

Cardinal Bans Group Headed By 'Visionary'

Seville, Spain — (NC) — His Eminence Pedro Cardinal Segura v Saez, Archbishop of Seville, has banned a new group calling itself "Congregation of the Most Holy Virgin Mother of the Sacrament and Queen of the Eucharist," which had been started by a self-styled "visionary" who claims to have had apparitions of the Blessed Mother.

The group held meetings of a religious nature in the home of the "visionary" and sought to gain adherents.

IN ORDERING the dissolution of the group, Cardinal Segura barred, under pain of mortal sin, any further meetings and activities seeking to keep alive this spurious pietism.

The Cardinal's declaration, published in the official bulletin of the archdiocese, sets forth the church doctrine regarding worship and devotions and cites the measures taken to investigate the activities of the "visionary," whose name is Francisco de la Torre Pineda.

THE CARDINAL refrained from imposing any special canonical penalties upon de la Torre Pineda, leaving it to civil authorities to take action if there should be any reason for such.

The action of the Seville Archbishop parallels that taken by prelates in several other countries who have barred and condemned actions of religious worship resulting from alleged "apparitions." The Holy See, too, has warned the faithful in that respect.

Seminarians Attend Rural Life Institute

Madison, Wis. — (RNS) — Roman Catholic seminarians who expect to be assigned to rural parishes after their ordination attended a week-long rural life institute sponsored by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference at the University of Wisconsin here.

They heard specialists discuss farm service cooperatives, credit unions, rural electrification, rural community leadership, land tenure and other topics. The seminarians and a group of ordained clergy who also enrolled for the institute represented dioceses in six midwestern states.

American Nuns Seek Out The Sick In Korea



Not only do they maintain dispensaries, but the Maryknoll Sisters in Korea spend each afternoon tending to the sick and needy in the refugee camps. On the left, Sister Agnes Theresa, a medical nurse, followed by a native Korean nun, strides briskly along a rocky ledge to reach a patient in the Pusan refugee camp. On the right, Sister Agnes Theresa tends a young and apprehensive patient in the Pusan clinic. (NC Photos)



Cardinal Gibbons Medal Awarded Fulton Oursler

Washington — (NC) — Fulton Oursler of New York, internationally known author and senior editor of Reader's Digest magazine, has been named as the 1951 recipient of the Cardinal Gibbons Medal by the alumni association of the Catholic University of America here, it has been announced by Andrew P. Malone, association president.

The presentation will be made at the alumni reunion in New York and Mr. Oursler will be the principal speaker at the reunion banquet on November 11, the announcement stated.

CREATED TO perpetuate the memory of James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, who was the first Chancellor of the Catholic University, the medal was established in 1948 to be bestowed upon a person who has rendered distinguished service to the Church, the United States or the Catholic University.

Mr. Oursler is a native of Baltimore. He began his career in journalism as a reporter of the old Baltimore American in 1910. He served with the New York Music Trades and the McFadden publications, including Digest staff as senior editor.



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Pagan African Chief Converted On Death Bed

Washington — (NC) — Mucombey, sole remaining pagan among the 48 chiefs of the Kabale district of Uganda and one of the most respected leaders in that African protectorate, became a Catholic on his death bed, according to word received by the White Fathers of Africa here.

In Kabale (pronounced Ka-ba-ly) there were 24 Protestant and 23 Catholic chiefs while Mucombey was living. That Mucombey's sympathies lay with Catholicism was shown by the fact he consistently voted with the Catholic chiefs when a controversial subject was voted upon.

The veteran Saza chieftain was a firm believer in pagan principles, and was respected for his character. When he fell ill with what turned out to be a fatal malady, Mucombey called in a priest to make his peace with God. Witnesses were summoned, and the chief announced he was choosing his first wife as his sole spouse, releasing his six other "wives." Then the African chieftain died.

Priest Does Magic Tricks, Explains 'Real Mysteries'

Coblen, Bolivia — (NC) — Twenty-five years ago a young priest named St. Patrick's Seminary in Monte Park, Calif., taught a few simple tricks of magic to a nine-year-old boy from the neighboring town of Valaja.

Today that former seminarian is Bishop Timothy Manning, Auxiliary of Los Angeles, and the boy is the Rev. Denis P. Brown, "the Magician of Coblen" and pastor of Immaculate Conception parish here.

Father Brown, a Maryknoll Missioner, now performs his magic tricks while teaching religion to the youngsters of his parish. His newest feat is to make the head of an ether boy appear, without the body, at top of a pedestal in the center of a table lined with black cloth. Then the audience sees the same head, wrapped in white sheets, rise in the air and float from the room.

Church Stand In Mexico Vote

Mexico City — (NC) — With approval of the election campaign in Mexico, a statement affirmed through the Archbishop of Mexico, the Church does not support any particular candidate — neither Catholics to carry out their duties as citizens.

The statement, issued to remove uncertainties and confusions, has been published before the political line-up has become completely clear. However, in view of preliminary reports made by various civic groups and parties, the prelates demand it as opportunity to issue the following:

Charity Sisters Gain In Mexico, Exiled 71 Years

New York — (NC) — Word is given here of the death of Sister Julia Martinez, in Mexico City, Mexico, after 71 years' banishment from Mexico. The Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul have returned to that country and now conduct the houses there.

Shortly after the Sisters returned to Mexico in 1948, to serve the poor, a small group began their activities in Mexico City. Sister Julia Martinez was among the group, which recently pronounced their vows.

In 1877 the first sisters arrived in Mexico from Spain. At the time of the 1877 revolution they were banished by Juárez. Today the Daughter of Charity in Mexico number about 60. Their spiritual brothers, the Vincentian Fathers, have 28 members and direct eight missions and parishes throughout Mexico.

Negro Convert, 23, Writes Life Story

New York — (NC) — "Color, Ebony" by James Caldwell Day, a 23-year-old Negro convert's autobiography, has been published here by Sheer & Ward. Sheer entered the Church with a student nurse, and wrote her life story in a sanitarium as a tuberculosis patient.

The writer helped organize an anti-lynching group in Memphis.

Spain Names New Envoy To Holy See

Madrid — (NC) — Fernando Maria Castella, former Spanish Ambassador to Paris, has been appointed as Spain's representative at the Holy See, succeeding Joaquin Ruiz Jimenez, now Spain's Minister of Education.

General Orders Issued

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) has issued its general orders. The orders are: 1. The IBT is a labor union. 2. The IBT is not a political party. 3. The IBT is not a religious organization. 4. The IBT is not a social club. 5. The IBT is not a fraternal organization. 6. The IBT is not a mutual aid society. 7. The IBT is not a fraternal benefit society. 8. The IBT is not a fraternal lodge. 9. The IBT is not a fraternal association. 10. The IBT is not a fraternal organization.

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