

## Are We 'Feeble Minded', Dr. Stoddard?

Springfield, Ill.—(NC)—Unless a satisfactory explanation is forthcoming from Dr. George D. Stoddard, Commissioner of Education of New York State and president-elect of the University of Illinois, regarding his allegation that persons who believe in fundamental doctrines of Christianity are "feeble in mind," the Most Rev. James A. Griffin, Bishop of Springfield, will carry his case against Dr. Stoddard before the people of the State.

Bishop Griffin made this statement following his attack on the views of Dr. Stoddard in a sermon in which he quoted from Dr. Stoddard's book, "Meaning of Intelligence," a passage in which, he alleged, Dr. Stoddard spoke of believers in fundamen-

mental Christian doctrines as "feeble in mind." Dr. Stoddard replied that the Bishop had "distorted" the meaning of the treatise in question by taking quotations out of their proper context. Bishop Griffin announced he intends to publish photostatic pages from the Dr. Stoddard book.

"The people of Illinois," he said, "have a right and under the present circumstances a grave duty, to demand a profession of faith from George D. Stoddard, to whom they propose to pay a high salary for educating their sons and daughters at the University of Illinois."

"We want to know what we're paying for and while we're at it, we might as well find out some-

thing about those employees of ours who hired Doctor Stoddard."

"Already he has gone on record as saying that those who believe in divine revelation, original sin, and hell are 'feeble in mind,' and that such 'man-made concepts' have distorted intellectual processes of millions of persons over the centuries."

"Thousands of future students who will attend the University of Illinois under Stoddard's regime believe in the objective validity of these concepts. If he is a sincere educator he will evidently try to dispense his charges of their feeble-mindedness and intellectual distortion."

"That's what we want to find out now."

## Prelate Asks Educator to Explain

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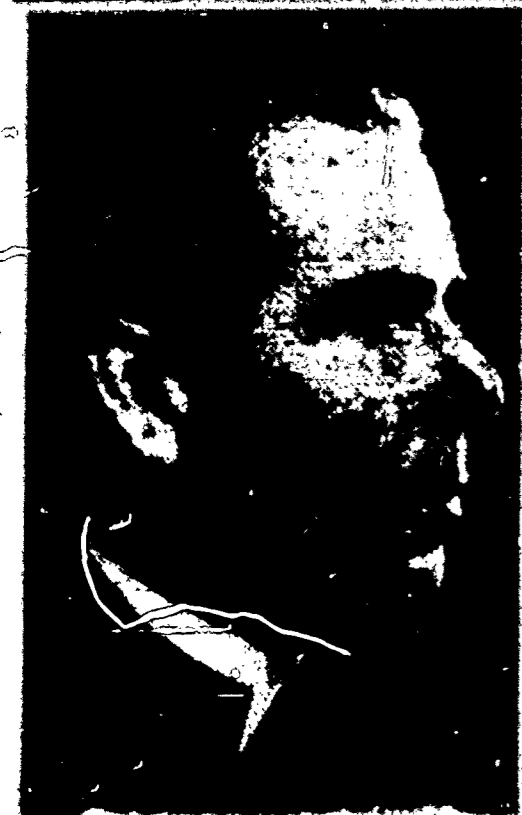
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## Msgr. Sheen Brings 'Daily Worker' Editor Back to the Church

New York—(NC)—Louis F. Budenz, managing editor of The Daily Worker, Communist newspaper, and president of Communist Corporation which publishes it, returned to the practice of the Catholic faith today, when he, his wife, a son and three children were formally received into the church as a family by Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen of Catholic University in St. Patrick's Cathedral.



MONSIGNOR SHEEN

"I have resigned from the managing editorship of The Daily Worker and have necessarily severed all connections with the Communist movement," Budenz said here today. "Communism and Catholicism are irreconcilable. Communism, I have found, aims to establish a tyranny over the human spirit. It is an unending conflict with religion and true freedom. Out of the benefits received from my return to church, it is my resolve and that of my family to make every contribution in our power to advance our holy religion and the people's welfare."

Nine years ago the Daily Worker published a long article attacking Monsignor Sheen and the Church's position concerning Communism. The article was written by Budenz. Monsignor Sheen answered in a booklet entitled "Communism answers questions of a Communist." When the controversy was resumed in the columns of the newspaper, Monsignor invited Budenz to dinner. The conversation started on a discussion of the Soviet constitution, but Monsignor Sheen said he preferred to discuss sanctifying grace and the Blessed Mother.

That followed a 45-minute appeal to Budenz, who had been born a Catholic, to return to his faith. During the intervening years, there was no correspondence between the two, but some months ago Budenz contacted Monsignor and he and family began taking instructions. They chose today, the Feast

## Reds Jail 304 Clergymen; U. S. Troops Said Forcing Soviet Refugees' Return

While London reports indicated that one Catholic archbishop, 3 bishops and approximately 300 priests are held in captivity by the Russians, the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service said this week that reports from two separate sources claim that American troops in Germany are being used to force refugees from Soviet-dominated lands to return home.

## CLIFTON SPRINGS MACEDON PASTORS DIE SUDDENLY

Two pastors of the Rochester Diocese died this week with 70 years of service to the diocese between them.

The Rev. James M. O'Brien, 62, pastor of St. Felix Church, Clifton Springs, died suddenly in Thompson Memorial Hospital, Canandaigua, Sunday evening, Oct. 7, 1945. Funeral will be held tomorrow morning, Oct. 12, in his parish church.

Death of the Rev. John E. Manneff, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Macedon, and a former editor of the Catholic Courier Journal, occurred yesterday, Oct. 10, 1945, in Baltimore, Md. Funeral services will be conducted at St. Patrick's, Monday, Oct. 15.

The Solemn Mass of Requiem for Father O'Brien will be celebrated by the Rev. John J. Gurney, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Newark. The eulogy will be preached by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester.

Friends of the deceased will chant Vespers of the Dead in the Clifton Springs Church this evening.

Father O'Brien was born Oct. 23, 1883, in Canandaigua and prepared for the Holy Trinity at St. Andrew's and St. Charles's Seminary. Ordained June 8, 1911, in

London—(CIP)—One Catholic Archbishop, two Bishops and approximately 300 priests were recently among the inmates of the Kiev prison, in the Ukrainian Soviet Republic, according to information just received.

Archbishop Joseph Slipyj of Lvov and Bishop Joseph Kocylowskyj of Przemyśl as well as all the imprisoned priests are Ukrainian Catholics of the Eastern (Byzantine) Rite.

The third priests, 80-year-old Bishop Adolf Szalazek of Luck, is a Polish Bishop of the Latin Rite. These Bishops and priests are from the formerly Polish territories East of the Curzon Line which have been annexed by the Soviet Union.

The Catholic clergy of the Eastern Rite have recently been exposed to considerable pressure aimed at making them join the Russian Orthodox Church. Such has been the case not only in Eastern Galicia (the formerly Polish territory annexed by a majority of Ukrainians) but in Carpatho-Russia, which was formerly part of Czechoslovakia.

In Carpatho-Russia, all Catholic churches of the Eastern Rite were closed or handed over to the Orthodox.

London—(CIP)—Bishop Maximilian Kolbe of Danzig (Warmia), East Prussia, was arrested by Russian troops when he tried to return to his home. It has just been learned that he has been released and is on his way home.

There has been no word yet about the fate of the Rev. General of the Eastern Diocese, Monsignor Ladislav Marquardt, whose Russian journal, Ilya Ehrenburg, referred in one of his first reports from East Prussia. Monsignor Marquardt was arrested by Russian troops immediately after the occupation and spent several months in the Kresty prison.

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REV. AUSTIN E. HANNA

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## Two Chaplains From Diocese Win Discharges

High totals in service points have earned Army releases for two distinguished chaplains of the Diocese of Rochester.

Major Thomas J. Manley, former assistant pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Rochester, and Captain John S. Maloney, former assistant pastor of Blessed Sacrament parish, Rochester, are the first among 45 diocesan priests in the Armed Forces to be released from military service.

They are expected to resume peacetime duties in the diocese shortly.

Mastered out at Fort Bragg, N. C., a week ago, Father Manley had been serving as chaplain at Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S. C., since July 1945 when he returned to the United States. He had been overseas since November 1942 with the 62nd A.A.A.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Manley, of the family residence, 2 Dexter Avenue St. Anthony.

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