

Atom Power Responsibility Up to U. S. People Says Msgr. Sheen at Aquinas

The people of the United States are responsible to God for the use of atomic power, the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen stated Sunday evening at Aquinas Institute.

Opening the 1945-46 Christian Culture Lecture Series at Aquinas, the noted radio orator addressed the American public of "beclouded reasoning" concerning the morality of the atom bomb.

(Other details on Msgr. Sheen in "As We See It," page 15.)

"We shuddered to hear of Germans burning fellow humans in furnaces, but when we dropped a single bomb killing 250,000 we shrugged it off as 'the atomic age'" declared Monsignor Sheen. "Something is wrong with such reasoning."

Contrary to popular opinion, he added, this new power will never bring peace to the world anymore than did the invention of the gun, the airplane or the discovery of dynamite.

He cited these four "conditions for peace": (1) recognition of a universal moral law (2) an international bill of rights (3) recognition that power creates responsibility (4) humility, because "the whole world is guilty."

Pointing to the involved procedures of the United Nations conferences the speaker explained: "It is a historical fact that

laws multiply when morality declines. It is difficult to figure how nations can be unified except by a moral law, a standard outside themselves."

Explicit rights of every person everywhere in the world must be guaranteed, he stated, because "we need such a philosophy so long as there are two countries in the world that refuse to allow the Red Cross to operate within their borders."

"One of these countries is Japan but if I mentioned the name of the other country tomorrow's press would call me a fascist."

The controversy between nations who recognize that power creates responsibility and those who hold that power creates authority "sticks out like a sore thumb under all the verbiage of the United Nations conferences," he continued. "All power is derived from God. It involves conscience."

Predicting that "Russia in its present setup will disintegrate," Monsignor Sheen summed up the problem of relations with Russia in these terms: "Peace will come when we can learn to hate Communism, but love Communists and do everything in our power to win them to Christian ideals."

2100 Enrolled at Catholic U. Washington — (NC) — More than 2,100 students have enrolled at the Catholic University of America here for the academic term, a number equal to the pre-war registration. It has been announced by Catherine Rich, registrar at the university.

Many former servicemen and women, whose education is being aided by the G. I. Bill of Rights, have enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Architecture and Engineering to complete studies interrupted when they entered the armed forces.

THEY PRAY FOR MISSION AID



A missionary sister and one of her little charges, in China, are pictured praying for the success of Mission Sunday, October 21, and all those who contribute to the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. "This year's observance," Monsignor Thomas J. McDonnell, National Director, states, "will help create a spiritual arsenal upon which our missionaries may draw in these days of rehabilitation and expansion of the whole mission program." (NC Photos)

St. John's Sodality To Meet on Oct. 29

The regular monthly meeting of the Sodality of Our Lady of St. John's Church will be held in the Church Hall Monday evening, Oct. 29, 8 p. m.

At the last meeting, the members voted to change the meeting night from Tuesday to Monday as it was felt that the latter night was more convenient for the majority of the members.

Mrs. John Ruhmel, Sodality President, urges all members to make a special effort to be present at the meeting as several important matters are to be discussed, including plans for the Sodality's Annual Harvest Supper.

Following the Business meeting, the members of the committee will serve refreshments and a program of entertainment has been arranged details of which will be announced next week.

Combine For Peace — Washington — (INC) — President Truman: "Victory in securing a lasting peace will continue to call for the combined efforts of all peoples to bind up the wounds left by the war so that solid foundations will be laid in the future."

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Guadalupe Jubilee Rites Draw 100,000

Mexico City — (NC) — Upwards of 100,000 persons from all walks of life have participated in the solemn and colorful ceremonies here attending the golden jubilee celebration of the Solemn Pontifical Coronation of the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Seldom in the long annals of the Mexican Capital has a welcome more cordial been accorded a visitor than the one which greeted the arrival here of His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, legate of His Holiness Pope Pius XII at the celebration.

Thousands of persons lined the streets through which the motor caravan of the Cardinal and his party, which included the Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio, passed. As the automobiles proceeded the people sang the Guadalupean hymns and the Mexican hymn, mingled with "vivas" for Christ the King, Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Pope and the Cardinal. Cardinal Villeneuve blessed.

Visibly impressed by the warm welcome, Cardinal Villeneuve stood in his automobile and imparted his blessing to the populace.

Fifteen hundred of the workers who aided in the construction of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, suggested by 20,000 pilgrims from all sections of the nation, participated in one of the jubilee celebrations.

Carrying torches and varnished lanterns the workers and "herms" marched to the Basilica. More than half of the way there could not gain entrance to the Basilica, but all participated in the singing of hymns to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

A gift of a royal treasure, made of 2,100 kilograms of fine gold and studded with precious stones, made possible through voluntary contributions from people throughout Mexico, was offered by Juan J. Correa, national president of the Mexican Catholic Action. The gift will represent

before the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Basilica.

The sceptre is richly decorated with the Aztec eagle, the Mexican national shield, and bears the inscription "Pax Christi in Regno Christi." The flag of Mexico appears in pearls and precious stones. A crown ornamented with four pearls, four brilliants and four diamonds, depicts the four apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Good Samaritan Missing As Man Meets Robbers

Jerusalem — (NC) — Mankind has changed little since the time of Christ. A local daily newspaper reports that a young man who was going up from Jericho to Jerusalem fell among thieves and was robbed. Our Lord's parable speaks of the young man who "was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho" and who "fell in with robbers. . . ." The modern version in the local paper does not speak of a good Samaritan.

G. H. Shaw to Receive Lactare Medal Monday

Washington — (NC) — G. Howland Shaw, former Assistant Secretary of State and outstanding Catholic layman, will be presented with the 1945 Lactare Medal at ceremonies in St. Patrick's Auditorium here on Monday, October 22.

Mr. Shaw was awarded the Lactare Medal for his work concerning the problem of juvenile delinquency. The Lactare Medal is awarded annually by the University of Notre Dame on Lactare Sunday to a Catholic layman making an outstanding contribution to the Church and the nation.

Gentlemanly Nation — Washington — (INS) — Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace: "We have always been a gentlemanly nation."