

### Fordham President Rebukes Chavez On Budenz Attack

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The American press had other than praise for his conscientiousness as a witness.  
"It was not until he went recently to Washington—on a mission not at his own request but under subpoena from a Senate committee—to testify in an inquiry into alleged communist influences in our own Government, that those who should have been his friends turned on him with that weakest and most cowardly of all weapons—slandering attacks on his character and his family.

"AS AN AMERICAN and a teacher of young Americans, I find Senator Chavez' attack disturbing in the extreme. As a priest, I must denounce the hypocrisy and uncharitableness that have characterized it.

"Whatever mistakes Professor Budenz has made in the past are an open book. Unfortunately for him, he has had to live under the constant threat of communist reprisals, and to bear in silence the sneers of modern Pharisees who are always ready to point a self-righteous finger at their fellowman.

"The Catholic Church, convinced of the sincerity of his repentance, welcomed Louis Budenz back into the fold. Let those who, in the name of the Church of Charity, presume to shout another man's alleged transgressions from the housetops, look instead into their own hearts."

"IN HIS SPEECH, Senator Chavez asserted that 'nowadays a man who claims he is a Catholic is accorded special attention and authority when discussing communism,' because of 'the unique irreconcilability of Catholicism to communist doctrine.' He charged Mr. Budenz 'has been speaking with special emphasis as a Catholic.' The Senator also expressed the belief that Mr. Budenz 'is still a communist,' declared that he has and is today 'attacking the institutions of our society,' and called him 'a devious, conspiratorial personality.'

The Senator added that 'citizens of distinction' such as liberal jurist Judge Dorothy Kenyon, the learned and valuable

Chinese expert, Dr. Owen Lattimore, and faithful State Department officials like Brunsner and Hanson, have been attacked and their reputations subjected to calumny, and not 'one charge has been proved against them.'  
"WHEN SENATOR Homer Ferguson of Michigan called Senator Chavez' attention to the fact that the Department of Justice 'has in various criminal trials vouched for Mr. Budenz' veracity when it used him as a 'government witness,' Senator Chavez replied that if Senator Ferguson 'wants to believe in and have faith and confidence in an ex-communicat, that is all right.'

"PERSONS WHO know Mr. Budenz well assert that he has been careful to avoid reference to his Catholicism when speaking as an authority on communism and its work as he knows it in this country. They point to the fact that, since his return to the Catholic Faith, he has served as an instructor in two of the best known Catholic universities of the country, the University of Notre Dame and Fordham. They recall, too, that, during this time, Mr. Budenz has given a great deal of his time in assisting the FBI and testifying at hearings and trials in which he has been called as a witness.

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin, whose charges of communist infiltration of the State Department touched off the Senatorial investigation at which Mr. Budenz was recently a witness, was not in the Senate chamber when Senator Chavez made his speech. Later, Senator McCarthy issued a statement vigorously defending Mr. Budenz.

Senator McCarthy said personal attack would not deter Mr. Budenz from completing his testimony. The Senator explained that Mr. Budenz 'unavoidably expected to be impugned and vilified when he dedicated the balance of his life to the exposure of communism in places of danger to this nation.' He added that it is becoming 'indefinitely more difficult to obtain some of the witnesses who are less courageous than Mr. Budenz' and who fear attack.

### Indonesian



Miss Phung Thi Ngoc-Cam, 24, native of Viet Nam, as she arrived in Chicago enroute to Rosary College, River Forest, Ill. The petite French-Indonesian girl is the first of a number of foreign students arriving in the United States for education in Catholic colleges.

### 'Christ' Panels At Syracuse U.

Syracuse, N. Y. (RNS)—A series of 25 carved wood panels depicting the life of Christ will go on display at Syracuse University's Hendricks Chapel here beginning May 21.

The panels are the work of Sculptor Ivan Mestrovic, who executed them over a period of more than 30 years. Most of the panels are six feet tall and four to nine feet wide. The series, carved in American, French and Yugoslavian walnut, traces the life of Jesus from "The Annunciation" through "The Ascension."

Six of the panels were done by Mestrovic who was described by Rodin as "the greatest phenomenon among sculptors." In Switzerland during World War I, six more were executed in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, at the beginning of the Second World War. The remaining 13 were completed in Syracuse.

Mestrovic, who has refused to return to Yugoslavia, his homeland, because he feels freedom has gone from that nation, is now sculptor in residence at Syracuse University.

### Thomas a Becket Relics Discovered

London (NC)—The altar in which the relics of St. Thomas a Becket were placed is believed to have been discovered in the ruins of a pre-Reformation church at Tottenham, Wolverhampton, which was destroyed by fire earlier this year.

The Saint's relics were placed in an altar dedicated to him in the church, but for over three centuries this altar, mentioned in early records, has gone untraced. It was thought to have been destroyed by reformers.

Investigations since this year's fire have disclosed that the altar was camouflaged as a tomb. It became cracked in the blaze. The center of this hidden altar was found to contain a cavity filled with earth and tiles. It is believed that faithful Catholics, fearing desecration of the relics, removed and hid them.

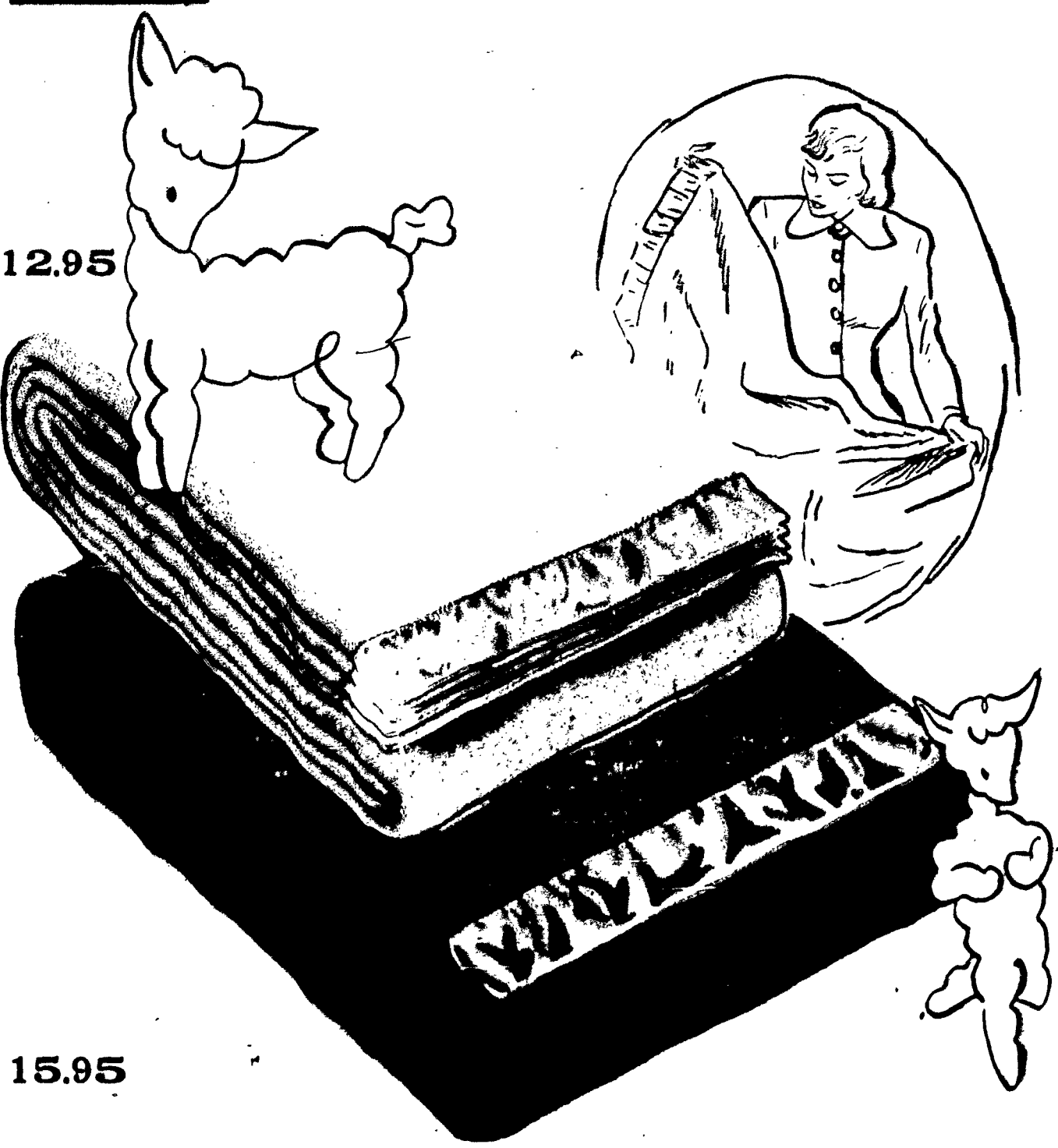
### Student Aviators Build Fatima Shrine

Cahokia, Ill. (RNS)—A shrine of Our Lady of Fatima built entirely by student aviators at Parks College of Aeronautical Technology of St. Louis University was dedicated on the university campus here.

The shrine was blessed by the Very Rev. Paul C. Retner, S.J., president of the university. A large group of students and visitors later recited the rosary.

### Actress Will Address Graduates

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