

'150' Letter Twists Facts, Says Priest

Dr. Zwierlein Hits Protestant Open Letter on War in Spain

The Open Letter produced by Dr. Guy Emery Soper, Editor of the Churchman and Dr. Harry F. Wood of the Union Theological Seminary in New York, and signed by 150 Protestant clergymen, editors, and intellectuals against the letter of the Spanish Hierarchy on the War in Spain formed the theme of the address which Dr. J. Zwierlein, professor of Church History in St. Bernard's Seminary delivered to the members of the Holy Name Society at St. Peter and Paul's on Wednesday night.

The American strongly denounced the Open Letter for its manifest ignorance for its distorted and twisted interpretation of fact and for its militant and un-Christian bigotry.

The Open Letter is a striking example of the ignorance which prevails in the United States. It was precisely this ignorance which was given by the Spanish Hierarchy as the reason for its letter to enlighten the world.

The Open Letter also gives evidence in these same articles of a malicious conspiracy against the truth which has not hesitated to take recourse to lies, distortions and twisted interpretations of facts against which the letter of the Spanish Hierarchy found it necessary to protest even before the publication of this Open Letter.

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FOUR SISTERS OF SAINT SIGN

J. Agnes de Jesus
S. Maria de San Juan
S. Genesio de la S. Face
de S. J. Maria
S. S. L.
S. Francis, Oblate Martin



The four living sisters of St. Therese, the 10th anniversary of whose death was observed September 30, recently autographed a copy of the Little Flower's autobiography for Mrs. Frances Parkinson Keyes (Miss), of Washington, author of "Written in Heaven," a life of St. Therese. Of the signatures, reproduced above, the first three are Carmelites at Lisieux and the other is a Visitation Nun at Cazenovia. They are: Mother Agnes de Jesus, Prioresse (Pauline Martin); Sister Marie du Sacre Coeur (Marie); Sister Genevieve de la Ste. Face (Celina); and Sister Francis Therese (Leonia). Lower photo shows the Little Clerks of St. Therese, organized to provide altar boys for the Carmel and the Basilica of Lisieux.

Cornell Chaplain To Review Book on Rose Hawthorne on Air

By M. H. WELCH
AUBURN The second in a series of book reviews by the Rev. Donald M. Cleary, Catholic chaplain at Cornell University, will be broadcast on WESG radio on Sept. 30.

In the next broadcast scheduled for October 28 Father Cleary will review Katherine Easton's latest novel, "The Life of Nathaniel Hawthorne," a daughter of Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, who has turned to work among the most neglected of the poor and led a Dominican religious life.

In his second broadcast, Father Cleary reviewed the book "Mental Hygiene" by Dr. R. C. McArthur. This book is a down-to-earth presentation of the principles of mental hygiene showing them in action in everyday life and is commended not only for those concerned with the direction of children and youth but also for every adult as a source of information and a reliable criterion for self-examination.

RENAME PRIMATE OF BENEDICTINES

VATICAN CITY The Rev. Fidelis Von Stotzingen, O.S.B., was selected Primate of the Benedictine Order at a session held here. Abbot Von Stotzingen has served in that capacity for 24 years. He was formerly Abbot of Mary Laach in Germany but resigned from that post upon his election to the Primacy.

Participating in the election were several American Benedictine Abbots. Among them are Abbot Vincent Huber, of St. Bede Abbey, Peru, Ill.; Abbot Roger, of St. Bernard's Abbey, St. Bernard, Ala.; Abbot Francis, of St. Leo Abbey, St. Leo, Fla.; Abbot Joseph, of St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa.; Abbot Procopius, of St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Ill.; Abbot Burton, of St. Martin Abbey, Lacey Wash.; Abbot Verth, of St. Benedict's Abbey, Abington, Kans.; Abbot Bertrand, of St. Anselm's Abbey, Manchester, N. H.; Abbot Goeb, of Assumption Abbey, Richardson, N. Dak.; Abbot Braun, of St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee, Okla.; Abbot Stanislaus, of St. Andrew's Abbey, Cleveland; Abbot Philip Ruggie, of Conception Abbey, Conception, Mo.; and Abbot Burgert, of New Subiaco Abbey.

Name Epping Family Officers At Reunion

The fifth annual reunion of the Epping Family was held Sunday afternoon at St. Theodore's Church Hall, Gates. A memorial Mass for the deceased members of the family was celebrated at 9 o'clock. A chicken dinner was served at noon, after which Joseph Farber took charge of the amusements. At the business meeting the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: the Rev. Raymond Epping, permanent honorary president; Pater Epping, president; Robert Epping, vice-president; Miss Arlene Miller, secretary; Louis Epping, treasurer. Plans were adopted for the reunion next year. You'll never miss what is given to the missions.

Asks Wages Sufficient For Family

Bishop Ritter at Industry Meet Emphasizes the Pope's Rulings

INDIANAPOLIS — "People simply must have a modicum of the goods of this world if they are to function properly as social beings." This point was stressed by the Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, Bishop of Indianapolis, at the regional meeting of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems, held here last week under his auspices.

"They cannot be good citizens nor good Catholics if the necessities of life are not satisfied. The Holy Father does not fail to emphasize this point when, in condemning Christian marriages, he warns that a sufficient wage to raise a family is essential to the practice of virtue."

Delivering the closing address at a dinner meeting, Bishop Ritter stressed the regional meeting one of the most constructive ever held in Indianapolis and invited the Conference to "play a return game" next year. The addresses delivered were termed by the Bishop "a real contribution to industrial and economic thought of our day."

Those active in the work of the Conference were characterized by His Excellency as "real apostles, real missionaries of Catholic Action."

"With the Encyclicals to guide them," Bishop Ritter said, "their contribution to the solution of social and economic problems of our day is outstanding."

Wish of Holy Father "There are," the Bishop said, "many phases of human society, religious, social, educational, domestic, political, and to all of these the Holy Father wants Catholics to apply Catholic principles. His Encyclical on Economic Life, 'The Social Order' is just one of many. But if any one phase is to be singled out for special attention and said to be more important, it is the industrial and economic life of present-day society. It is more important because it concerns everybody, and because, without proper adjustments of its problems, it can be a source of serious social or spiritual well-being for our country."

But not only is this phase of human society most important, the problem of sufficient wages to raise a family, it is also most difficult of solution," the Bishop stated.

It is not an easy matter to adjust the economic difficulties besetting modern society. Under our form of government, reforms come slowly. Legislation in a democracy has a very definite place, but after all is said and done, even though reforms are legislated, they can be made effective only through the process of education. But in the meantime, often those engaged in advocating change lay themselves open to abuse, misrepresentation and even persecution. For that reason, all honor to men like Monsignor Ryan and also Father McGowan.

The Government Speaks—The Encyclical Teacher was the subject of the Rev. Dr. John P. Boland, of Buffalo, chairman of the New York State Labor Relations Board. He stressed the need and justice of collective bargaining and said those who favor this will favor a legal minimum wage and maximum hours pact.

MARYKNOLL NUNS SAFE AFTER RAID

OSSING, N. Y. — While it is reported that Mercy Hospital in Shanghai, in care of the Maryknoll Sisters, has been damaged by bombs, a cablegram from the Sisters bringing assurance of their safety and stating they have just been received at the Motherhouse of the Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic, Maryknoll, N. Y.

The women's section of Mercy Hospital, which is exclusively for mental cases, is staffed by eight Maryknoll Sisters. They are: Sisters Mary de Lolla McKenna, of Lexington, Ky.; Mary Antoinette Geist, Pittsburgh; Mary Augustin Hook, Mendville, Pa.; Herman Joseph Ritter, Salem, Ore.; Kathleen Marie Shea, Dorchester, Mass.; Miriam Agnes Tibesar, Quincy, Ill.; Mary Ignatia McNulty, Dover, N. H.; and Agnes Regina Rafferty, Camden, W. Va.

The shelling and bombing has intensified the suffering of the patients. All letter communication with the Sisters has been interrupted.

Bishop Ritter Honored CHICAGO — The Most Rev. Ambrose Ritter, O.F.M., newly consecrated Bishop of Capitalia, and Vicar Apostolic of Chowlain, China, was honored at a reception given on the eve of his departure for his See in China.

Chapel, Seminary Carmelites NEWARR, N. J. — The coronation of the Major Diocesan Seminary Chapel of Christ the King and the Major Diocesan Seminary Chapel of the Immaculate Conception will be held in December.

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