Communism Series Reviewed to Date

Inaugurating the New Year with a program designed to expose the evils of Communism and present the Church's antidote, the CATHOLIC COURIER this week marks time to review the series to date and present the schedule of concluding articles.

A distinguished group of Catholic writers have contributed to this series which has aroused nation-wide attention since it was started in the issue of January 7.

Dr. Curran Opened Series

On that date, the Rev Dr. Edward Lodge Curran, president of the International Catholic Truth Society, prefaced two later articles with a general outline of the Communism movement.

Under the general title of "Why Be Concerned About Communism" Dr. Curran presented an article on January 14 to show the necessity of Catholics taking an active interest in the study of the Red menace.

The same week the Rt Rev Msgr Fulton J Sheen announced that he would accept the challenge hurled at him by Louis E. Budenz of the Daily Worker, Communist daily. Budenz shot eight questions at Monsignor Sheen in this challenge.

Msgr. Sheen Answers

In the January 21 issue, Dr Curran defined Communism in all its terms while Monsignor Sheen opened his answer to the Red challenge by proving from Communistic sources that the Reds do not love the poor and hate war as they claim.

The same issue carried the story of the opening of the anti-communism campaign by the Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus under the supervision of Grand Knight Leo C. Rombaut and other Councils in the diocese guided by their leaders.

Bishop Gannon Speaks

From the Most Rev John Mark Gannon Bishop of Erie and Episcopal Chairman of the Press Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference came the declaration on January 28 that the Catholic Press was one of the great bulwarks against Communism.

In the same issue Msgr Sheen again quoting from Communism sources, explained how Catholics agree with the Reds' protest but violently disagree with the methods used to achieve them.

On February 4 Msgr Sheen gave a logical explanation of how Communism can breed Fascism. In the same issue, the Rev John La Farge, S.J., pointed out the work being done by the Catholic Press to combat the menace of Communism.

Fenerty's Explanations

Former Congressman Clare Gerald Fenerty used the February 11 issue to trace the rise of Communism throughout Europe while at the same time Msgr Sheen blasted once and for all the ever-present myth that the Church is fighting Communism because it favors Fascism.

Msgr Sheen spurned the Communistic offer to join in a "United Front" against Fascism and called on Communists to unmask and explain their real objectives in the issue of February 18.

On February 25, Msgr Sheen showed how the Reds had jumped

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Fr. Maguire To Addsess Holy Name

Lackawanna Priest Directs Buffalo Holy Name Societies

The Rev Joseph E Maguire, Director of the Holy Name Societies of Buffalo Diocese and Superintendent of the great charitable institutions at Lackawanna, will deliver one of the principal addresses at the annual convention of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union to be held at Wayland, Sunday April 18.

This announcement was made last night by headquarters of the Holy Name Union in Rochester.

Father Maguire has been Director of the Holy Name in Buffalo Diocese since 1928 and under his leadership and guidance, the Holy Name Society has had a remarkable growth and the Buffalo Diocese is today one of the outstanding dioceses of the country in Holy Name work.

In September 1936, Father Maguire was appointed to succeed the late Msgr Nelson H Baker in charge of Our Lady of Victory's institutions at Lackawanna which include the internationally famous Basilica of Our Lady of Victory, St. Joseph's Orphanage, Our Lady of Victory Hospital, the Home for Destitute Children and the Infants Home.

Rated An Authority

We are very fortunate to have been able to secure Father Maguire to address our Holy Name Convention, said Edward Shleinger, President of the Rochester Diocesan Union, in commenting on the selection of Father Maguire as a speaker at the convention. "With his new duties at Lackawanna he is a very busy man, but he is a nationally known authority on Holy Name matters and besides a very good speaker. Because of his long experience in directing Holy Name activities he will be able to talk with authority and give us an address of real practical value."

Father Maguire had the recent distinction of being selected to deliver one of the principal talks at the great National Convention of the Holy Name Society held last fall in New York City. Several of the Executive Committee of the Rochester Diocesan Union heard him at that time and resolved to persuade him to come to the Rochester diocese to address our convention.

Father Maguire was ordained June 10, 1921 in St. Joseph's Old Cathedral, Buffalo, by the late Bishop Charles Colton. His first assignment was as Curate at St Bridget's, Buffalo. He was made Pastor of St Paul of the Cross Church, Dayton, and later Chaplain of Perrystown Hospital. Then he was appointed pastor of St Agatha Church, Buffalo. He remained there until the death of the revered and saintly Monsignor Baker when he was appointed to his present charge.

Archbishop on Program

The convention at Wayland will begin at 2:00 p. m. with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and at this service an address will be made by the Most Rev Edward Mooney Archbishop, Bishop of Rochester. The business session of the convention will begin immediately after Benediction in the assembly hall of St. Joseph's School.

Besides the address of Father Maguire, brief talks will be given by the Rev William W Heisel pastor of St Joseph's Church, Wayland, the Rev F William Stauder, Spiritual Director of the Rochester Diocesan Union, and the Rev John S Randall Spiritual Director, Auburn Deanery.

Upwards of 400 delegates are expected at the Convention, representing the over 15,000 Holy Name men in the Rochester Diocese. Each Holy Name society is entitled to be represented at the convention by its Spiritual Director and four delegates. The regular biennial election of the Diocesan Union will take place at the convention.

Sees Drop In England's Population To 5,000,000

LONDON—If the present trend of the population decline continues there may be only 5,000,000 people in Great Britain 100 years hence, in the view of Dr. F. McGuckin. The population today is 44,500,000. Within the lifetime of persons now living this decline may cause the disruption of the British Empire, he added.

Addressing an "Academic Sunday" of the members of three university Catholic societies at Newcastle-on-Tyne, he argued that the declining birthrate, felt throughout the world, was not due to overpopulation. It was not caused by industrialism, he argued, because this would not explain the decline in the British dominions and in the United States, still less in pastoral France.

S.V.D. Superior General To Visit Houses In U.S.

TECHNY, ILL.—(NC)—The Very Rev. Joseph Grendel, S.V.D., Superior General of the Society of the Divine Word and Chancellor of the Catholic University of Peking, China, will shortly make his first trip across the Atlantic in the line of duty.

Father Grendel will make a visitation tour of at least three months' duration, inspecting the progress of the American Province and charting future plans. Sailing from Cherbourg on April 4, he will arrive April 9, and will at once begin his survey of the various mission houses, seminaries, parishes conducted by the Fathers of the Divine Word in America.

Author of St. Therese's Biography Tells How and Why She Wrote Story

Thinks 'Written In Heaven' Was Part of a Design

WASHINGTON—"I feel that I was simply the instrument and that the writing of this book, and the incidents that led up to it were all parts of a design," Mrs. Frances Parkinson Keyes, a non-Catholic, stated when interviewed about her story of the life of St Therese of the Child Jesus, "Written in Heaven," which is just off the press.

Much has been written about the Little Flower of Lisieux, but Mrs. Keyes' small volume differs from other books on this subject in that she dwells upon the mundane life of this contemporaneous Saint.

She spent three months in Lisieux collecting the incidents that made up the "little way" of St Therese, a fulfillment of God's purpose, from those who had known her intimately relatives, schoolmates, teachers and her sister Carmelites.

Five Became Nuns

"Written in Heaven" presents Therese Martin as a real a very human person. Not least a person age is her father, Louis Joseph Martin, who retired from business that he might devote all his time and attention to the rearing of his five motherless daughters, all of whom became Religious and the youngest, the beloved baby of the family, a Saint.

He did not outlive his youngest daughter, short though her span of life proved to be but it is probably unique in the history of the Church that all the sisters of a Saint should be living at the time of her canonization. Three of St. Therese's sisters are in the Carmel at Lisieux and the fourth is in the Visitation Convent at nearby Caen.

It was a mere coincidence that Mrs. Keyes who happened to be in Rome in April, 1923, was given a card to a special ceremony in St. Peter's Basilica. It was to be the beatification of, sang one of whom she had never heard: Sister Therese of the Child Jesus. It was also quite by accident that she paid her first visit to Lisieux in 1931. She was at Caen awaiting the return of her son from Cherbourg, when her French chauffeur suggested that she occupy the time by driving to Lisieux.

"I had read L'Histoire d'une Ame (The Story of a Soul) previously and had been very much impressed by it," Mrs. Keyes said, "but I spent my day in Lisieux like any other tourist, going to the obvious places." But this chance visit to Lisieux was to lead ultimately to the event, "Written in Heaven."

Eleanor Carroll associate professor of journalism at Columbia University and formerly an assistant editor of The Bellman, was the instigator of this new life of St. Therese. While a guest in the Alexandria, Va., home of Mrs. Keyes, she asked the latter to "read one of your travel articles to me." Mrs Keyes picked up a bound volume of articles that had appeared in Good Housekeeping and, opening the book at random, began reading an account of her 1931 tour of France.

In an article she had expressed her regret that there had been neither sufficient time nor opportunity "to visit the scenes sanctified by so holy a life and to meet in the flesh many of the persons who are still living who had known Therese Martin, the Little Flower during her life on earth."

Urged to Return

At this point her friend interrupted to ask why she did not return immediately to Lisieux to write the biography of "a woman whose life was apparently one of average opportunity but who had within her something which glorified it" as it would be written by "an average woman."

When Mrs Keyes replied that no publisher would send her on such a mission, her friend insisted that the first publisher she asked would do so, and subsequent events proved her to be right.

Some time later while on a visit to New York, Mrs. Keyes was a dinner guest at the home of her publisher, Julian Messner. In the course of the conversation, Mr Messner asked what she was planning to write.

Quite casually she mentioned Miss Carroll's suggestion and, to her surprise, Mr. Messner suggested that the contract be signed the following morning. She called upon W. F. Bigelow, editor of Good Housekeeping, who was equally enthusiastic and entered into an agreement with Mr. Messner to sponsor the visit to Lisieux.

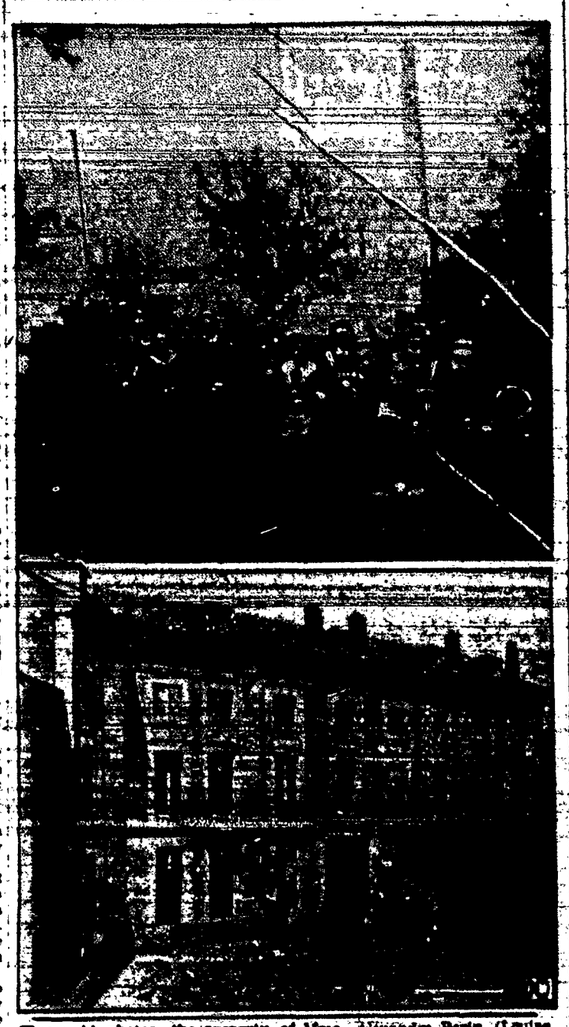
Appalled by Undertaking

But at this stage, Mrs. Keyes confesses, she was somewhat appalled at the thought of what she had undertaken. "I had never written the life of a Saint," she stated, "nor did I know how such a book would be received by individual Catholics or by the Church." She consulted the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward L. Buckey, pastor of St. Matthew's Church in Washington who thoroughly approved the idea but suggested that she might consult ecclesiastical authorities to allay her own fears.

It was on the journey to France that Mrs Keyes conceived the idea of staying at some place associated with the life of St Therese. She had just re-read L'Histoire d'une Ame and decided she would try to arrange to stop at the Benedictine Abbey where the Little Therese Martin had attended school and had made her First Communion, and where there are four nuns who knew her—three who were Religious at that time and one who was her classmate and afterward entered the Order.

At Paris she was told that no convent at Lisieux received "paying guests" and the Sous-prefect at Lisieux was equally discouraging, but she went immediately to the Benedictine Abbey and explained her mission. Strangely enough she was received there and, as a special favor, was allowed to use as her study the very room which had served as a refectory when little Therese Martin was a pupil of the Benedictines.

As evidence of the friendship of the nuns, Mrs Keyes has two beautifully bound and illustrated volumes containing the documents of the beatification and canonization processes of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, which were presented to her at the Carmel; and two dolls for her famous collection, the gifts of the Benedictines of Lisieux. One, presented to her on her birthday, is dressed in a Benedictine habit with a little lantern in her hand; the other, a parting gift, wears an exact copy of the uniform worn by St. Therese in her schooldays.



These old photos, the property of Mme. Alexandre Paris (Louise Bellenger) of Paris, a classmate of St. Therese of Lisieux, are published in the United States for the first time. The upper photo shows Therese Martin's class on an outing. The other photo shows the Abbey Boarding School of the Benedictine Nuns at Lisieux where the "Little Flower" was educated. The two lower left windows open into the refectory, the room in which Mrs. Frances Parkinson Keyes wrote her recent life of St. Therese, entitled "Written in Heaven."

Book on Encyclicals Banned In Germany

MILWAUKEE — "Reorganization of Social Economy," by the Rev. Oswald von Nell-Breuning, S. J., which was originally written in German under the title of Die Soziale Enzyklika, has been prohibited by the government of Germany. The English edition is published by the Bruce Publishing Co., here.

Father Nell-Breuning is noted as a commentator on the encyclical Quadragesimo Anno, and his work has received international recognition by expert interpreters of the encyclicals of Leo XIII and Pius XI.

Conclusion Favorable In Cause of Franciscan

VATICAN CITY — A favorable conclusion was arrived at by a preparatory meeting of the Sacred Congregation of Rites held Tuesday to examine the miracles proposed in the cause for canonization of the Franciscan Brother, Blessed Salvatore of Horta.

His Holiness Pope Pius XI approved the conclusions and ordered that a general meeting of the Congregation be prepared to be held in his presence after Easter.

Will of Card. Maurin Shows Humble Spirit of His Life

PARIS—The will of the late Cardinal Maurin, Archbishop of Lyon and Primate of Gaul, which has just been published, is indicative of his life.

It reads:

"I declare that I die in the faith of my baptism and of my priesthood. I ask pardon of God and of the souls which have been entrusted to me for all my sins and my negligences. Elevated without any merit on my part to the highest ecclesiastical dignities, I regret that I have been found to be so little worthy of these.

"Let my family not be surprised at finding nothing, or at least almost nothing, at my death.

"The priest owes himself to souls, the pastor to his parishioners, the Bishop to his priests, the faithful and the enterprises of his diocese. Therefore, I have given everything in proportion and according to the measure that I have received.

"My sister would be so kind, if she finds it in my estate, to devote 1,000 francs to having Masses celebrated for the repose of my soul."

N. D. EARNS CLAIM ON COURT TITLE

NOTRE DAME, IND.—The University of Notre Dame, famous for great football teams, is on the way to distinction in another major sport, basketball.

For the second consecutive year Notre Dame has earned a claim to the National Intercollegiate Basketball Championship. In 23 games the team was victorious 20 times, losing three times to teams which it later defeated and closing the season with a 13-game winning streak.

Notre Dame, in addition, placed two men on the 1936-37 All-American Basketball Team. They were John Moir, high-scoring forward from Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Paul Nowak, 6-foot, 6-inch center from South Bend, Ind. Both also were 1935-36 selections for All-

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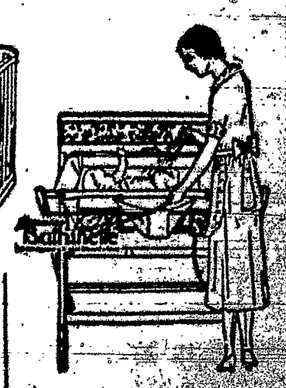

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