

Mission Aid Work Sets Record in Italy

VATICAN CITY, Nov. 25.—Mission Aid Work in Italy had a record year in the twelve months end-

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Maritain Acceptable To Non-Catholics Says Culture Lecturer

WINDSOR, Ont.—In the "Christian Culture Series" of the Assumption College Lecture League here Nov. 15, Sir Robert Falconer, President Emeritus of the University of Toronto, perhaps the best-known of Canadian educators and one of Canada's greatest scholars, spoke on "Jacques Maritain: A Prophet for Our Age."

Though not a Catholic himself, Sir Robert said that sincere non-Catholics find no difficulty in accepting Maritain as a great prophet full of inspiration and encouragement for them. Without compromising one title of his Catholicism one could not find a more wholehearted believer than Maritain. Maritain as a religious force has made a tremendous appeal to the human spirit, he has stressed the value of spiritualization, the eternal destiny of man, the thirst of the human mind for God, and the necessity of working for the Kingdom of God without which no democracy can become at all full complete and viable.

He is a prophet of the Christian faith. Like St. Paul like St. Augustine the light of faith has penetrated his philosophy has enabled it has made him a great and vital voice crying out for social righteousness. He has grappled with the problems brought to the fore in our times through the almost total disintegration of morality and the frame work of Western civilization. He has provided, like St. Augustine, the framework of a City of God, a new Christendom where "free choice is not an end in itself" but a means of achieving man's final end different from the Medieval Christendom of anything that has gone before. Vitality Christian with the Christian spirit infused into the temporal order.

Christians may be a minority in this new Christendom but they will act as leaven. The liquidation of the old and incomplete humanism, man-centered, divorced from God, has run its course. The time is at hand to redeem what is good and still left, there remains to take those strands and weave them into a new and entire and complete humanism centered in Christ and the incarnation.

Only with the fullness of freedom of this new humanism that is Christ centered, theocentric, can man be truly and fully democratic. Thus far we have but seen patches of democracy little islands of freedom. Man has a right to more than the four freedoms, good as these are in themselves. Personal autonomy that is the end of free choice, and such is only possible in theocentric humanism, the speaker said.

Fr. White Assigned To Central America

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East. The war in some sectors has terminated its efforts for the present. Activities will be resumed immediately that peace has been established.

Meanwhile Latin-America calls for priests not to create Catholic life but to bring the sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacraments, Christian education to people who have remained Catholic with but a bare handful of priests for generations. In many outlying regions the physical conditions under which the Maryknollers are to labor in Latin America will be as demanding as the most difficult regions of Asia and Africa. It is to be a vigorous apostolate for the strengthening of one of the great areas of the Catholic world.

In announcing the superiors of the ring, mission bands and the personnel assigned to them, Bishop Walsh stated that the departure ceremonies for the fifty-two Maryknollers are slated for Jan. 6 and March 14. The ordination of Maryknoll's 1943 class will take place on Feb. 7.

Pamphlet on Catholic Education and Negro

WASHINGTON.—Catholic Education and the Negro, a chapter by Mother M. Agatha, of Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in the Catholic University of America publication, "Essays on Catholic Education in the United States," has been reprinted by the university in pamphlet form.

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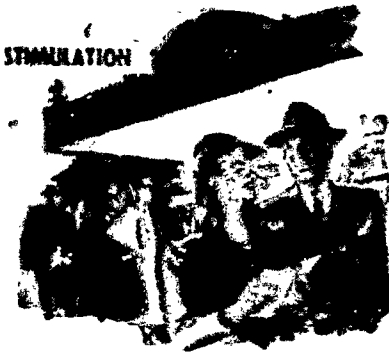


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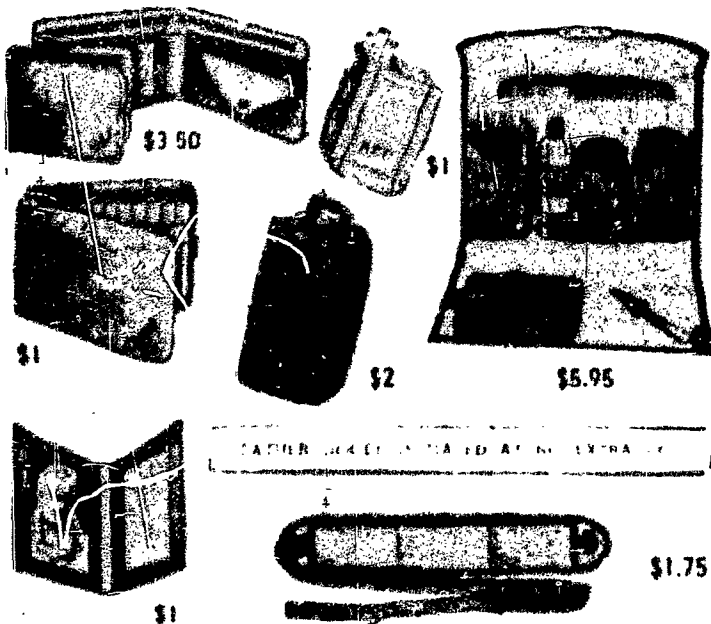


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