a knife. It was just emblematical of my state of mind. Well, I said to myself I will soon settle it once and for all, either for weal or woe. And settle it I did.

Happiness in Store

"How? you ask me. Did you not hear what I said when I came into this room? Just one way, and the determination came just one day after our landing at the Port of New York.

"It was Saturday when I took the cab and carried my luggage into the lobby of the Hotel Commodore. Seemed odd to place one's feet on solid land once again. But it felt good. Old Golden Gate was thousands of miles away, but steam and steel would soon make the distance near, and what happiness was then in store.

"Father, Sunday morning rolled around and something that I had never done before in this land which flies the Stars and Stripes, I put on my hat and coat, and briskly down aristocratic Fifth Avenue I went, and where do you suppose that I stopped?"

"Why! St. Patrick's Cathedral, the magnificent edifice named by a grateful people after the dear old Saint of Ireland."

"Right you are, Father. I entered through those wonderful portals and for fear that I might attract attention I accepted from the usher a space in the last pew. I saw another man kneeling, so down on my knees I went and the only prayer I could say was: 'O! God help me to know what I am to do.' I followed as best I could the actions of the others before me, listened to the sermon and, when Mass was finished, went out into the vestibule. I paused for a second before a rack upon which were a number of pamphlets and Catholic newspapers. I spotted immediately what perhaps would give me the beginning of the information which I desired. On the cover it read 'The value, reason and power of the Mass, The Eucharistic sacrifice instituted by Jesus Christ.' Just what I wanted, and plenty of time to read it over carefully today on my way to the coast.

The Tree of Life

"The more of those concentrated pages I read, the more I began to think. I summarize the information which I gleaned. In the midst of the earthly paradise stood the tree of life. It was a figure of the true tree of life which now stands in the midst of the new paradise, namely, the Holy Church. This new true tree of life was the Cross of Christ, and then the Eucharistic, which imparts full life to all those who desire to partake of its fruits. The roots of this new tree are founded deep; its trunk is healthy because it carries within it the sap of eternal life; its fruits are plenteous, delightful to behold and agreeable to the taste. Its blooming top rears itself high toward heaven and spreads its shady

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Mexican Senator Is Expelled From Revolutionary Party for Displaying Papal Colors Home

Bigoted Leader of National Party Makes Savage Attack Upon Another Senator Who Refused to Sign Anti-Clerical Manifesto.

Mexico City, Dec. 31. — Senator Filiberto del Valle was expelled recently from the National Revolutionary bloc, the controlling political group in Mexico's superior legislative chamber, for having allowed his residence to be adorned by the papal colors during the recent Guadalupe festivities.

Senator del Valle, although showing no particular desire to remain a member of the party, explained that he had committed no particular crime in having shown deference to his wife, who wished to adorn her house in that manner.

Deputy Gonzalo Santos, fiery anti-cleric and leader of the bloc, next turned his attention to Senator Caloca, charging that the latter had refused to sign an anti-clerical manifesto adopted by the Senate.

Senator Caloca attempted to treat the charge in a spirit of levity, but Deputy Santos became so violent in his language that some members feared shooting might result. The incident ended without a resolution being adopted.

The last event in the tempestuous session was a resolution demanding that the Minister of Finance, Luis Montes de Oca, explain why a grand organ recently installed in the basilica at Guadalupe, imported from Germany, was allowed to be brought into Mexico without the payment of customs dues.

These incidents are looked upon as manifestations of rage on the part of the anti-clerical leaders because of the tremendous interest and nation-wide enthusiasm aroused by the recent 400th anniversary celebration of the appearance of the Blessed Virgin at Guadalupe.

Mussolini's New Chief of Press Vatican Friend

Rome, Dec. 31.—Premier Mussolini made what was interpreted as another step in the direction of peace with the Vatican recently in arranging the appointment of Count Dino Alfieri as Chief of the Press [illegible]

[illegible] visit to see Cardinal [illegible] Papal [illegible] to power. [illegible] to return to Rome [illegible] Minister and to [illegible] good relations. [illegible] good friend of the Vatican [illegible]

Signor Alfieri is professor [illegible] of the Press, who served there [illegible] and was very [illegible] [illegible] lial, was certainly thanked by the Premier for his work [illegible]

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