STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

Communists Fear Church Most, Says Geo. Sokolsky

BALTIMORE (NC)—The world should realize that in these days we are witnessing a gigantic struggle between the Catholic Church and Communism, as represented by Soviet Russia, George Sokolsky, nationally-known newspaper columnist, declared in an address at a crowded meeting here last week of the Baltimore and Washington Holy Name Union.

Communism has a philosophy which is completely antagonistic to the philosophy of the Catholic Church, Mr. Sokolsky declared, while in His Holiness Pope Pius XII the Catholic Church has the representative, world-embracing champion of the rights of men. The Church is the foe which Communist fears most, he asserted.

Comparing Catholicism and Communism, Mr. Sokolsky said that the Catholic Church always emphasizes that man is a creature of God, endowed with free will which distinguishes him above all other creatures. On the other hand, Communism is based on a philosophy which denies man's free will by making him a tool of the state.

The Catholic Church recognizes the dignity of man, Communism makes him a puppet, he added.

ALTAR SOCIETY PLANS CARDS AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S

Altar Society of St. Margaret Mary Church will hold a Pre-Lenten Card Party on Monday evening, Feb. 12, in the school auditorium, to which the public is cordially invited. There will be refreshments and prizes. Personnel of the committee is as follows:

General chairman, Mrs. Emmett Kildea; reception committee, Mrs. Elmer Schoepfel, Mrs. Robert Quinn and Mrs. Charles Gintz; ticket committee, Mrs. Maurice Hyde, chairman; Mrs. Joseph Schnorr, co-chairman.

Refreshments, Mrs. Frank Feery, chairman; door, Mrs. Raymond Donovan, chairman; decorations, Mrs. Stanley Kowalski, chairman; tables and chairs, Mrs. Elmer Dehn, chairman; cards and tallies, Mrs. George Clothier, chairman.

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Publicity, Mrs. Charles Gertner, chairman.

Anniversary Mass Said at Tomb of Apostle of Peace

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Mass was said at the tomb of Pope Benedict XV in the crypt of St. Peter's Basilica on Jan. 22, the twenty-third anniversary of his death.

Pope Benedict XV, who had been Giacomo Cardinal della Chiesa, was elected to the Papacy on September 3, 1914, just a month after the outbreak of World War I. He died on January 22, 1922, seven years and four months after his election. His pontificate embraced virtually all of the great War and the first years of the post-war period. Pope Benedict worked assiduously to limit the spread of World War I and to bring it to an end as early as possible.

Among representatives chosen to meet, in the belligerent nations, [illegible] Pope Pius XII, who went to Germany, in [illegible] he addressed his Christmas [illegible] of the new and [illegible] Hitler, the only head of a government who surveyed him, declared peace was impossible but to adopt the ideas of Pope Benedict [illegible] the advantage [illegible]

Priest Advises Japanese-Americans Against Returning to West Coast

SEATTLE, WASH. (RNS) — Japanese-Americans were advised against returning to the West Coast by the Rev. Leo H. Tibesar, a priest of the Maryknoll Order. Father Tibesar, who was formerly pastor of the Japanese mission in Seattle and is now Maryknoll director at Camp Minidoka, Idaho, spoke here before the Conference on Problems of Minority Groups.

"After thirteen years of service here," Father Tibesar said, "I feel that the Japanese question is hopeless of solution so far as the West Coast is concerned. The American citizen children of Japanese parents are entitled to a chance at education under more normal conditions than prevail along the West Coast now."

How did the term, or name, "Protestant" originate?

It was first used at the Diet or Assembly of Spires, in 1529. The Lutheran princes held out against the articles of liberty and toleration which the Catholic nobility had drawn as a basis of agreement, and, on that account termed themselves "Protestants." The articles guaranteed liberty of worship and at the same time deprived the "Reformers" of their power to plunder and persecute Catholics.

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[illegible] King was surprised at absence of the priests. Providing the elements he celebrated his mass and received Holy Communion, distributing it into cups, before the altar. The Saint fervently recommended his soul to God, in this posture he was struck by a javelin thrown through a window and fell a victim for Christ's cause.

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