

# Editorials

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## A Representative At The Vatican

General Clark has withdrawn as a candidate to represent our Country at the Vatican. President Truman states his intention to name another candidate. The President states that the welfare of our Country calls for the maintenance of the Vatican, and that the interests of practically every other important Country in the world are served by the representatives they have sent to Vatican City.

All of these countries are outstanding witnesses to the truth that such representation involves no violation of the principle of separation of church and state. Leading churchmen have given like testimony and the principal papers of our country have given editorial testimony to the fact that such representation has nothing to do with

the principle of separation of church and state.

Catholics and non-Catholics alike have every reason to recognize the evident truth that representation at the Vatican Court is in no way opposed to our American principle of separation of Church and State.

We want America to have every advantage possible in protecting her own interests, in striving to ward off the dangers of war and to enjoy the advantages that other nations claim for themselves. If representation at the Vatican will protect our country's interests and secure the advantages already enjoyed by so many other nations, then the patriotic American will urge the President to appoint a duly qualified representative at the Vatican.

## A Modern Martyr

It was no act of bravery on the part of Sister M. Anthony to stand before a firing squad. No military purpose was served by this senseless murder. No advance of the leftist cause could result from this brutal act. The martyred Sister stands as an example of holy women everywhere who have dedicated themselves to God and whose lives are spent in the service of the young, the poor and the afflicted. They live for God and humanity. They are ready to die in fulfilling their duties.

Sister M. Anthony stands before the world as a modern martyr. She is a sterling example of devotion to duty. She represents to the world the many thousands of Sisters whose ordinary burden of charity is added to in these days by the constant threat of persecution and death from their pagan enemies. May her death bring to all religious communities an increase in vocations, a ready response to all whom God has called.

## Let Your Light So Shine

All America is interested in the March of Dimes. Numerous dimes have been dropped into the banks, in stores and shops. Still more have been sent on to the local headquarters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The campaign continues till January 30th. Let your interest in the sad plight of those infants who fall victims to this terrible scourge of infantile paralysis be part of the great movement to minister to these afflicted ones and eventually to overcome the disease.

"Mothers March on Polio" set for Wednesday, January 30th, as a climax to the 1952 March of Dimes. The motto for this movement is "Let your light so shine".

Mothers will make a one hour canvass from seven to eight on that evening. Prospective givers are requested to turn on their porch light for this hour. The mothers will call at every house where the light is shining for them. Do all you can to help this Mother's March on Polio and to make successful the March of Dimes drive in your county.

## Reading The Bible

The Church has always urged upon her children the regular reading of the Bible. An indulgence is granted to all who make a practice of such reading. Our recommendation is that those who are following this practice shall continue it; and that those who have never undertaken it shall begin a regular program of reading the Holy Scriptures. "Taste and see that the Lord is sweet". Through the Bible the Lord speaks to each of us in the Old Testament and in the New Testament He has prepared a message for everyone who opens the Book of Books, the Bible.

Be sure to have a Bible in your home. The New Testament and the Old Testament in one volume should be not merely a book for our shelves or for the library table. It should be constantly at hand ready for us each day to open it and to read. We may read for only a few moments or we may read for an hour or more. We may be sure that the inspired word of God will bring joy to our souls as we become more and more familiar with it. Learn to read the Bible. Keep it close to you and let no day pass without feasting your heart and soul on this great book of God's revelation.

## THE DARKNESS OUTSIDE

Christ's Kingdom is a Kingdom of light. The light of God's revelation shines upon the soul that has faith in God. The brightness of sanctifying grace illumines a soul and sheds a glory around its path here on earth. Faith in God goes with that soul into the Kingdom of Eternal Light. Our prayer for the dead is that perpetual light may shine upon them.

The man who has faith has an answer for all this. The man without faith has no possible answer to the practical problems of everyday existence. Without faith in God, man can only weep at the tribulations that surround him. With faith he can find in God's goodness a remedy for every sorrow. Without faith man finds himself in the darkness outside. May Christ each us to find our happiness in the faith that we have in Him.

## Business Woman, 73, Flies To Rome For Papal Honor

Chicago — (NC) — Mrs. Joseph F. Herrmann, noted Chicago business woman and Catholic laywoman, has been named by Pope Pius XII to receive the Medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, one of the Church's high honors, according to word received here from the Vatican.

Mrs. Herrmann, who is 73 years old, is flying to Rome to receive the medal. The medal will be presented to her on behalf of Pope Pius XII, by His Eminence Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardo, prefect of the Congregation of Seminaries and Universities and protector of the Holy Name Society in the United States. Mrs. Herrmann, who plans to remain in Rome ten days, hopes to personally thank the Holy Father for the award.

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His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, was the first to congratulate Mrs. Herrmann, who has been identified with charitable work here for 45 years. "I'm very happy to receive this honor," God is very good to me," she said. She is president of the Guild of St. Joseph's Home for the Friendless, a post she has held for 16 years.

AMONG MRS. Herrmann's benefactions is the Lithuanian College in Rome, of which the Very Rev. Ladis Tulaba is rector. She met Father Tulaba during her 1950 Holy Year Pilgrimage. Mrs. Herrmann also is a member of the governing board of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, the St. Laurence Parish Women's Club and the South Side Catholic Women's Club. She has served as president of the Auxiliary of the Little Company of Mary Hospital. And with all her other activities, Mrs. Herrmann conducts the business of her late husband.

## Convert Prays Others May See 'Open Door'

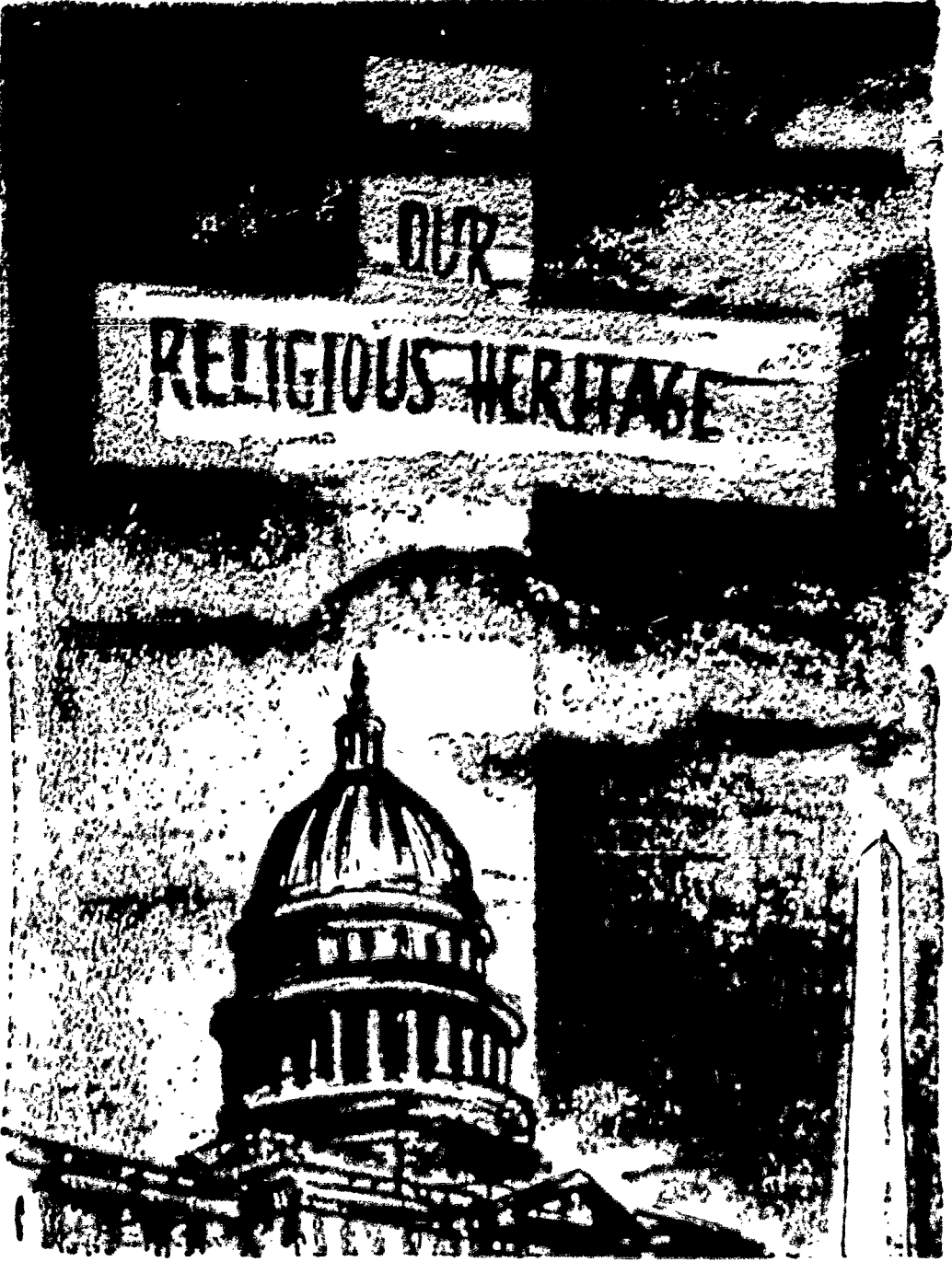
Mainz, Germany — (NC) — The Rev. Rudolf Goethe, former Protestant minister recently ordained a priest here, has appealed to Catholics to pray that their Protestant brethren may see "the open door."

Father Goethe made the plea in connection with the Chair of Unity Octave being observed by Catholics in many parts of the world. The 78-year-old priest stated that the door was "opened" by the grace of God when he, though still validly married, was ordained as a priest in the direction of the Church unity. He urged Catholics to pray that those who have not properly understood this decision of the Church may overcome their distrust and open their hearts to the call of God and find the road back to the Church of their forefathers.

## Persecution Crushed Church In Rumania

Washington — (NC) — Religious persecution in Rumania is of such extreme violence that the structure of the Catholic Church "has been brutally crushed," according to the Rumanian National Committee. Every one of the country's eleven Catholic Bishops is in prison.

## Fading Away



## JOSEPH BREIG



What this country needs is some highly religious comic relief. If Wm. Rogers were living I might propose that the government hire him as a comic writer and assign him to jolting the people out of what I might call the Ten Commandment alliteration. A comedian who could do us all good.

ambassador to Vatican City. The publicity called attention to a song "Being Circled and 'Aught Children of the Roman Catholic Church in our country."

I DON'T KNOW the song myself, but it seems according to the publicity material that it is entitled "Queen of Our Country." Apparently that is a subversive title because the publicity material said:

"May all Protestants in the United States of America, in the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, in the United States of America, and in the present and future, be united in the spectacle of a united front."

Something altogether dreadful has happened to the great American sense of humor when the American Council of Christian Churches can adopt with a straight face a resolution reading:

"The American Council of Christian Churches goes on record as endorsing the following resolution as much as possible to the heritage of freedom and liberty as common to all."

I KNOW that our fellow Protestant brethren don't believe that our Catholic Klapp trap. If they do, the country would be a had way. Every Protestant would be going about peering a specter at every Catholic. No matter how neighborly would probably set up a light with a shadow.

I doubt that even the people who passed the resolution really believe what it says. If they do, I suppose their next step will be to demand a law establishing Protestantism and outlawing the Catholic Faith. If they don't believe what they say, why do they do it? Are they afflicted with some kind of nervous?

Consent to the publicity material sent to Protestant ministers by the promoters of a Protestant pilgrimage to Washington to protest against appointment of an

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## GRETTA PALMER Orthodox Horrifies Justice Douglas



Associate Justice of the Supreme Court William O. Douglas is the man who wants to recognize Communist China ("as soon as there is a cease-fire in Korea"). His recommendation has not, so far led to a treason trial. The offending speech is, instead, published as Gretta Palmer the lead article of the January 13 New York Times Sunday Magazine a periodical which appears to be inviting the attention of the Index Expurgatorius these days.

Justice Douglas suggestion is exactly as shocking as a similar suggestion would have been in 1941 an office holder had publicly urged openmindedness towards Adolf Hitler and with no unbound references to his Nuremberg Laws no tactless suggestion that the ovens of Buchenwald be cooled. Red China is no gentler than the Fuehrer was.

"Intolerance" is a word that has lately taken on a connotation of evil among masses of people who recognize no other evil. It has come to suggest dislike of the Jews and refusing the Negroes the ballot.

Now it just happens that the virtues of orthodoxy have been discussed in a book which is readily available. It is by Gilbert C. Chesterton. Its name is "Orthodoxy" and a pocket edition might be as handy in the coming months, as a pocket handkerchief. For if we are all going to be attacked as "orthodox," we had better learn to flaunt the smear, proudly, as a badge. Here are a few — a very few of the things that we can crib from Chesterton as the other Douglas's speak out:

"People have fallen into a foolish habit of speaking of orthodoxy as something heavy, humdrum, and safe. There never was anything so perilous or so exciting as orthodoxy. It was sanity and to be sane is more dramatic than to be mad. ... It is easy to be a madman. It is easy to be a heretic. It is always easy to let the age have its head. The difficult thing is to keep one's own."

CHESTERTON speaks glowingly of the "Romance of Orthodoxy" and, unlike his posthumous opponent in Washington, he tells us what he means by "orthodoxy." He means the Apostles' Creed.

If we, the orthodox, are intolerant of ideas that cut across that Creed, that threaten its spread and ridicule its truths, why, then, we may thank God for our intolerance. It is proof of our lonely sanity that we are not tolerant of falsity or of theories woven in defense of evil deeds. To be orthodox is to know the truth to be true. And if that is intolerance, we share the tag with every saint in the past twenty centuries.

Orthodox Justice Douglas? Thirty million Americans, at least, still glory in the word!

## A LOOK AT LABOR '52 Wealth Less Conspicuous

By A. C. Tuohy

In recent years the assertion has been common, made that the old America is dead. Many people who are wont to look upon the glorious '20's as some kind of a millennium, decried the class leveling that sprung up, they claimed from the New Deal.

Without the privilege of the expectations of a mounting great wealth or superfluous fortunes the country was destined to go the way of Socialist England or decadent France.

Nostalgically these friends of the New Deal pointed to the Rockefeller Mellons and the (Imports as model trustees of money who had used their great wealth for the benefit of their fellow men. Never again they lamented would we see their like.

However, the country would be run by ex-governors, clerks or what is worse by union delegates. The country a breeding of yesterday's upper class could be replaced by shirtless democrats, and mediocre accomplishment. Moral standards and social values would be set by devotees of burlesque rather than the patrons of opera.

There is little question, of course that there is some kernel of truth in the above lamentations. An old order has passed the likes of the Rockefellers would hardly ever be recreated. The coming-out party is almost as obsolete as the horse drawn carriage and refinement is not the fetish it was twenty years ago.

HOWEVER, it would be wrong to say that the past twenty years has not produced millionaires. Henry Kaiser might not have the glamor of Commodore Vanderbilt and he may not belong to the 400 but he is a post-depression millionaire. As a matter of fact, Fortune magazine for January devotes a whole article to the "new rich" in America.

It is true that the "big rich" (those with incomes over \$1 million) have declined from 600 in 1929 to 130 in 1948. However, the number of people reporting incomes of \$3,000 to \$5,000 in 1928, a meager 1,200,000, jumped to 14,000,000 in 1948, a boost of over 1,000 per cent.

Those who are making money may not be making as much as Andrew Carnegie but there are more people making real money. Some 15,000 people report in comes between \$100,000 and

\$300,000 a year; 50,000 individuals in 1948 reported incomes of \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year, and 175,000 reported \$25,000 to \$50,000.

THE STRANGE fact is that the new conspicuous riches are coming from small business rather than large business. The tax laws made it profitable for real entrepreneurs rather than paid executives of large corporations who nonetheless are well paid.

The fortunes (though moderate in size) are coming from earth-moving machines, smokeless coal, mineral separation, filling stations, real estate, barrack bags, sports equipment, drive-in restaurants and farming (among others).

Another noteworthy feature of the new wealth is that it is not conspicuously displayed, and this is all to the good. The new rich are a middle class life and are hardly distinguishable from the next door neighbors. There are no conspicuous palaces, no retinue of servants, no yacht, no entourage. Such a transformation among the "upper class" might be regarded by some but from a long range point of view this modesty is more indicative of class harmony.

If all the wealth of the Bourbons was divided among the poor none of the poor would be much better off. But one could hardly blame the poverty-stricken Frenchman of Revolutionary days from developing first an envy then a hatred of the nobleman who gave his dogs champagne and his servants beer.

Class antagonisms between the rich and the poor develop much more easily in the likes of the good old days than under present conditions.

THERE IS NO need for a decline in either morals or refinement simply because the customs of a by-gone day are no more. One thing should be remembered, however, in recalling nostalgically the '10's and the '20's and it is this: The moral aberrations of yesterday's upper class, divorce, adultery, birth control etc. have filtered down to the shirtless democrats of the '50's. Those days still witness a memory only if one forgets a lot of history or never knew the history when it was current events.