

Library Signpost

ANOTHER MEXICO

By Rev. Benedict ...

Most people thought that Graham Greene's Mexican novel showed him to be an anticlerical, especially because he chose such an unconventional and externally objectionable kind of priest for the main character.

In any case, Mr. Greene was not taking a shot at the Catholic clergy by inventing this strange, outlandish priest.

It is striking that, just as there is some travel, of a heated and fugitive kind, in the novel, so in the travel book there is something of the novel.

But even more deadly are his contrasts between the nihilism of the Anglo-Saxon-American culture of today and the positive hatred of the Mexican persecutors.

Marlo: In the journey, he met an American tourist, a police commissioner from some Wisconsin town, an elderly man with an innocent pink face, who shocked him with the news that he didn't believe in God.

Perhaps prospective adult readers of "The Power and the Glory" should prepare themselves for that book by reading "Another Mexico," where they will become acquainted with the status quo of the story, and above all with the profoundly moral spirit of the author.

Industrial Relations School for Syracuse

Plans are under way for establishing a Jesuit school for industrial relations here next September.

Old Russian Cathedral To Become Soviet Museum

The Soviet Commission for the Conservation of Historical Monuments has completed the restoration of the famous cathedral at the Holy Virgin in Moscow.

Youngtown Bishop Seeks Tax Exemption

Youngtown, Ohio - (HNS) - Bishop James A. McFadden of Youngtown has asked the State Supreme Court to declare tax exempt certain church properties in Youngtown.

Schools Banning Christ Seen as Not Neutral

Montreal (NC) - "Would you prefer to teach our youth about Caesar, Napoleon, Louis XIV, Bismarck and Hitler, and not mention a word about Jesus of Nazareth?"

Parish Leading Libraries Praised

New York - (NC) - Parish leading libraries are important tools of Catholic Action because they help laymen in preparing themselves "to bring the mind of Christ into modern life," writes Msgr. Edward Roberts Moore, pastor of St. Peter's Church in downtown Manhattan.

"The conflict between Christian and pagan cultures has aroused in non-Catholic interest in the Church, its dogma, its history, its position in respect to current problems." Msgr. Moore explains.

The main objective of the library, the forward states, "is to provide the layman, who ordinarily cannot afford to purchase an adequate Catholic library, with the best expression of the mind of the Church obtainable outside the schools and universities, and to give him readily available sources of reference on the problems that arise for him in his personal, social and business affairs."

"Scarlet Lily" Author Pays Second Novel

Baltimore - (NC) - Rose From Olive, the second novel from the pen of the Rev. E. E. Murphy, author of the best-selling "The Scarlet Lily," will be ready for publication on May 15.

The Scarlet Lily, fictionalized version of the life of Mary Magdalene, was a best seller soon after it was published in the fall of 1944 as the winning manuscript in the Bruce-Edelman Novel Contest.

In his new book, Father Murphy bases his story on the further travels of the Magdalene after probable journey through present day Southern France and the incredible world of the Caesars around Rome.

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Canonization Cause Regan

Barcelona - Bishop Juan Ferrer y Pui of Vich has begun proceedings in the canonization cause of James Balmes, considered one of the greatest scholars in apologetics of the last century.

Gym Training Above Religion

Prague - (NC) - Catholics throughout Czechoslovakia, which is about 70 per cent Catholic, are protesting a new humiliation forced upon religion in the schools.

The Literary Cavalcade

Another Racket in Books

By John O'Connor

Last week I mentioned that some "refrigerizing" was due in certain quarters of the retail book trade.

I refer to the fact that in many retail stores in some areas of this country you will only be able to buy those books that fit the intellectual and moral principles of the shopowner.

There are other threads on this iron curtain of left-wing censorship in the world of books. Let me give an example that runs back further than the Hayes' book in detail of opposition.

Various reviewers in the New York area.

The results were in line with the predictions. The New York Herald Tribune - pro-Wall Street - at home, pro-Russian in foreign affairs - handed the book review assignment to Owen Lattimore.

To repeat - at least he had been out East. And here the editor of The New York Times Book Review section was guilty of a classic boner.

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Four years ago Trotsky's biography of Stalin was printed. For some mysterious reason, possibly emanating from high quarters in Washington, the book was withheld from the market and the review copies were called in.

The book will be issued in a few weeks. It promises to be one of the most vital biographies of the decade - but I am informed that the reviewer's list is cut down and that only five thousand copies of a potential best seller have been printed.

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Catholic Women Urged to Re-Christianize Home

Washington - (NC) - Appeal to all Catholic women to work for a "revitalized, re-Christianized home as the very foundation of a reconstructed world" is voiced by Mrs. Thomas G. Garrison, president of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Papal Liberation Medal

Vatican City - (Radio, NC) - A new Papal medal has been struck for members of the Vatican armed corps and for civilians who distinguished themselves between the Italian Armistice and the liberation of Rome by Allied troops.

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Just What is a Priest

By Rev. Michael Glasco

Catholic priests - you've seen them, no doubt many of them.

The Catholic priest was once a new-born baby - a boy baby.

In the seminary he lived and studied and prayed for about twelve years for the first six years studied Latin, Greek, modern languages, English, history, and mathematics; then came two years of logic, sciences, Hebrew, and other subjects.

At the end of the eighth year the academic degree of Bachelor of Arts (recognized by the State) was conferred on him.

Inside Story of Ruthenian Schism

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own. This move started with a violent propaganda campaign in the newspapers against the Catholic Church.

On May 28, 1945, 28 communist newspapers in Ukraine published a letter addressed to Stalin by a group calling itself "Committee of Initiative for the Reunion of the Ukrainian Catholic Church with the Orthodox Church."

In this letter the group asked recognition as the legitimate, ecclesiastical authority for the Catholic Church in the Ukraine, since - it was asserted - no other authority was any longer in existence.

In the following month, June 1945, the Soviet authorities granted the request of the "Initiative Group," instructing it to denounce all Ukrainian Catholic priests who refused to acknowledge its authority.

In July, 1945, about 400 priests of the Archdiocese of Lvov were imprisoned after they had refused to recognize the "Initiative Group."

religious worship and freedom of anti-religious propaganda is recognized for all citizens.

Moscow Patriarch Acts

The majority of the people remained steadfast in their loyalty, but in the absence of priests to celebrate the liturgy and distribute the Sacraments the communist effort began to bear some fruit.

Some further information has become available at the Vatican on the Rev. Gavril Kostelnik, chairman of the "Initiative Group."

During the Soviet occupation of Western Ukraine from 1939-1941, the Russians sought to induce Dr. Kostelnik to set himself up as Metropolitan of the Ruthenian Rite against Archbishop Andrew Sheptychivsky of Lvov.

In the view of the Ruthenian Prelate furnishing the information on conditions in the Ukraine, the action taken at Lvov is only a forerunner of similar ones in other Slav regions now under the control of the Soviets.