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# FOR THE HOMEMAKER

# Household Hints

To write in the manner of a realist, you just write in the usual way and then insert an occasional cuss word.—Macon News.

## DR. ZWIERLEIN CHECKS CRITICISMS OF RABBI BERNSTEIN ON MEXICO

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despite any human defects in their speech, or person to religion. For the Revolutionary Constitution now in force in Mexico, it various provisions, explicitly deprives all religion of these fundamental rights, without which religious liberty is inconceivable in the mind of every right thinking American citizen. It is precisely upon these anti-religious articles that the present persecution is based. It is therefore, "fairly absurd" to use a phrase of Rabbi Bernstein for him to say that the Catholic Church in Mexico "must accept for itself a status similar to that of the Catholic Church in the United States" when the syncretical Mexican Revolutionary Constitution explicitly forbids it.

**Status Lower**

The Catholic Church in Mexico has already been proved that it occupies an infinitely lower status than the Catholic Church holds in the United States together with other churches. Through the good offices of the Rev. Basil Murray, their United States Ambassador in Mexico, an agreement was reached between the Government and the Catholic Church, the approval of the Apostolic See, that made it possible for the Hierarchy and Clergy of the Catholic Church in Mexico to function, but under very grave disabilities, which the Supreme Court in the United States would have set aside as unconstitutional in our own country. This agreement for the Mexican Government was signed by Porfirio Diaz and by Archbishop Ruiz y Flores in 1929. A few years later (1932) the Archbishop who had been appointed as an Apostolic Delegate was expelled for having disseminated a pamphlet criticizing the Mexican Government for failing to live up to the agreement.

If Rabbi Bernstein would write for information to Archbishop Ruiz y Flores in his place of exile in San Antonio, I think that he would soon learn that the Catholic Church has no idea of claiming to be "the State established religion in Mexico" nor of withholding religious freedom from others both of which he ignorantly attributed to the Church in Mexico at present. The freedom of religion in the United States, which has been heaven to the Mexican Catholics, if transplanted there, after the hell of a persecution through which they have passed for years, would be a blessing indeed. In fact, when some in this country blamed Mexican Catholics for the existing conditions there. These are his burning words:

**Modern Martyrs**

"Perhaps in no country of the world in modern times have priests and sisters faced the firing squad so bravely and even joyfully as in Old Mexico. The blood of many an Unknown martyr has reddened the soil, yet other priests and sisters are taking their places and their blood towards are not made of such stuff."

"One Diocese only, that of Guadalajara numbers TWENTY-THREE as real martyrs. Catholics of the world have to rejoice in this."

## Medals for History Study Are Offered By Legion Auxiliary

Carrying out a constructive program in the schools of Rochester, the American Legion Auxiliary is offering scholarship medals as incentives to pupils to attain high standing in American history. Mrs. Betty Studley, Monroe County Americanism Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliaries has been visiting Catholic schools giving patriotic talks to the pupils. Mrs. Studley has also been invited by Mrs. Howland, director of Girl Scout activities at the Catholic Women's Club to talk to the scouts on "The American Flag, its Care and How to Display it."

Speaking of the history medals, Mrs. Studley said this week: "As citizenship plays a big part in the awarding of these medals, it is having a beneficial effect on the children."

Thursday afternoon, March 28, Mrs. Studley and Mrs. Marion Sullivan, American Legion Auxiliary, met to the children of Holy Cross School on "Flag Etiquette." A scholarship medal was offered to the girl student showing the greatest proficiency in American history. Mrs. Studley and Mrs. Sullivan offered a scholarship medal for Yerkes-Couchman Auxiliary. Several pleasing readings were given by the children.

## Dog Actor To Star In Children's Play Coming to Eastman

The final children's play of the season will be presented at the Eastman Saturday afternoon, April 6. It is a stage adaptation of Louisa M. Alcott's famous story, "Under the Lilacs," and will be given by a cast direct from the Children's Theater in New York.

Although humans play important roles in the production, it goes without saying that the most popular member of the company, from the children's point of view will be Sancho, the puppy, who is starred.

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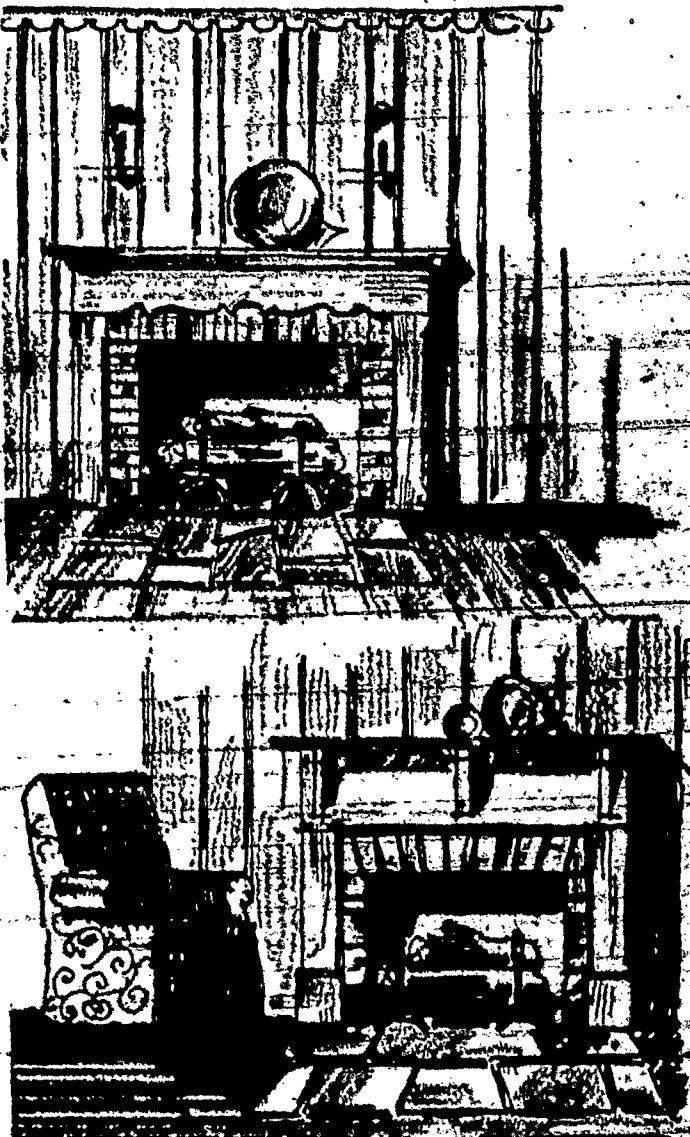
A featured part of "Under the Lilacs" is a Punch and Judy show. This occurs in the last act when the children's play returns with the news of the lost Satcho.

An unusual audience of youngsters is expected at this, the last performance of the season. Tickets will be priced from 25c to 75c. They are on sale now, at the Eastman Box Office.

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because Mexico has no apostasy in the priesthood.

"Priests have to remain at their posts even though they can function only as ecclesiastical 'bootleggers,' saying Mass, preaching and performing sacraments, and at the same time being hounded like the worst type of criminal."

**Process of Guadalajara** is in the State of Jalisco, which allows only fifty priests to minister to 1,255,213 people in an area of 635,501 square miles, in which not a single priest is permitted by the Government to minister to the sick, or dying, although the Constitution, again Art. 130, declares that "only the State Legislature has the power to determine ACCORDING TO LOCAL NEEDS, the maximum number of ministers of cults."

Local needs counted for nothing when lately the Governor of the State of Jalisco reduced the number of authorized clergy of a year ago from 108 to one single priest for this entire state which has a total population of 1,032,991 and an area of 36,415 square miles. This is more mockery of religion.

In all these are not more than 344 priests authorized by the State authorities in the Republic of Mexico to serve an overwhelming Catholic population of 15,012,573 souls. In some states—Nuevo Leon, Michoacan, and others—local authorities have reduced the number of priests to a number less than that authorized officially by the State through various expedients: by cancelling licenses issued to priests, by expelling priests from their parishes, or by refusing to issue licenses to fill vacancies that occurred. Archbishop Ruiz y Flores therefore had to conclude: "Driving the Catholic priest from all churches in Mexico closed, with less than 300 priests permitted by law, and these robbed of every civil right with 2,000,000 people obliged to remain in hiding and perform the sacred rites at the risk of their very lives, with Catholic schools, hospitals, orphanages like the Children's Home of Mexico, pressed and organizations like Garrido's Red Shirts free to terrorize the Catholic population at will. I think there can be no doubt that the National Revolutionary Party of Mexico is attempting to carry through its declared plan of driving the church from Mexico."

This would mean the practical end of religion in Mexico if successful, especially as Revolutionary Mexico does not respect the right of parental control in the education of the child, which the United States Supreme Court has well maintained against the bad Oregon school law of 1922, declaring: "The child is not the mere creature of the State, those who nurture and direct his destiny have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognize and prepare him for additional duties."

In violation of this inalienable natural right, rivaling the educational policy of Soviet Russia, the State Schools, under orders are trying to instill a hatred of religion and its own fanatic brand of communistic socialism into the children. When parents were determined that Mexican children should not be subjected to a system of education which, according to an interview granted recently by the Minister of Public Education, Garcia Telex was definitely pictured as communistic in purpose, they drew up a circular, by which the National Union Fathers of Families called a nationwide school strike. The postal authorities promptly refused to accept it in the mails, but it was circulated nevertheless.

**Is It Abused?**

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had heard him make a speech in Pueblo about December 8, 1923, and advise killing the hacendados, proprietors of farming estates. August 2, 1924, she was ambushed by agrarians in a restaurant near the town of St. Martin. From a distance of thirty feet they riddled her with bullets, and she fell dead to the floor of her carriage, her long hair twisted in the wheels until her scalp was partly torn off. Of the three assassins arrested, one died in prison. It was not till July 2, 1931, that the New York Times received a special cable from Mexico City that Francisco Ruiz and Alejo Garcia would be shot by a firing squad the usual jury trial scheduled to take place tomorrow for the murder of Mrs. Evans.

**U. S. Can Help**

These poor men were only the tools of the men who light up with the Calles enriched themselves on the spoils of the revolution while they communistically divided up other men's and women's estates amongst their poor agrarian followers. Let the soil not deteriorate from its high state of cultivation. Here there is good illustration how communism and capitalism can exist side by side in voluntary Mexico. No wonder more social revolutionaries have become critical, and even attempted to make the Revolution millennium in Mexico disregard their ill-gotten wealth. The Government on condition that religious freedom be guaranteed in Mexico. The Mexican Ambassador, Arrendano not only pledged this to the Government in Washington, but the Mexican Government also promised it in Spain, Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

Rabbi Bernstein is strongly opposed to any action by Washington, but the Mexican Government of the United States, on the motion of Senator Lodge, unanimously reported a resolution introduced by Senator Spencer, requesting the State Department to forward to the Senate whatever information it had on the bloody pogroms to which Jews were subjected in Ukraine. These Jews were not citizens of the United States, but of Russia. The resolution was supported by mass meetings throughout the United States and also in Rochester, where Archbishop Hickey, then the ordinary of the Diocese of Rochester, sat on the stage to identify himself with the protest against the cruel butchery of Jews in far off Russia. The Spencer resolution obtained the instant approval of both political parties as well as the whole-hearted support of the President of the United States. Catholics, together with Protestants and Jews uniting themselves when there ask for no more in regard to the Jews or any other resolution of like import in behalf of the persecuted for religion in the neighboring Republic of Mexico.

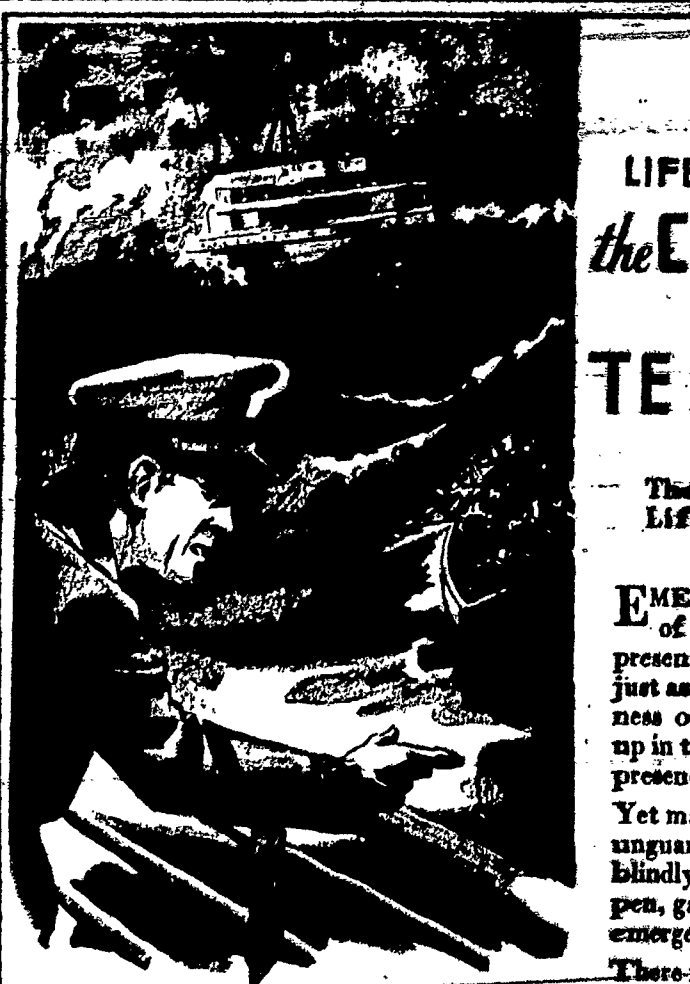
Here in Rochester, April 4, 1928, Catholics, Protestants, and Jews assembled in a great Community Mass Meeting to protest against the terrible persecutions of all religion in Soviet Russia. Also then Rabbi Bernstein, while he did not oppose, steadfastly refused to identify himself with the protest of his fellow citizens. He was present since then that Rabbi Bernstein is not as liberal nor as American in principle as he would like to have us believe himself to be.

**LEAVES FOR VATICAN**

Quebec, P. Q.—(NCWC)—Bishop P. X. Roux, of Quebec, has left for Vatican City. The Bishop is making his ad limina visit and will be away for about three months.

**SET MEET THEME**

Louvin—(NCWC)—The second congress of the Catholic University Association for the Aid of the Millions, which will meet in Louvain in April, will discuss the Asiatic and African countries from the viewpoint of national colonization and missions. This will be a further development of the theme "The Races and Their Fundamental Unity," discussed at the first congress of the AUCAM held in 1920.



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