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New Mexico Judge Bars School Nuns

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 Teaching of sectarian doctrines in public schools; furnishing of free school bus transportation to pupils to parochial schools; in regard to continued employment of the religious named in the complaint, the Judge declared that they had taught sectarian doctrines in the schools against State laws and that they "should forever be barred from receiving any school money and employment in the public schools of the State."

JUDGE HENSLEY granted an injunction "enjoining and restraining the defendants . . . from continuing such acts as have been concluded herein to be unlawful." However, a period of 90 days is allowed for filing an appeal. If an appeal is filed, it will serve to stay the injunction.

During the trial, the defendants had built their case around the service which Sisters had performed in New Mexico communities where lay teachers were unavailable, and showed that the Catholic religious teachers and Catholic-owned schools were pressed into service by the different communities and not by the Church.

THE PLAINTIFFS worked to show that employment of Catholic religious led to promotion of Catholic practices and an atmosphere favorable to the Church in the public schools.

At the conclusion of hearings, Judge Hensley issued an oral ruling in which he indicated that he would decide "generally in favor of the plaintiffs."

The case aroused nationwide interest. Aiding in the preparation of the plaintiffs' case was E. Hilton Jackson of Washington, D.C., representing the group known as Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Charles Fahy of Washington, former United States Solicitor General, was one of the attorneys for the defendants.

Crozier For Our Lady



Following an old Spanish custom dating back several centuries, Bishop Charles F. Buddy of San Diego, places his crozier at the feet of the "Pilgrim Virgin" statue of Our Lady of Fatima, symbol of the turning over to Our Lady all his power and authority while the statue remained in his diocese. This was the first time this ceremony had taken place in the long journey from New York which began January 24 with stops en route.

POPE TO OPEN HOLY YEAR

Rome — (RNS) — A solemn proclamation by Pope Pius XII opening the Holy Year of 1950 will be read in Rome's four major basilicas — St. Peter's, St. Paul's, St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major — on Ascension Thursday, May 26, Vatican officials announced.

The Holy Year will be inaugurated on this occasion with the opening of the "Holy Doors" — a walled up entrance to St. Peter's Basilica — which Pope Pius will strike with a golden hammer. The Year will end on December 24, 1950, with the closing of the doors.

Similar opening rites will take place at St. John Lateran, with Francesco Cardinal Marchetti-Selvagini officiating; at St. Mary Major, with Alessandro Cardinal Verde presiding; and at St. Paul's, where a Papal delegate so far unannounced will be present.

Other highlights of the Holy Year will be the celebration of a Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Paul's on January 25 next year, and a similar Mass in St. Peter's on April 9, when a special blessing will be imparted to those attending.

Irish Going To Rome

Dublin — (RNS) — Two national pilgrimages will take place from Ireland to Rome during the Holy Year of 1950. It was announced here by a national committee set up by the Irish hierarchy in connection with the observance.



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Communist Torture Methods Revealed by Ex-Red Victim

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 of remaining standing produced unendurable suffering.

After two or three days he was still conscious but the state of trance had begun. Day and night the torturers recited the crime he was alleged to have committed. "It was like an hallucination," he says. "I started to believe myself that I was a criminal."

Suddenly he ceased to suffer. He admitted everything, he signed everything.

At the end of the seventh day he lost consciousness of what was happening.

By the time of his trial he had recovered somewhat and stated in court how he had been tortured.

His interrogator said to him: "Try that once more and you will never see the sun again."

Dr. Han has no recollection of the session that followed.

On Guard

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 is their sturdy wisdom which never forgets that God's Providence cares for and directs everything.

BUT WHAT about the fairies? We have heard thousands of times from the lips of Irishmen that the Emerald Isle is crowded with fairies or "little men." We have heard, too, about the "Banshee" and Irish ghosts.

Every Irish man is a born playwright or novelist. He loves the world of the imagination and fantasy. Any Irish man worthy of the name will assure you that he has met fairies many times on the roads and behind the hedges of Ireland.

Down deep in his heart he knows that the fabulous Irish fairies live only in the imagination of Irish storytellers. But he will never admit it. If you press an Irishman he will defend the existence of Erin's "wee men" vigorously. And that is not because he is superstitious but because he loves a good story. So don't expect an Irishman to deny the fairies.

THERE IS a good reason why the Irish and their friends should march on St. Patrick's Day and carry on their breasts the shamrock, the ancient symbol of the Living God. The shamrock is a warning to our day that secularism — the attempt to live without God — is the superstition that fell dead at Patrick's feet on the day that Ireland was given the Christian Faith and a taste of God's own divine sense of humor.

Israel Asks Church To List War Losses

Amman, Trans-Jordan (NC) — Israel authorities have requested responsible Catholic clergy to prepare and submit "at an early date" a list of damages caused by Jews to Catholic institutions during the Palestinian war, together with claims for compensation.

FOR THE Irish there is only one real superstition and that is the modern superstition of the atheist who denies God. Also the modern superstition of the secularist who says we can run the world without God. This is the one evil myth which the Irish imagination rebels against. This is the one

superstition which stills Irish laughter and stirs Irish wrath. Irishmen can understand fairies dancing on the roof tops and ghosts chasing through the night. They cannot understand how shamrocks can grow apart from the providence of God. They cannot understand a world without God.

The Irish can tell wild stories which rock the world and which laughter because they are only stories. They cannot like the modern free-thinker pretend that God is not needed in modern society. This is the modern superstition which you find in modern colleges and modern books. You don't hear this blasphemous myth at Irish parties because the Irish are not superstitious.

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