

Holy Name Military White Center, La. — (NC) — Plans are underway to activate military committee in the New Orleans Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies to keep in touch with men in the armed services.

FINE WATCH REPAIRING. Edward Bauman, 14 Main St. East, Rochester, N. Y.

International Eucharistic Congress Barcelona, Spain MAY 27—JUNE 1, 1952. Thousands of Catholics from all over the world will be converging in Barcelona for this great week of public devotion to the Eucharist.

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Balancing The Books Plea For Philosophy

By Rev. John S. Kennedy

Vincent E. Smith's Footnotes for the Atom is not exactly hot-weather reading. You can't take it in as you lie in a glider, waving off insect visitors and sipping lemonade. It requires work. But it repays the effort exacted, for it is a thoughtful, tightly argued case against Fr. Kennedy's attitude all too common among the people most influential in shaping our culture and forming the minds of the upcoming generation.

more learnedly and works it out at great, and sometimes repetitious, length. But the substance of the view which he is combating is pretty well conveyed by the few sentences of the preceding paragraph. And the view prevails because of anarchy in the domain of thought. Because of the spectacular successes of physics (as in splitting the atom and releasing atomic energy) the several sciences tend to follow the methods, and adopt the limitations of physics. There is no co-ordinator of the sciences outside the sciences, on a superior to supply a metaphysical setting for the sciences individually and in combination. In a word, philosophy (in the true sense) has been eliminated.

There is a vicious circle, because the very people who have put us in our present fix are the ones who feel that they alone are competent to bring us back to health; and they propose to bring us back to health by intensified application of the errors which made us all ill in the first place.

WHAT YOU have, then, is the sovereignty of empirical knowledge, a jaw-breaking phrase which simply means that only that is true which can be demonstrated by physical experimentation. Mr. Smith contends that this assumption has crippled modern man, and he gives plenty of examples.

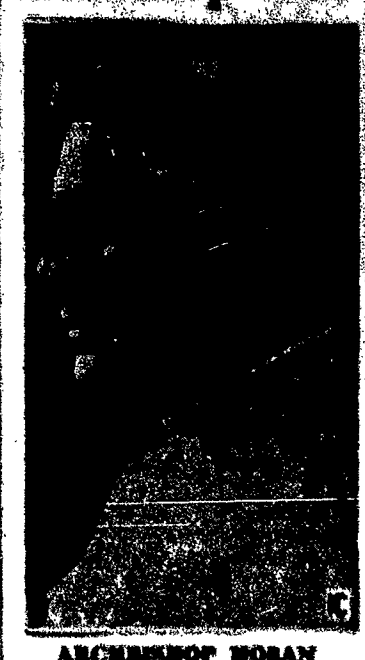
One by one, Dr. Smith takes us through the ground needs of contemporary man: equality, integrity, equality of opportunity. And he shows that the empirical tyranny cannot produce these but in calculated, of its very nature, to produce the reverse of these. He therefore concludes, "The twentieth century bears witness to the fact that a way of life is either made or in the making when man's will is his own law and when universal anarchy in knowledge, goodness, and the exterior order is emerging."

Dr. Smith puts all this much more learnedly and works it out at great, and sometimes repetitious, length. But the substance of the view which he is combating is pretty well conveyed by the few sentences of the preceding paragraph.

Empirical physics has conquered matter by dividing it. In its wars, other sciences are busy explaining man by dividing him. Thus, "liberal economics" found men to be only atoms, closed off from one another and mechanically united under the state solely for the protection of property and the preserving of public order.

So, sociology, at least when it began, felt that social and political affairs could be run off with the ease of experiments in the physicist's laboratory. Psychology...

Cleveland Bishop Given Honorary Archbishop Title



Washington — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has conferred the personal title of Archbishop on the Most Rev. Edward F. Hoban, Bishop of Cleveland, a member of the Hierarchy for almost 30 years. Archbishop Hoban has headed the Cleveland See since late 1940, when, as Coadjutor he succeeded to the See on the death of Archbishop Joseph Schrembs. Including Archbishop Hoban, there are now six such Archbishops-Bishops in this country.

AFL, CIO Backs Non-Public School Tax Exemption Act

San Francisco — (NC) — The American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations today backed a bill to exempt non-public schools from taxation, while the Communist Daily People's World believed an editorial made upon moves for a referendum to repeal the act.

Archbishop J. Francis A. Mooney of Los Angeles called an emergency meeting of the Parents Taxpayers Association, formed to resist efforts to kill the tax exemption law passed at the last State legislative session. Other members of the group included the Rev. Eugene C. Kruger, director of the National Lutheran Council of Day Schools, and the Rev. A. C. Nelson, national secretary of the Seventh Day Adventist Faithful Union Council.

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Boys Wanted. For more information, contact the American Legion, 1000 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Red Campaign Of Deportation Breaks Families

Vienna — (NC) — In the continuing mass deportation of "class aliens," the Hungarian communist regime appears to have taken down the principle of not only separating husbands and wives and sending them to different places, but of tearing children from both their parents, according to reliable reports received here.

Pope Creates New Canadian Dioceses

Ottawa — (RNS) — Two new dioceses have been created in the Province of Quebec by Pope Pius XII. It was announced here by Archbishop Idebrando Antonetti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

Rein Widespread In Kansas City, Kansas

Kansas City, Mo. — (NC) — The worst flu in Kansas City in years is spreading rapidly among patients in the Kansas City hospital in the city, two in Toledo, and the individual patients in Ottawa and Perry also suffered damage from food water.

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