The Literary Cavalcade

Cardinals and Codes

By John O'Connor

If only those editors of Protestant periodicals had read "Speaking of Cardinals" before they wrote that letter to The New York Times last week!

Which is by way of saying that Thomas Morgan has turned in one of the chattiest and most human books to come along in many a day. Long a reporter in Rome for the United Press, this indefatigable chronicler of things at once Roman and Catholic has done for the Church and the hierarchy what many Catholics could not do. (**Speaking Of Cardinals** by Thomas Morgan. Putnam's. Also one of the dual selection of the St. Thomas More Book Club.)

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Tom Morgan is not yet a Catholic. He covered the Eternal City for more than a generation. He has taken an intense personal interest in all great churchmen from the time of the talented Cardinal Merry del Val down to the sound and realistic Bishop Sheil of Chicago.

Scores of world-famous and historical persons are noted in this work -- and always approached from the human side. The seldom told bond between Cardinal O'Connell of Boston and Merry del Val; the refusal of Cardinal Laurenti to accept the election in 1922, thus leaving the way open for the elevation of Pius XI, the Roman distinction between the red pope, the white pope and the black pope; little old New York in purple, red robes in the White House -- a hundred interesting and authentic stories are here.

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Morgan's grasp of the significance in the recent appointments of so many non-Italian cardinals is a sound one. English-speaking Canada has at last been represented. Australia has its first native-born Cardinal. The 'red hats' are more numerous in turbulent and Communist-infested Latin America. And as an example of the universality of the Church and the supra-national bonds of the Catholic clergy, he cites the journey of the French and German prelates sharing trains and rations on their way to Vatican City. It is unfortunate that he omitted reference to the humble and significant person of Cardinal Tien of China.

Mr. Morgan has two slight errors which one wishes were facts. There are not 400,000,000 Catholics in the world. James Dunn, the American ambassador to Italy is NOT a Catholic.

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Aside from those slight errors, it is a most enjoyable work. Now if someone would only do a similar work on the balance of the Cardinals in the Church. It may not be Mr. Morgan's province but he has certainly set a welcome precedence.

Far more controversial to many, especially the Pearl Harbor-minded, is **Secret Missions: The Story of an Intelligence Officer** by Captain Ellis M. Zacharias of the U. S. Navy (Putnam. $3.75).

Ellis Zacharias had lived in Japan. He spent thousands of hours studying the difficult Japanese language. Long cognizant of Japanese psychology, he often carried on a self-financed program of espionage against the military and naval forces that had been successful in capturing the Japanese economy.

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His recommendations became snarled in red tape, bound in brass, and pigeonholed by indifference. The flaw in the book is the plethora of stories of the Monday-morning quarterback variety. I repeat, this is a flaw in the book. It is not a criticism of one of the few men in the American navy who called the Pearl Harbor disaster almost to the hour.

Captain Zacharias has written a long and interesting document. No American interested in current events and modern history should miss this book. **For Japan, as he states and as Vatican sources inferred, was ready to surrender before the horrible atomic bombs scared the soul of Hiroshima and razed Roman Catholic Nagasaki . . . ! !**

Note: Columnists and editorial writers too often 'view with alarm'. But there is occasion to when you come across suggestions for a book code. Recently a widely circulated weekly using its favorite device of trial balloons via the letter to the editor column, suggested a code or a board to hit at obscene books. In so doing, the writer of the letter mentioned more filthy books in two paragraphs than any Catholic reviewer has mentioned in two years.

I still insist that the best weapon is silence -- the one thing a publisher's weapon cannot answer. There's too many classics around to give sewage time -- unless, of course, you're playing for circulation.

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Marriage Course In Wide Demand

Ottawa, Ont. — (RNS) — Marking the first anniversary of the founding of a correspondence course on Preparation for Marriage by the Catholic Centre of the University of Ottawa, Father Andrew L. Guay, O.M.I., director, said response had been "tremendous" both in Canada and the United States.

There are 15 lessons in the complete course which is open only to those who are engaged or intend to marry within a year, and to those already married. Others interested in the course may take the first eight lessons.

The subject matter dealt with in the first eight lessons concerns the present situation with regard to marriage, courtship and engagement, masculine and feminine psychology, economic preparation, the spirituality of marriage, and civil law concerning the sacrament.

The remaining seven lessons deal with church law concerning marriage, the marriage ceremony, masculine and feminine anatomy and physiology, relations between husband and wife, hygiene and venereal diseases, the moral aspect, the first months of marriage.

Card. Hlond Ends Rome Visit

Rome — (RNS) — August Cardinal Hlond, Archbishop of Warsaw and Primate of Poland, has ended a four weeks' visit here and returned to Poland via Paris. He was expected to confer with church and state representatives in the French capital.

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STUDENT MEET DRAWS CATHOLICS

Chicago — (NC) — More than 100 delegates from Catholic colleges and Newman Clubs from Massachusetts to California took an active part in shaping policies and forming committees at the president-making Chicago Student Conference, held on the campus of the University of Chicago during the Christmas holidays. In all, 275 delegates from 253 U. S. colleges and 19 intercollegiate organizations attended the meeting.

John J. Simons of Fordham University was chosen as treasurer of the important National Continuations Committee, which will operate until a full-dress national convention of students is held next summer.

Bill McDermed, of DePaul University, was elected to the four-man staff and Constitutional Committee. Jack Burns, of the Newman Club of the University of Minnesota, was one of the three members of national organizations chosen to the executive committee, which otherwise consists of students from individual schools in 30 regional areas of the United States.

There was sharp debate at the conference over the participation status of national organizations already in existence. Reflecting a desire to avoid control by a few professional youth leaders, most campus delegates supported a plan to exclude the intercollegiate bodies from voting membership. In compromise, it was agreed to limit the national organizations to three representatives on the 33-man executive committee.

CROWNED WITH PEARLS

Bishop S. M. Metzger, of El Paso, Texas, places a crown of solid gold adorned with real pearls on the head of Our Lady of Guadalupe in St. Ignatius Church, El Paso, to celebrate the Second Centenary of consecrating the nations from Texas to Panama to the "Virgin of Tepeyac," their Patroness. On the right is Rev. Anselm Fiorio, S. J., assistant priest of St. Ignatius Church and promoter of this solemn act which was witnessed by several thousands of the faithful. (NC Photos)

Welcome Neighbors!

By Rev. Richard Ginder

of you, our good non-Catholic neighbors, worshipping with us at Mass. You are welcome, most assuredly, and we'll do our best to find room for you in our church, crowded though it be.

How will you know when to sit, stand, and kneel? It's easy. Just follow the crowd and do as they do.

The Mass will be sung or read in Latin. It's been that way over most of the world through nineteen centuries. Latin was the universal language when our Church was founded. We began offering the Mass in Latin and we've seen no very good reason for changing. You may not understand it, but God does, and the priest -- and many of the Catholics around you will have provided themselves with translations.

The priest, too, will be arrayed in a special apparel and adaptation of Roman street garb as worn in the early years of the Christian era.

What's it all about? We Catholics believe that the Mass is a sacrifice identical with that of Calvary. On the altar, as on Calvary, we see Jesus, the Priest, offering Himself, a Victim, to the Father, in adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and petition. The difference is that in the Mass there is no blood shed. Christ dies mystically, since the New Testament assures us that having died once, Our Lord can never die again, and in the Mass, Our Lord works through the mind and will of a visible priest an heir of those whom Jesus directed, at His last supper, to "do this for a commemoration of me."

Essentially, then, the Mass consists in the offering of bread and wine to Almighty God, their conversion through His power into the body and blood of Jesus, and the consuming of the offering in Holy Communion by priest and people.

The rest -- the ceremonies, the bending of the knee, the frequent signs of the cross, etc. -- are so many acts of reverence to Jesus present on the altar.

It requires faith -- It is, in fact, the supreme mystery of our Faith. But our belief is grounded on evidence far too full for presentation in an article so short as this.

Do feel free, then, to adore our newborn King with us on Christmas, and may we take this occasion of wishing all our non-Catholic friends abundant happiness and joy throughout this holiday season.

Young Reds Mar Catholic Rally

Rome — (RNS) — Counter-demonstrations by a hundred young Communists marred a rally staged by Catholics in Venice to honor Pope Pius XII, according to reports here. Shouting imprecations against Adeodato Giovanni Cardinal Piazza, Patriarch of Venice, the youth mob spat on a portrait of the Pope which was being carried in procession.

Christian democrat members of the city council subsequently called for a resolution to express public regret over the incident, but were overruled by Communist members of the council. The Christian Democrats then withdrew, to the accompaniment of insulting references to Cardinal Piazza by the remaining members.

Increase Demand Seen For Catholic Books in '47

Milwaukee — (NC) — The test of creative book writing to satisfy levels of interest undefined in the past among American Catholics will come in the year 1947, Frank Bruce, noted publisher of this city, declared in discussing trend in Catholic book publishing.

Catholic book reading, Mr. Bruce said, has now been raised to "a new level of conscience and consciousness" which has made it a factor in American life, a factor that is constantly moving forward. The quality of reading is now moving to higher levels, he added, and has made the demand for competent authorship greater today than ever before.

"Quietly the process of discovering and building up competence in writers is growing," Mr. Bruce asserted. "Qualified artisans are finding that it pays financially to write for this market. Competent editorial guidance will develop a variety of authors in the next decade as Catholic taste and Catholic interests crystallize.

"The year now closed has seen the complete passing of the Chesterton-Belloc era. New authors with new vision and new approaches to world problems of religion and the entire range of Catholic life are coming on the scene. Time and the fortunes of publishing must find writers for the audience now in the making."

Mr. Bruce noted that "the vulgarity and the insolence" of what he called "the beat smeller rage" in books has moved forward, but he pointed out that "the Catholic groups have moved in the opposite direction to give wholehearted approval and support to a fresh, wholesome and decent literature," and that "general publishers have been surprised to discover that the Catholic groups have welcomed the good with open arms."

Calendar of Feast Days

Sunday, Jan. 12 — St. Aelred, Abbot, left the court of David, King of Scotland, to join the Cistercian Order. He rigorously observed the rule of that Order and finally became the founder and Abbot of Rievaux.

Monday, Jan. 13 — St. Veronica of Milan was the daughter of a peasant family near Milan. She was admitted as a lay Sister in the convent of St. Martha at Milan.

Tuesday, Jan. 14 — St. Hilary of Poitiers did not embrace Christianity until near middle age. He received Holy Orders and was chosen Bishop of his native city in 353. Because he opposed the Arian heresy in several Gallic councils he was banished by the Emperor Constantius to Phrygia. In exile he composed his great work on the Trinity. After a personal triumph at the Council of Seleucia he was allowed to return to Gaul, where he died in 368.

Wednesday, Jan. 15 — St. Paul, the first hermit, was born in Upper Egypt about the year 230. He retired into the desert during the persecutions and finding himself suited to the solitary life of prayer and penance, he remained there. Many remarkable things are related of his manner of life and of his death.

Thursday, Jan. 16 — St. Honoratus, Archbishop, was of a consular Roman family settled in Gaul. Retiring from the world he founded the famous monastery of Lerins on the small island known as St. Honore. He was consecrated Archbishop of Arles in 428 and died in 429.

Friday, Jan. 17 — St. Anthony, patriarch of monks, was born in the year 251. He gave away his vast possessions and entered the desert to perfect himself in the life of the spirit. Many souls flocked to him for advice and after 20 years of solitude he consented to guide them in holiness, thus founding the first monastery. He died at a very advanced age.

Saturday, Jan. 18 — St. Peter's Chair in Rome. It was an ancient custom to keep an annual festival of the consecration of Bishops. The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter is found in ancient martyrologies. Christians justly celebrated the founding of this Mother-Church, the center of Catholic communion, in thanksgiving to God for His mercies to His Church and to implore His future blessings.

Pope Gets Silver Jubilee Volume

Rome — (RNS) — A special volume prepared in connection with the Silver Jubilee in 1942 of Pope Pius XII's consecration as a bishop was formally presented to the Pontiff by Luigi Cardinal Lavitrano, Archbishop of Palermo, head of the committee which had charge of jubilee celebrations.

The presentation took place at an audience at which other members of the committee, including Msgr. Luigi Traglia, vice regent of the Diocese of Rome, were present.

Dedicated to "His Holiness Pope Pius XII on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration as a bishop," the volume records observances throughout the Catholic world honoring the Pontiff on his jubilee. Completed last November, it consists of 170 pages of text, with twenty-two illustrated plates, one of which shows Pope Pius imparting the apostolic benediction.

SOLDIER-HERMIT DEATH RECALLED

Paris — (NC) — A Mass offered in a little church near the tomb of Father Charles de Foucauld in El Goléa in Algerian Africa marked the thirtieth anniversary of the death of the colorful soldier, explorer and later hermit.

The Mass was offered by the Rev. George Mercier, priest apostolic of Ghardaia in the Sahara. The former French Minister of the Army, Edmond Michelet, flew to Africa for the occasion and prayed at Father de Foucauld's tomb together with Father Mercier.

Services marking the occasion were held also in Paris and other cities throughout France.

Father de Foucauld was the scion of a French aristocratic family and a brilliant cavalry officer. Until the age of 30 he led a wild and worldly life, although he distinguished himself as an explorer, penetrating what were considered inaccessible regions in Morocco.

Returning to France he entered a monastery and then made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. His desire for greater solitude led him to the center of Africa, where he erected a hermitage at Tamanrasset. He spent his days in prayer and penance and evangelized the natives until he was killed by plundering nomads who had revolted against France.

Know It?

(Answers on page 4-A)

If you answer all five, you're perfect; three or four, good; if only one or two, not so good.

1. These lists of monks and their special devotion are a bit mixed up. Straighten this out by placing the devotion across from the right month:

March	The Sacred Heart
May	The Holy Rosary
June	All Souls
October	Our Lady
November	St. Joseph

2. When a woman is "led to the altar" she is about to be married buried churched.

3. On what occasion did Jesus pronounce the words, "Do this for a commemoration of me," and of what liturgical function are they an essential part?

4. How many popes named Pius are there in the long line of Supreme Pontiffs?

5. Six colors are prescribed by the Church for the vestments used by the priest in the celebration of Mass, each having its own symbolical meaning. From the description given here, identify each color:

(a) Used during Christmas and Easter time, and on feastdays of saints who were not martyrs, as a sign of joy; (b) used on the Sundays after Epiphany and Pentecost, as a sign of hope; (c) used at Pentecost and on the feastdays of martyrs, as a sign of charity; (d) used during Advent and Lent and on fast days, as a symbol of penitential sorrow; (e) used on the third Sunday of Advent (Introit: "Rejoice in the Lord always"), on the fourth Sunday of Lent (Introit: "Rejoice, O Jerusalem"), and on the feastdays of the Holy Innocents (Dec. 28), if the feast or the octave day falls on a Sunday, as a sign that the sadness of the day is tempered by Holy Joy; (f) used at Masses for the dead, as a symbol of sorrow.

Famous Theologian Dies in Austria

Vienna — (RNS) — The Rev. Alois Mager, O.S.B., dean of the theological faculty of Salzburg University, died here suddenly while on his way to the Benedictine Abbey at Beuron. Death was attributed to apoplexy.

A widely known theologian, Father Mager at one time visited the United States and Japan as chairman of a series of international theological conferences, and was responsible for organizing holiday courses at Salzburg University.

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Book Views and News

By Rev. Benedict Ehmann

There isn't much to pick from in the present crop of best-selling novels, for people who are concerned about what reading should be given. Of the list in last Sunday's New York Times, the following should be avoided by Catholic readers, in the interest of cleanliness and decency: **Mist River**, by Sholem Asch.

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There is the Night, by Arthur Kober.

Mr. Adam, by Pat Frank.

The Silver Tripode, by John Jennings.

Tall of the Brave, by Inglis Fletcher.

Mister Roberts, by Thomas Heggen.

The Fall of Valor, by Charles Jackson.

The Hucksters, by Frederic Wakeman.

Pavilion of Women, by Pearl Buck.

This Side of Innocence, by Taylor Caldwell.

This is ten out of sixteen. Of the six that are left, perhaps the most popular and entertaining is **The Miracle of the Bells**, by Russell Janney, clean as a whistle, but cheap and mawkish in its expression of religion. **Green Grass of Wyoming**, by Mary O'Hara, continues the entertaining series begun in **My Friend Flicka** and **Thunderhead**. It can be highly recommended as a wholesome story. **Now on Sunday Mornings**, by Harriett Kane, is a fictionalized biography of Myra Clark Gaines, an admirable woman who went through what has been called "the most remarkable case in the history of the American courts." Readers will be more interested in the main characters than in the rather confused way in which the story is developed.

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M. F. Daughter, by John P. Marquand, is another of the author's competent sketches of decadence in higher society. While Mr. Marquand knows how to respect decency in his narrative, he fails to indicate anything more than an aloof detachment from the plight of his characters. This can be very misleading to readers. **Kaddish Cadman**, by Odell and William Shepard, is a widespreading historical novel of events in the War of 1812. A few off-color items would not seem to render the book objectionable for adults. The same is true of **The Border Lord**, by Jan Westcott, a story of Scotland in the turbulent days after the death of Mary, Queen of Scots.

These are the estimates of Catholic reviewers, given to you for what they are worth, as a chart to steer your way through the tide-up currents of contemporary fiction. Franklin P. Adams recently noted in his affable Sunday corner in the **New York Times** that we have hit an all-time low in novels of violence and lust. The harried, conscientious reader needs a guide now more than ever.

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Animal Farm, by George Orwell, is a rousing satire in the form of a fable. After many secret meetings at night in the barn, the animals of Manor Farm, after which Farm is named, evict Jones and his men, under the leadership of the two pigs, Snowball and Napoleon. Everything is done in the common, the work and the privileges. A new code and Ten Commandments is posted upon the wall of the barn for even the most unlettered animals to read. But finally, by careful manipulation, Napoleon and Napoleon only enjoy more privileges, and are waited with less work. Before long the two of them come to open disagreement, and Snowball is chased off by Napoleon's secret police. More than shown to lead some animals secretly from the time they were first fattened. It isn't long before the other beasts of the friendly community of Animal Farm become a prototype of tyranny.

The book is great fun, both finely written, cleverly plotted. Start it, and you won't stop till you've finished to the pages. And you'll be wanting to re-read it to absorb the very necessary theme of the terse and characteristic — the very boundary and sharply applied Napoleonic Wars-conflict that way Bonar, the great drinking horse, brings his body and heart for the Cause; the way the Commandments on the barn wall are being constantly revised to fit new conditions, together with many other excellent details.

Just though the book is great fun, it is deadly serious. For anyone who knows modern history, there is no mistaking who or what is being satirized. Yet there is not mention of any personages for that. Part of the fun of the reading is the figure out the analogies between the Bible and Communism. Those who have never read Marx and Engels will find many of their points made in the book. Others will see the parallel