

Catholic Information

# Have You Met Tony Yet?

Tony's the little Italian who runs the shoe-shop in our town. He's an awfully nice little fellow, tap-tapping the five-long day and trying to speak his old English through a mouthful of laces. There's one queer thing about

Tony. Pardon us—but he thinks non-Catholics are queer.

"They have no Madonna!" he says. "They have no Mass—just hymns and sermons. No processions. No San Antonio, no pictures. No statues. No confessions. What do they do?"

We must apologize for our little Tony if he has stepped on your toes. Maybe he's talked Church with you, too, or asked you personal questions about your religion.

We can't help it if he thinks you're odd. You see, Tony comes from a Catholic country. Over where he spent his boyhood, everyone is Catholic. There are only Catholic Churches, and when they have a procession they march down the main street, with the police and everyone in the line of march. He probably never heard of other churches until he came to this country.

It's practically the same way with "other Tonys" in Spain, in France, and Poland, and Czechoslovakia, and Austria, and Bavaria, and Southern Ireland, and Portugal and Mexico, and South

America. That's why Tony thinks you're provincial when you stare at him as he crosses himself, or fix your eyes on his red and blue statues of Jesus and the Madonna, or joke with him about going to confession.

He accuses you, though, because he's *not* going, and he knows you've never been outside the United States.

And how he loves his little jokes and puns. The first time our new Pastor walked into the shop, Tony said:

"You save souls, I save sales. You save my soul, I save your soul—for nothing."

Once he made a mistake. A preacher came in one day wearing his clerical collar and the mousethatch with one glance. He hesitated, but still—he took the more polite course: "Good Morning, Padre—Good Morning, Father!" The preacher smiled gently: "Don't call me Father, Tony. I have quite a large family."

Tony didn't laugh, nor the preacher. They both understood.

Everybody likes Tony—but they think he's odd and he thinks they're odd. And the odd thing about this very odd business is that there are millions of people on the earth just like Tony! (Catholic Information Society of New York)

# We're One Great Family

By REV. RICHARD GENDRE  
We Catholics keep thinking of ourselves as one great family. We refuse to let even death separate us. We go on praying for our dead and talking with them, because we know they are still living and interested in our welfare. Just as we are interested in seeing them released from purgatory and perfectly happy in the company of the Lord Jesus.

We speak of ourselves on earth as the Church militant, fighting against the forces of evil. Those good souls who have gone before us are either in the Church Triumphant, with God in heaven, or with the Church Suffering, awaiting their small table in purgatory. We refer to the Church as our Mother. We call the Pope our Holy Father. Our fellow-Catholics are our brethren and sisters in Christ.

Like every well established family, we want to be together in death, so we always try to have our own family lot—the Catholic cemetery, an acre or two which we consecrate and set apart just for members of our Catholic family. It is a place close to our

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### WASHINGTON

#### Cabinet Changes Due Launching V-2 Bombs China Opportunities

**TOM ROGERS**

Washington, November 22. Pardon me all over as I am the wire with news and rumors.

Insiders place the following Cabinet changes in the "more than possible" file: Donald Nelson may replace Jesse Jones as Secretary of Commerce, although he personally is of the opinion that if Nelson continues to be attracted by the possibility of being a new China then the job will go to Chester Bowles of Yale fame. . . . Robert Hannegan is a fairly sure choice to replace Frank Walker as postmaster general. His resignation is out the window this time. Walker wants to go back to private business. Stinson, as we stated months ago, is certain to resign

when the war in Europe is over. Finally, the possible and probable resignation of Cordell Hull.

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When we mentioned the item above about Nelson being interested in China we did not mean it was a passing fancy. Donald Nelson is one of the most hard-headed business men in the country. He can see into the future—and he has seen into the future of China.

He thinks the Yangtze can be turned into a veritable center of manufacturing and electrical power, production and industry. The Yangtze, in his opinion, could be turned into another TVA and with proper dredging there could be ocean navigation all the way up to Chungking. He also believes that with the help of American technological genius and some cash, the Chinese could eventually drive Japs back out of Asia and the South Pacific Islands. (At this point our favorite ad

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