

BACK TALK

Now that the strange case of Hugo La Fayette Black has dropped into a political limbo, it might be well to glance back and analyze the press in general and the Catholic press in particular handled this unprecedented situation.

We believe that such a review is necessary because the Black case offers a striking example of how the press exercises its freedom of expression as guaranteed by the Constitution.

It might be well to note in passing that the Black story would never have seen the light of day in a country where no press freedom exists.

As the nation well knows, the Black revelations were initiated by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. This newspaper sent Ray Sprigle down to Alabama and he came up with amazing bits of evidence to show that Black joined the Ku Klux Klan in 1923, resigned in 1925 for political purposes and was given a life membership in 1926.

Now throughout the entire debate raging over the publication of this series, no one ever questioned the authenticity of the articles. Some of our so-called "liberal" journals bitterly assailed the alleged purposes behind the revelations and the manner in which the stories were obtained but even these periodicals did not doubt that every word written by Sprigle was true.

As a matter of fact, however, the press generally concedes that Sprigle has the 1937 Pulitzer Prize for journalism wrapped up and ready for delivery barring some other outstanding act of reporting or a committee decision similar to some that have been made in recent years.

The "climber" on the series was Justice Black's own admission that he was a Klan member and received an "unsolicited cord."

If you examine the Black stories in the "QUARTER" from beginning to end you will find a single statement which says that Mr. Black is intolerant of the basis of the rather hollow radio plea he made. The stories simply said that he was and is a member of the Klan and such must be accepted by the public reaction against the known Klan gospel of intolerance.

Sprigle's "woop" led the majority of the nation's papers writing at the top and most of them gave the story little of its attention until Black came home.

For three or four days the Black case seemed from the national headlines to be the dramatic climax when the justice delivered that apathetic speech which is generally regarded as a new low in oratorical piety.

The anti-Black came with Black taking his seat on the bench the filing of challenges and their denial by the court early this week.

The nation's press, with the exception of the papers in the South, was almost unanimous in demanding Black's resignation. All in all we must admit that they did a fairly good job what ever their motives may have been.

And now what about the Catholic press? Speaking for ourselves we are (Continued on Page 9)

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'New' St. Bridget's Opened By Bishop Foery

Membership Campaign Of Mission Society Set for October 24

'Mission Sunday' Observance by Propagation of Faith Society To Include Campaign; Msgr. Hart Letter To Be Read October 17

A campaign for members of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in this diocese will be brought to a climax with the "Mission Sunday" collection scheduled for October 24.

"Mission Sunday" is the day on which funds are received from millions of American Catholics for support of home and foreign missions. It is the day when members of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith which sponsors the nation wide appeal under the auspices of the National Office are received.

The Rev. Leo C. Mooney, diocesan director is directing observance of the day in this diocese.

Letter from Msgr. Hart
The Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, Administrator of the Diocese is going out to the clergy and laity to be read in the churches, Sunday, October 17.

All sermons on "Mission Sunday" will be devoted to missionary topics and special prayer services will be added to the traditional prayers of the Mass.

Program in Schools
In the schools of the diocese a mission program in preparation for the day is being arranged by the Rev. John S. Randall, associate director of the Society.

For Catholics all over the world, Mission Sunday which was inaugurated ten years ago by authority of Pope Pius XI, has an unusual significance this year.

It is the 75th anniversary of the death of Pauline Jaricot, the French girl who founded the international mission-support organization, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Celebrations in her honor have been held at Rome and at Lyons, France, her birthplace.

The undersigned war in China also has drawn particular attention to foreign missions and their needs. Although no casualties have as yet been reported among Catholic missionaries, hundreds of priests, nuns and lay brothers are facing constant danger to their lives and the destruction of their quarters.

Monastery Opened To Women During Heavy Rainstorm
PARIS After eight centuries of proscription, women have been admitted to the cloisters of the Benedictine nuns in the mountains of Dauphine. The reason? A storm.

In a solitary valley, difficult of access, 30,000 people from the Midi had assembled to commemorate the eighth centenary of the monastery. Then the storm broke and women visitors were admitted to Agueville with the permission of His Eminence, the Cardinal, Vicar, Archbishop of Paris and Pontifical Legate at the celebration.

The monks, giving way to the throng of unexpected visitors, were not visible but their mothers and sisters at least could see the secular parlments sanctified by the contemplative labor, which is the lot of their sons and brothers.

Workers' Lecture Set for Friday
The Encyclical, Socialism and Communism, will be the topic of the second lecture for working people of Rochester to be given on Friday evening, October 15, at St. Joseph's Hall at 8:15 o'clock.

Delivering the lecture, second in a series of five, will be former County Judge Philip H. Donnelly, chairman of the executive committee of Rochester Branch, Catholic Central Verein of America who also is the Rochester Branch, National Catholic Women's Union is sponsoring the lectures.

Both working men and working women are invited by the sponsoring organizations to attend the lectures. There is no cost for admission.

The course is based on the great Encyclical on labor and on Atheistic Communism. Purpose of the movement is to discuss the greater knowledge of principle contained in those pronouncements of the Pope among the workers of the city.

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Bishop Congratulates Pastor



The Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, Bishop of Syracuse, is pictured congratulating the Rev. Gerald T. Brennan, pastor of St. Bridget's, on the occasion of the reopening of St. Bridget's Sunday morning.

High School Liturgical Choir Planned for Vesper Services

Plans for a liturgical choir of 100 voices from the Catholic high schools of the city were made at a meeting called last week by the Rev. John M. Duffy, superintendent of Catholic Schools in the diocese.

Representatives of St. Andrew's Seminary, Aquinas Institute, Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High School and Academy of the Sacred Heart met to formulate plans for an "inter-school" choir to sing vesper services in five different churches of the city during the coming year.

It was planned to have the Rev. Benedict Ehmman who was among those present, direct the choir.

Wives Make Preparative Trip
LOS ANGELES—For the third time in three years a student of Aquinas High School, LaCrosse, Wis. has been one of the winners of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer contest. This year the prize goes to Adeline Korish, whose illustrated notebook on the moving picture "Romeo and Juliet" has won her a trip to William Shakespeare's home, Stratford-on-Avon, England.

Others who attended were the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, of the diocesan music commission and the Rev. C. Harrison, C.S.B. of Aquinas Institute.

Sacred Heart P.T.A. Begins Party Series
Parent-Teachers Association of Sacred Heart School will hold a dessert luncheon and card party on Thursday afternoon, October 21 at 1:30 o'clock in the school hall, Flower City Park.

This will be the first of a series of afternoon parties.

Mrs. Vincent J. Maloy, chairman of ways and means has named the following hostesses: Chairman, Mrs. James J. Maher; co-Chairman, Mrs. Marco Carcelli; Mrs. William J. Lawson; Mrs. George McKenna; Mrs. Alex Lynch; Mrs. J. R. Nixon; Mrs. R. E. McDonald; Mrs. Michael Madigan; Mrs. F. E. McDonald; Mrs. Francis E. Manning; Mrs. J. R. McDonald; Mrs. Frank Martin; Mrs. Charles Myers; Mrs. Michael La Force; Mrs. V. J. Maloy; Mrs. Joseph A. O'Connor.

A prize will be awarded at each table.

Generous Donors Give Furnishings for St. Bridget's

Generosity of the pastor, the vicar, the priest, sisters and parishioners of St. Bridget's Church, is responsible for the 35 separate items of church furnishings which enhance the beauty of the rebuilt edifice opened again Sunday following the disastrous fire five months ago.

Church furnishings donated and their donors are:

Tabernacle, the Rev. John J. Brennan, retired pastor, of St. Bridget's, in memory of his parents and deceased members of his family.

Sanctuary Window—The Poery Family.

Sanctuary Window—Loretta Hartmann in memory of her mother, Anna Hartmann.

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Altar Candelabra—Rev. Gerald T. Brennan, pastor, in memory of his parents.

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Crowds Jam Gorham Street Edifice For Sunday's High Mass

New Main Altar Draws Universal Praise; Brennan Thanks All Who Assisted in Rebuilding Church After Fire

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Priest, Who Led Radio Rosary For Pope, Crush Victim

PITTSBURGH (Special)—Services were held at the Cathedral here this week for a priest whose voice, heard around the world, led to the recovery of the Holy See from the clutches of the "Reds."

The priest was Rev. James J. Maloney, who was known as the "Radio Rosary" for his broadcasts from Pittsburgh, which were heard in many parts of the world.

He was a native of St. Charles, attended St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, and Niagara University, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

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