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Het we surviv had reason to give greater joy to reservance because we are now entering on the second lines in which our security has been dedicated to the second the second of security has been dedicated to the second of the second of the second of the second of the years sheed, to help us in things spiritual, to make and our lengt sempleral bleasings. Alay it be our sets and our lengt sempleral bleasings. Alay it be our sets model, the sur inspiration, for our ready help to the Difficult shears to her Divine Son. May her con-tended and severe to her Divine Son. May her con-tended and the second in another a love for the bleast and the second is make our lives spiritual soling to the plan field had is mind when he made us

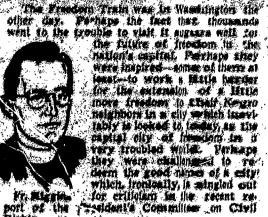
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"Inse District of Columbia." This report says, for Russia and for the rast of the world to read, "about symbolize to our own clifterns and to the people of all soundries our great tradition of civil liberty. Instead, it is a graphic illus-trailon of a failure in democracy. At the sent of our federal government under the authority of Congress, the failure of the District is the failure of all the people."

Thank Opd that we have the courage, an a people, to even up to out sine so frankly and so humbly. May He give to the additional courage to make amande for them generously and withaut unmaconary delay.

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BUT CIVIL LIBERTY for all of our minorities is only a part of the American herritage and the American tradition of freedom. Freedom is a big word; it has a fot of membergs and a lot of subdivisions. That's why the writer's Altenilous was auddenly arrested the other day by a full-page advertisement in one of the Washnglon newspapers, headed as follows: "There is only one freedom: Freedom of Choice."

sponsors of this advertisement, timed to colucide with the arrival of the Freedom Train in Washington, argues that "Freedom of Choice is what we mean when we say The American Way"." Well, perhaps that's what We do mean by the Amorican way, but lot's be somewhat careful about the conclusions that we draw from such a simple definition. Do we agree with the Sun Oll Company when, for example it concludes its advertisement, in bold-INCO. AM IOILOWSI

"Frequen of choice is indivisible. When a part la taken away, that which remains is no langer freedom. Once economic freedom-the freedom of the market place-in lost, pollical freedom, religions freedom, freedom of press and speech, all will fall."

De all of us agree with this anti-mis of the meaning of freedom? It all dependen.

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DORS THE SUN OIL Company mean to say. for example, that if the Congress "Interforma" with "the freedom of the market place" by roestablishing price control and rationirus to cope with the present world emergency, all of our ather freedoms will thereby be saulficed? Or. It the Congress does its duty by amending the Fair Labor Atandarda Act to bring the statutory minimum ware up to at least 65 cents an hour. will it thereby be undermining religious frection and freedom of the prece?

Theses are not excited questions. They are saided in all -insertly is clarify an advartisements which, by the absories of clarification, in just analler exercise and a very expensive exercise-near future, in "interfere" with the nocalized freedom of the market place if the Marshall Plan is to achieve lie purpose. If centain comtrole are necessary, it is to be hoped that the Ban Oil Company will find it possibles to spensor another advertisement-this time to warn against confusing freedom with license.



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#### As We See It By Don Patrick

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armed forces.

THE DEPTHS to which some people stoop () bar the ne me of God from public school classrooms is amazing. These individuals use the timeworn arguments of church-state separation to mask their intolerance which at times borders on the very brink of bigotry. The last lew days brought

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time nations face to face with two incidents which we might well-expect tould happen only ire the godless wastes of Soviet PERIANA. ERIT, 130, they took place right in our own country and appear to be the natural uences of secularism which has gripped American life

ridicule because he was the only child in his room in a Charnpaign, Ill., public school who did not participate in religious instruction classes con ducted in the school These chasses were spon sored by a Council of Religious

Education, comprising Protestant. Catholic and Jewish represervatives which sent teach ers of its own choosing into on elementary and one junior high schools to conduct relig lous instruction classes for 30 mainutes once each week.

Counsel for the local school board told the Supremy Court practice was weil

## No Christmas **Carols** Allowed

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Assistant Superintendent Bildersee, who is described as a member of the Jewish faith. said he issued his order because songs of Christian and Jewish significance have been sung in schools of recent years and "have given offense to those of the opposite faith." We think Mr. Bildersee is wrong in his assumption and we further believe that he does not reflect the general attitude of members of the Jewish faith on this subject.

What would a medley of Christmas carols be without the hallowed music of "Stlent "O. Come All Ye

# Gr. Gillis Says: The Parlans for Rvirybody

Rechester, N. Y.

Seldem if ever have I used this column as the vehicle for a book review. I shall not do so now, though perimps to some conders what I

arm about to say many seems to be a ususpation of the book reviewer's prerogative. But the book of which I speak is not a book but part of the book. The book of brocks is the Bible. No one can perior the Bible. One can only recommend it, and that's what I am now cloing. Krga, this is not a book review. Q Z D

More specifically, what I have in maind now to recom- Fr. Shills mend is a particularly useful and beautiful edition of the Book of Psaims, prepared by Father Joseph B. Frey, successor to the late tamented Father Stedman. Being myself an carnest advocate of the use of the Pasims by the fally, and having on hundreds of occasions urged the people to make the Psaims part of their daily spiritual fare, I am happy now to say that this new arrangement, titled "My Daily Psaim Book," is in all respects the most attractive and most nearly ideal edition I have ever scen in English (or in any other language) of the greatest of all books of prayer.

Flow much that book has meant to the Christian propie (and indeed to all who love great literature) has been eloquently expressed in Rowland Prothero's classic work. "The Psalms in Human Life." He commences in this exalted strain.

"ABOVIE THE COUCH of David According to Rabbinical tradition, there hung a harp. The midnight breeze, as it rippled over the strings, made such music that the post-king was constrained to rise from his bed, and, till the dawn flushed the eastern skies, he wedded words to the strains. The poetry of that tradition is condensed in the saying that the Book of Psalms contains the whole music of the heart of man, swept by the hand of his Maker. In it are gathered the lyrical burst of his tenderness, the moan of his penitence, the pathos of his sorrow. the triumph of his victory, the despair of his defeat, the firmness of his confidence, the rapture of his assured hope In it are collected 'sunrise and sunset, birth and death, promise and fulfilment-the whole drama of humanity."

Prothero continues. "The Psalms are a mirror in which each man sees the motions of his own soul . . . They utter the ordinary experiences, the familiar thoughts of men; but they give to these a width of range, an intensity, a depth, and an elevation, which transcend the capacity of the most gifted.

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They translate into speech the spiritual passion of the loftiest genius; they also utter, with the beauty born of truth and simplicity, and with exact agreement between the feeling and the expression, the inarticulate and humble longings of the unlettered peasant. So it is that. in every country, the language of the Psalms has become part of the daily life of. nations, passing into their proverbs, mingling with their conversation, and used at every critical stage of existence"

THOUSANDS OF EQUALLY enthusiastic and eloquent testimonies to the beauty of the Psalms might be culled from the writings of saints, poets, moralists and men of letters. Yet some Catholics, strange to say, have grown up with the notion that the Psaims are somehow appropriate to Protestant than to Catholic

of mine middens, and their restoration to a right place would communy, should be the petition of every be-te God. May the Prince of Peace grant's new peace, wap where work!

ty to day stands out more brightly and clearly . with all the days of the year than Christmas! We nonor with all the bluerre it, as the day of the birth of Cherist, Our Lord and Saviour. All over the world, the into the hearts of all a special thrill at the roodiness Ges in string us as our Saviour His unit begotten Son. has become the most universal holyday among all the the of the salendar. Even to those who know not Christ, index semathing of its braufy, of its aplendor. For all sounds forth the happy greating, "Morry Christmas,"

Me and an keep Christ out of Christmas. Some may die minecia, some may overemplication the clyic observare of the Christman holiday. Christmas canis may tend a giority winter scenes, trimmed doorways and mantelhere, everything but the real Christmas mystery of Bethwest swars rolar to the Mass for Christ, the real Christan the sever-aging anniversair of the birth of Christ, In our preparation for Christman, in our observance of Michday of the Ring? let us keep Christ to the foroif Let us help to make more and more universal the Movement to keep. Chilist in Christman!

#### Who Art Thou?

The work of John the Baptist at Bethasny was so unusual that it aftracted the attention of many thousands of Jews. Scribes and Phariaces, Priests and Levites, heard the people talking of what John said, talking of his baptions. John pointed out that the time of Christ was at hand, that all were to do penance in preparation for The coming. Sinful ways were to be abandoned, ways of to were to be opened. John dipped his converts into the their she. but as a sacramental that would warn the palitantial prayers to wash their sould from sin a bit waters of Jordan washed their builde.

the religion of the Jews was a religion of promand at just this time the desiness of the fulthe methodse she known to all. Little wonder more begin to say of John the Huplist: "He is being pressing press." The in this footnet the record of those Priests and before and the store she bethan in ask him i being the the store with which tonn denied of the store the store with which tonn denied is a store the store with which tonn denied is a store the store with which tonn denied is a store the store with which tonn denied is a store the store with which tonn the store the store of the store store the store to the store of the store store the store of the store store store the store of the store store store the store of the store store store store the store of the store store store store store the store of the store store store store store store the store store store store store store store the store store

It is suggested in passing that no better text could be used for such an advireisonment than the final paragraph of an editorial which appeared in The New York Times, November 18: ... It is to be hoped that we will be spared the anguished cries of those who raise the specier of totalitarianism whenever a government attempts to combat an emergency with emergency measures. It is probably no exaggerailon to say that the private enterprise avatem has less to fear from hostile foreign propagands than it has from those who are either unable or unwilling to grasp the fact that if that system is to endure and thrive in normal times, then it must be saved from the unnatural strains and stresses of war and other national emergencies, as well as from its own bacesses, which have a way of manifesting themselves on such occasions."

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WHEN YOU BEAR in mind, incidentally. that the Times, just a few short mornths ago. was in favor of climinating price corstrol, its current warning against emotional definitions of freedom becomes all the more significant.

Still another advertisement on freedom might appropriately quote from a recent statement of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, in favor of amending the Fair Labor Standards Act. The Social Action Department is in favor of freedom; but doesn't believe that freedom is indivisible If this means that minimum wage legislation. by "interfering" with the freedom of the market place, is an attack on freedom of religion. It does believe that freedom is indivisible if this means that a man may have beedom of religion and still not be a free man if he is earning only 40 cents an hours

In short, let us have more adverisoments on freedom. The more the better. But let us Indicate limit a little more precisely what we mean by freedom. Let us be more specific.

#### - In Advent

Carte Meride To you your Saviour Jesus bies: The new the hour from sleep to use. The works of derkness to despise

> The say now dawn, the night is past; Away all works of darkness cast, The armor don of fight at last.

Surve now deliverance to win : From woe, from misery of sin, A life of virtue to begin: v-

Strive all the more in grace to prove On victures path to further go With natrol aroused, with heart aglows

No longer from your Shepherd allas, Nor from your good Physician slay-

Let faith and Rope in Christ Increase; In all your ways for malice const. So shall you have true joy and paces.

In Washington, the Supreme Court of the United States list ened to attorneys for the daughter of a Rochester Freethinker ask that the present practice of allowing public school pupils a few minutes each week to receive religious instruction by forbidden.

In New York, an assistant school superintendent. Isaac Bildersee by name, prohibited the pupils of 23 Brooklyn schools from singing Christmas carols containing references to the Nativity and staging Yuletide celebrations which might have religious significance.

THE REASONING in both cases tung blong (accerously parallel lines. It cannot be termed anti-Catbolic anti Protestant or antiJewish II transeends sectarian lines and be comes anti-God

In the Supreme Court argu ment, counsel for Mrs. Vincent McCollum maintained that her son, James Terry McCollum. suffered embarrassment and

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### Gospel: Are God's Biography

Champaign case,

We know that we have souls made by a Creator whom we call God and this God is intelligen t. A

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nothing to Fr. Gluder keep Rim from coming down and walking on it.

As a matter of fact, God has not only spoken to us, but he has come down in person, bringing His message along with Him. The story of His life on earth His biography. we call the Gospels. Most of us take them at face

value. Whatever the color of ar belief may be, we think of the Gospels as being history, at the very least. They are, dimply, four separate accounts -two of them written by eve-Witnessis, and into by men who had got their facts from evewitnesses — all of them are scribing the words and works and to summer improve the

NIGN and within the specification. of the Faithful"" As a matter of Bill of Rights, that all creeds fact Christmas becomes a pretwere equal under its operaty hollow festival when you di tion and that no J. e was comvorce Christ from its observ pelled to attend these classes ance In our youth we knew quite a agairast his wishes. Then the

counsel added rather signififew Jewish boys and often swapped talk about our rell-"The Constitution forbids gious festivals. At Christmas preferment of one religion over time we took them into our homes, showed them the tree, another. This does not mean the government cannot support the Christmas crib and the presents we received. And, religion on a basis of equality." To bolster his argument on now and then, if memory serves this point, the school board us correctly we sang Christmas lawyer pointed to the governcarols. We don't think these Jewish ment policy of emp'-ying chap-

boys found that practice offenlains of various faiths in the sive. They have since grown . The eventful decision on this to manhood, occupy responsicase is most important to fuble positions and have developed a splendid tolerance which ture attempts to inculcate at Teast some religion in public. perhaps was born in those school pupils. No one should Christmas celebrations of yes-

begruidge a growing child a tervear measar 30 of the 19,080 min And what about another Jew ish boy. Irving Berlin by name, utes in a week to learn some who gave the nation a praver which shone brightly through THE CHRISTMAS carol ban the dark days of the last war? Would Mr Bildertee clamp follows, to a degree, the reasa ban on the rendition of "God oning of the plaintiffs in the Bless America"?

> though he escaped alive, was thrust into boiling oil for refusing to deny his story.

**By Father** 

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THE ENEMIES of Jesus (and He has many's have had a great time trying to wriggle out from under the facts set down in the Gospels. Their line of argument nearly always follows the same pattern: They admit that Jesus worked wonders but, while in early days they ususally said He was a magician or used witchcraft. it's more fashionable now to say that He worked His cures by mental suggestion of psychiatry.

The strange thing about that charge is that it always sounds very likely until we get close up to it.

We've already seen how the Gospel writers put down just what they had heard and witnessed. Their writings were taken at face value by the rest. by the men who had drunk the water-made-wine at Cana, by the nien who had seen Jesus walking on the Sea of Galilee. All these people, or many of them, died in support of that story-and men don't by down Their lives for fable, fiction, or even a probability!

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worship. Some of our less well-instructed brethren even speak of "Psalm singing" with such an inflection as to convey contempt.

Such persons should read in St. Augustine's "Confessions," the reference to Psalm singing by the congregation in the Cathedral at Miland in St. Ambrose's time, the fifth century. Also it might interest them to know that in Palestine in St. Jerome's day, and under his guidance. there was a group of holy women headed by Paula and Eustochium-antecedents to our communities of muns and sisters-who learned Hebrew in order the better to understand the Paalma

One of them, Paula, wrote to her sister who had remained in Rome: "The ploughman, leaning on his plough-handle, sings in them his praises to God; the sweating reaper lightens his labors with the chanting of the Psaims: the winedresser as he prumes his vines. Faises one of the songs of David. The Psalms are our poetry, our love-songs, our pastorals, our implements of husbandry.

THAT WAS IN the latter half of the fourth century; but in the first three centuries, while the Christians were still in the catacombs, their chief and favorite prayer was the Psalms. All through the ages until today, the liturgy of the Church (that is to say the Divine Office and Mass) has consisted largely of the Psalms.

In recent years successful attempts have been made to reacquaint the Catholic people with this priceless treasure of their inheritance. The most recent presentation of the Psalms and, if I may say so with due deference to all others, the most attractive in type, paper. Illustrations, suggestions for use, and in general format-is the one just off the press."

If all who read this column were to accept my advice, procure for themselves and for their triends "My Daily Psalm Book" and use it habitually (as they surely will once they see it), I shall feel that I have done a priestly and apostolic work in writing this enthusiastic recommendation.

"My Daily Psalm Book," arranged by Father Frey, Confraternity of the Precious Effood, 5300 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn 19, N. Y. Arthoard, 65 cents; duro cutflush, 90 cents; black Morocco, \$3.75.

#### Christmas Amnesty

The Father of the human race, The birthday of His Son to grace. Would sin in every soul efface.

Accept this annesty divine; From sin to Christ the Make Incline; Let peace in you with joy combine.

Forsake wehatever's mean and vile: Resume what you forgot awhile. That you ruley wear a Christmas smile. -BROTHES FRANCIS PATRICK



That I, the least of Judin's race Should thus be dowered of God's grace And hold within my hand His hand Is more than I cars understand." -MARY BLUEN GAFFNEY

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areth, who lived in the Near East 1900 years ago, Three of those men died rather than disown the truth of what they had

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thing of his spiritual life.

Negroes a Bus Canadea, Miss.-(NC)-A bus to immsport Negro youngsters between their homes and Sacrod Reart School, here, has

been donated to the institution by a group of 14 Jews and an Irishman from Brooklyn, N. Y. The bus wass accepted by the Roy, M. Andrew Lawrence, of

the Missionary Servants of the Slost Holy Trinky, director at of the school, The gift fulfilled a promise which the group of To mean made last spring after they bearned of the work be-

ing dome ansong undernrivileged Negro children in this section of Mississippi. The bus, which carries 48

passengers, make a trip of 48 milles each morning to pick up the stadents and amother 48mile trip ach evening to take them bone. It is valued at 

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