More Underground Copies Sold Since Invasion

LONDON. — Circulation of the French Catholic underground publication, the Cahiers du Temoignage Chretien, is reported to have doubled since the Allied invasion of Normandy in June.

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And far from pushing against price ceilings, the price of electricity has stayed right down on the floor. In fact, since the last war, the average price to the average family has been cut just about in half. Of course, you probably have more electric appliances and use more electricity today than you did then—but you're getting twice as much for your money!

ROCHESTER GAS and ELECTRIC

Right for the President

The fact that this is an election year is a good excuse for quoting a Presidential story told by Father William Maguire, Navy chaplain of a good many years standing, in his recently-published book on his life in service, "The Captain Wears a Cross." The incident was related to the chaplain by Admiral Adolphus Andrews, one-time aide to President Calvin Coolidge.

One night the President said abruptly to the Admiral, then a captain, "Andrews, are you a Catholic?" His aide replied that he was not. "Well," said the President, "tomorrow we attend Mass at St. Matthew's Church. You'd better find out when to stand up and when to kneel down. Good night."

Andrews was perplexed. Suddenly remembering an Irish doorkeeper at the White House, he sought him out and asked, "Pat, are you a Catholic?" "Sure and I am, Sir," answered the door-keeper. "Do you know when to stand up and when to kneel down at Mass?" "Of course, sir. I used to serve the priest's Mass when I was a boy."

"Very well, Pat," said Andrews. "Tonight I'll get you a cutaway coat and a pair of striped trousers, for tomorrow you'll sit in front of the President of the United States. When you stand up, he'll stand up —and you'd better be right."

Why Communism Is Wrong

One of the common forms of attack against the Catholic Church is based on ignorant or malicious misinterpretation of her reasons for opposing certain movements. Such a movement is Communism. Everybody knows how strongly the Church is opposed to Communism, but strangely enough, there are many who do not know the strength of the grounds on which that opposition rests. Here they are in a nutshell.

1.—Both in theory and in practice, Communists in modern times have identified themselves with militant atheism. They not only reject belief in God for themselves, but make it a duty of Communists to try to destroy belief in God in the minds of others. The Catholic Church sees in this atheism the greatest of all dangers to the peace of the world, the welfare of society, and the happiness of individuals. Those who admit the existence of no God have not even the foundation of motives for justice, charity, peace.

2.—The Catholic Church knows that without responsibility to God, the leaders of a state or nation cannot be otherwise than dictators in the ugly sense of the word. With a sense of responsibility to God, a ruler recognizes that his power is limited by certain rights that the people under him have from God. If a ruler recognizes no God, he cannot recognize any rights of citizens that are outside the range of his authority. Therefore even though Communism begins by saying that everybody should have an equal share of the world's material things, it ends with a clique of leaders parcelling out the shares according to their whims and egotistic desires.

3.—Communism is not the remedy for the evils it assails. The Catholic Church recognizes these evils—the suppression of the rights of the poor, the unjust inequality of rewards for toil, the tyrannical power wielded by owners and controllers of vast financial and industrial empires. If rights are not honored, it is no remedy to take all rights away. If injustice is practiced, it is no remedy to propose to do away with justice. If industrial monopolists become dictators, it is no remedy to transfer the dictatorship to godless statesmen.

The Catholic Church, therefore, opposes Communism on definite and unassailable grounds. She is campaigning for the correction of all economic abuses through the recognition of every man's God-given rights, through the universality of the practice of justice, and through the spread of ownership that will end monopolistic power.

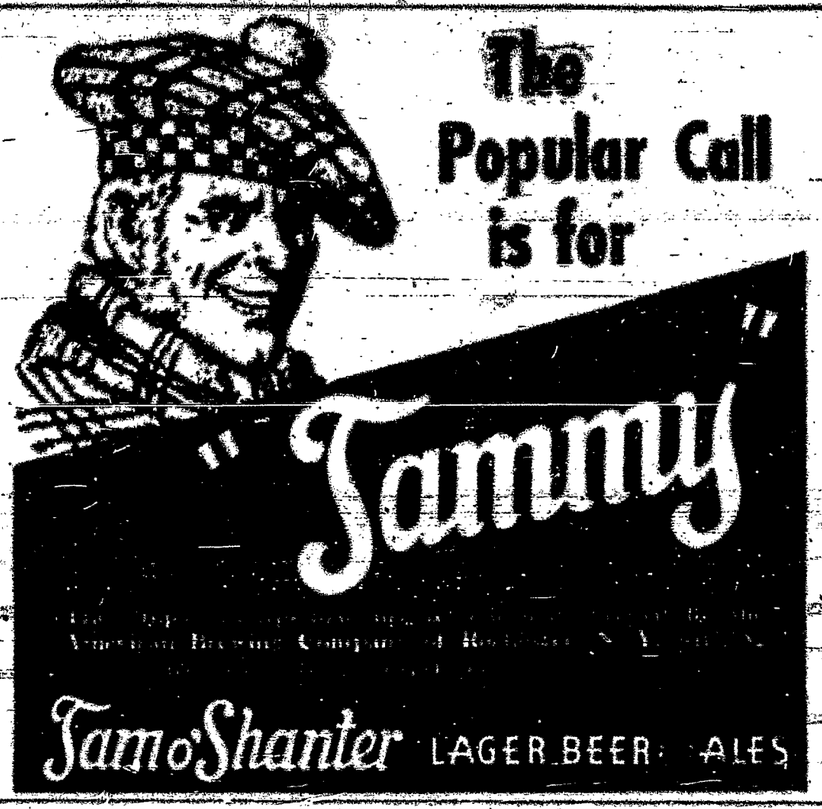
Quebec Province 100 Years Old

QUEBEC.—One hundred years ago this month Pope Gregory XVI erected Quebec into a Metropolitan Province. Quebec is the mother See of Canada, which today numbers 19 Dioceses and Vicariates.

His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, the present Archbishop of Quebec is now in his sixty-first year. He was ordained a priest 37 years ago.

Religious liberty was first granted in America by a Catholic, Lord Baltimore, in 1649.

The old-fashioned girl used to stay home when she had nothing to wear.



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Most Pure Heart

During August, dedicated to the Most Pure Heart of Mary, please become a member and thus help the Near East missions, where that Immaculate Heart first began to beat with God's love. One dollar a year, twenty dollars perpetual.

A BISHOP'S STORY

"I have visited my eighty priests, serving the sixty-five poor little churches of my diocese. I can tell you now that each one of them has preached me a wonderful sermon.

"Real apleaty for the Lord, but what privations! Hovels of rectories, sometimes none. Sometimes we even had to camp out! This would have been fun except for constant fear of scorpions.

"Ill clad and often hungry, yet all their petitions were for their little churches. Too many were in bad repair, so that the story of my visitation is not very bright."

That's Bishop Mark Khouzam's story. Think of him in his wretched little "episcopal palace" in far off Cairo, and do please try to be among those who will help us to send him four hundred dollars during the next month. With God's help, his holy face will light up with joy the day we change his story.

TWO YEARS

Two years now since I was in a church where a collection was taken up. We soldiers in the South Pacific know what the missions mean, and I feel that I owe you this stringless gift." Can you second one of our heroes?

CHURCH SONG

Gregorian chant is named after Pope St. Gregory, so are Gregorian Masses, encouraged by him and offered on thirty days, one after the other, for a departed loved one. Write for our free leaflet.

SEVENTH GRADE!

"I am a seventh grader at St. Gregory's but I want to be a missionary, so I'm beginning by sending a dollar a month to join the STUDENT SUPPORT CLUB, to train more priests, and the MONICA GUILD, to replace their old vestments." A little child shall lead them!

YOUR MASS

A fully vested priest, chalice in hand, and the Mass book to read from—your Mass! All this in a Near East chapel, if you can send fifty dollars.

HEADACHE

St. Alphonsus offered to God a headache, suffered for forty years. Can you send twenty-seven dollars, showing forth Our Lord's sufferings in the crucifix and the stations of the Cross?

LORD'S DOGS

We are hopeful that a friend will give fifty dollars to Father Omez and his brother Dominicans of Iraq, "The Lord's dogs," on next Friday, the feast of St. Dominic.

ORLATION

Members gain indulgences on August 5, 15, 24, 29. Offer Mass for fallen soldiers beloved. Offer Masses for them. The offerings support poor missionaries.

HOT DAY

On a hot summer's day, in his church for lepers, Father Damien shocked them out of sleepy by changing from "My brethren" to "My fellow lepers." Won't you add to our DAMIEN LEPER FUND even a dollar?

STONES CRY

The stones of the Memorial Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows, soon to rise in the Holy Land, will cry out with your prayer for our dear soldier dead, if you give even a dollar towards it.

DANGER

There is still danger that the Holy Land's schools will not open in September, if we do not send help. If one hundred give five dollars, all will be well. Will you be one?

FIRE

St. Aloysius had to bathe his heart in icy water, after receiving Holy Communion. For twenty-five dollars you can give to a Near East chapel a sanctuary lamp and enough candles to surround with fire the flaming fires of Divine Love in your tabernacle.

FIRST RELICS

The relics of St. Stephen, first martyr, are venerated on August 3, which reminds us that we need many antimensia, the linen corporals with martyrs' relics sewn in, used for every Mass in the Near East and costing only five dollars.

LADY OF THE SNOWS

On August 5, centuries ago, a man built the Church of St. Mary Major in Rome, where snow miraculously fell. Can you give seven hundred and fifty dollars for a Near East chapel, or at least fifty for an altar in honor of Our Lady of the Snows?

CHANGANACHERRY

At Kadanadu in Changanacherry, India, a hundred little waifs, once abandoned to the streets, are being fed and instructed as the Lord's own. Can you give five dollars to help them along?

PERHAPS

Perhaps someone can give one hundred and twenty-five dollars, needed to pay the remaining expenses of our catechists, those good men and women who have been teaching catechism to Near East children in neglected districts during the summer.

Send all communications to

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