

TEN MONTHS OF HIDE-AND-SEEK WITH JAPS



Father Albert Label, S. M., of Branswick, Maine, Marxist missionary in the Solomon, reaches the New Hebrides where he resists his experiences of ten months of hiding in the jungle, following the Japanese invasion of Bougainville. Finally escaping to the Hebrides, he is pictured, left to right, Lambert James, war correspondent; Lieut. John Quigg, U. S. N., of Boston, Pa.; Navy Chaplain William H. Babb, S. J., of New Orleans; Bishop Julius Halbert, of the New Hebrides; Father Label, and Pere Edwards Loutere, parish priest at Vila, New Hebrides. (N.C.W.C.)

'Quiz' Corner

Since in the Apostles' Creed we are taught to believe in the Holy Catholic Church, why do we call our Church Roman Catholic?

Our proper name is "Catholic" but because there are schismatic churches like the Greek Catholic, and even heretical sects who lay claim to the name of Catholic, we are not opposed to the distinctive title of Roman Catholic to show that we are in communion with the Holy See and recognize the Pope who, as Bishop of Rome, is the Vicar of Christ, appointed by Our Lord Himself as the visible head of the Catholic Church and the center of unity.

What is the Catholic position on sterilization of criminals by the State?

The Church is heartily opposed to sterilization of criminals. Such a practice is never justifiable. Only when such a practice is necessary for the welfare of the whole man may it be performed.

Will we know our own people when we go to heaven, or is it true that all faces will be alike?

We most certainly will know our own in heaven. After the Last Judgment our souls and bodies will again be united and while glorified our faces will bear those characteristics which mark us as individuals. While these thoughts are not matters of faith they follow right reasoning and the only true idea that we can have of heaven.

Why is it a greater sin to steal from a poor man than from a rich man?

The morality of any act is judged by its end, its object, and its circumstances. In the case of stealing, the malice of the sin is to be judged, therefore, not only on the basis of the act itself and the purpose for which it was placed, but also on the circumstances of the person from whom an object is unlawfully taken. Because the inconvenience of a loss will usually be greater in the case of a poor man than in that of a rich man, a greater malice ordinarily attaches to the sin of stealing from a poor person.

Is there any difference between the terms Catholic Church and Roman Catholic Church?

The Church is called Catholic because it is catholic or universal. It has existed in every age since its institution by Christ, has a mission to all nations to teach all the truths which Christ taught. It is called Roman because Saint Peter, the first Pope, established his See in Rome which has been the center of Christian government since that time. We are proud that we are Catholics because we belong to the only Universal Church and we are proud that we are Roman Catholics because it is the success of Saint Peter, with the keys of Rome, which makes the Church's structure.

SUFFERING PARENTS

By Junette Stevenson Murray

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Mrs. Richards lingered after the recital to arrange for a committee meeting. Six-year-old Tommy began pulling her hand, teasing to go home. It was awkward; she weakly remonstrated but the tugging continued; she ignored it in a helpless way and tried to go on with the conversation.

Grandmother joined the group. Tommy straightened up; he knew that she would not countenance such badgering. On the way home, the boy ran on ahead; Grandmother was waiting for this. "You should not let Tommy treat you so disrespectfully," she said.

"I can't have a scene," her daughter replied.

"No, but if Tommy understands that you will not tolerate any such behavior, he will not attempt it. When you reach home he should be punished. If you allow him to be so troublesome people will dislike him. But tell me, had you explained to Tommy that the delay was necessary?" Then as the mother shook her head. "You see, he was tired and really needed to go home. If you had been more courteous to him, perhaps he would have been more courteous to you. In any case, don't show him to be rude."

"He'll soon get more sense," said Mrs. Richards.

"I am afraid it doesn't always work that way. I know a case where disrespect to parents has increased as the child has grown older. About two years ago, a good friend who has a garden, brought me some vegetables. Her eight-year-old Jack came with her. We were chatting a minute at the kitchen door when this big boy began pushing his mother. Although supposedly in fun, it was very embarrassing. We tried to turn it off as a joke but nothing stopped his ill-mannered behavior, and she had to hurry away. Since that day, Jack has seemed less attractive. Previously I had liked him and watched his development with interest. He has a fine mind, but he is dreadfully spoiled. Neither can I feel quite the same toward his mother since that undignified and embarrassing scene. For, of course, adults not their children are really to blame for children's misbehavior.

"While waiting in the back of the church last Sunday, I saw Jack again. He was hitting between his father and mother in a rear row, and he was gripping the nape of his father's neck and with upraised forefinger, prodding the back of his head. Red with embarrassment and discomfort his father seemed to be remonstrating with Jack, but the prodding went on regularly. Then his mother began whispering to him out of the corner of her mouth, but he paid no attention. "I could scarcely believe my eyes. People in the seat behind, the ushers and those standing in the aisles, were all watching."

"Yes, those parents were to blame more than their son!" exclaimed Mrs. Richards. "They should have corrected Jack when, as a very little boy, he first began treating them disrespectfully."

"I suppose such behavior really begins with a desire to show off," and Grandmother looked thoughtful. "We forget sometimes when meeting friends to introduce our children properly. They feel unnoticed and begin pestering us in order to attract attention."

"I hadn't thought of that. It's more careful after this to introduce Tommy. But since I've been negligent he may need some correcting also."

That afternoon, the Richards had called. Tommy was introduced and greeted in a friendly way; but as soon as the older people were absorbed in conversation he began teasing his mother, trying to sit on her lap. She put him off and suggested that he cut the airplane from a magazine supplement, but Tommy was not interested and soon tried to climb on her lap again.

Excusing herself, Mrs. Richards led the boy resolutely upstairs and told him to stay in his room until the guests were gone. He felt a new firmness in his mother's attitude and knew this was no time to disobey. He looked puzzled, however, when she said, "You'll not annoy me any more. You are going to be the kind of boy people will like!"

Ten Primary Points

1. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
2. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
3. You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.
4. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
5. You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling the wage payer down.
6. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.
7. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.
8. You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.
9. You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence.
10. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

Blessed By Pope

London -- The Holy Father's blessing was received for a two-day conference held here by the Polish Catholic Institute. The two Westernmost Auxiliary Bishops, Bishops Myers and Mathew, spoke at different sessions. Points of the discussion were: "Individual dignity"; "The Family"; "Economic and Social Order"; "The Christian Conception of the State"; "Reconstruction of the International Order."

NAVY OFFICER TELLS OF CONVERSION IN JAP PRISON CAMP

Manila -- In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Henshaw of Honolulu, Knight George H. Henshaw, who was taken prisoner by the Japanese in the fall of Wake Island, revealed that he has embraced the Catholic faith in a Japanese prison camp.

Though Henshaw realized that before the fall of Wake Island he had the desire to become a Catholic and that after he had been placed in a prison camp in the

Philippine Islands he completed instructions under the direction of an Australian priest and was baptized. He also stated that he had written to the Most Rev. Peter Thomas Del Arce, Archbishop of Tokyo, and requested some books on the Catholic Church. He received a consignment of 20 books for himself and other prisoners. The letter was dated November 25, 1942, but it reached his parents here only recently.

To those who Serve



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On August 6 we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration, when chosen Apostles were permitted to glimpse the divinity of Jesus. Our missionaries are teaching the Sonship of Christ to thousands. Help support a missionary for a month by giving Twenty-five dollars.

NEW PROGRESS IN OLD FIELD

Christianity in India dates back to apostolic times. St. Thomas the Apostle is credited with having first preached the Gospel there. Because it was hard to keep in touch with Rome, the Church in India became isolated. Its only contact with the outside world was through Nestorian bishops in Persia. Thus it became separated from Catholic unity though it never adopted the Nestorian heresy.

When Portuguese explorers arrived in the sixteenth century the native Christians received them as brothers, but differences of language caused some misunderstandings. However, some Spanish and Chinese missionaries were recalled with Rome at this time.

Persecution by both Hindus and Mohammedans made it hard for the Indian Christians to do more than maintain themselves. Little progress was possible. In 1850 two bishops of Africa and several thousand lay people, who had belonged to the Jacobite Church, were reconciled with Catholicism, retaining their own Malankara Rite. Since then the movement has grown rapidly. Today there are four bishops (all converts) who rule over 60,000 Catholics. Their religious duty has not only brought whole masses of Jacobites into the Church but are pushing out to influence their pagan neighbors.

The Jacobites have fine well-built churches. When the people become Catholics, they must leave these. We greatly need chapels to carry on this proselyting work. Seven hundred and Fifty Dollars will build a suitable chapel in India. If you meet one, it may be the means of bringing hundreds of souls into Christ's Church.

SACRAMENT DIVINE

August is the month of the Blessed Sacrament. Adorn one of our Near East chapels with some special article in honor of our Eucharistic King. You can give a chalice, ciborium or tabernacle for Ten Dollars each.

POOR MAN'S GOSPEL

People in the Near East live in extreme poverty, barely existing according to our standards. You can preach Christ's Gospel to them by helping their children. Won't you send Five Dollars to keep a child in one of our mission schools for a half year?

LIKE LIGHTED CANDLES

A saint once remarked: "I want to serve God like a lighted candle that burns itself out as the oil runs." Candles seem to be such common things, yet the Church wants them to be symbols of our devotion. Why not send us Eight Dollars to secure a year's supply of candles for one of our needy Near East chapels? They will burn themselves out for you.

TITHES

Once upon a time the word "tithes" meant the tenth part of one's income, which he gave to the Church. How much it would mean to our work if you were to contribute in your will "tithes" for Mission, to be collected by our missionaries after your death.

CENSER AND BOAT

Incense, which makes our prayer so rich, helps God's work, is most generally used in the Oriental Missions. Can you send us Eight Dollars to support the censer and boat needed for every Mass in our Oriental chapels?

TRIBE AND TONGUE

Our Lord shared the first Mass in Aramaic. His own language today is no longer spoken. The Mass is offered in at least fourteen different languages, provided by New Catholics. How is it natural the Church really is. Will you send us Thirty Dollars to provide a set of vestments for a priest who takes care of these languages in his Mass?

NEARLY OVER

The season for our religious education schools is nearly over. The catechists who teach in them have been gathering people from far and wide. The priests have vast territories. They depend entirely on these lay teachers. It costs one Fifteen Dollars to support a catechist for a month. Please help us.

UNFAMILIAR

You are, perhaps, unfamiliar with some of the articles we have been asking for. Take for example the "antimensium." On this beautiful ornamental linen corporal the Sacred Host and Chalice rest during Mass. Can you send us Five Dollars to obtain one of these, so necessary in the Near East missions?

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