

# The Book Corner

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**PADRE PIO, THE STIGMATIST.** By Rev. Carlos Montezuma. Carty. Radio Royles Press. St. Paul 1, Minn. \$2.00.

September 20, 1918, the Capuchin monks of San Giovanni Rotondo heard a piercing scream in their monastery. They came on the run to find Padre Pio lying unconscious on the floor. When they carried him to his cell, they discovered that he was wounded. Blood from wounds in his hands, feet, his side...



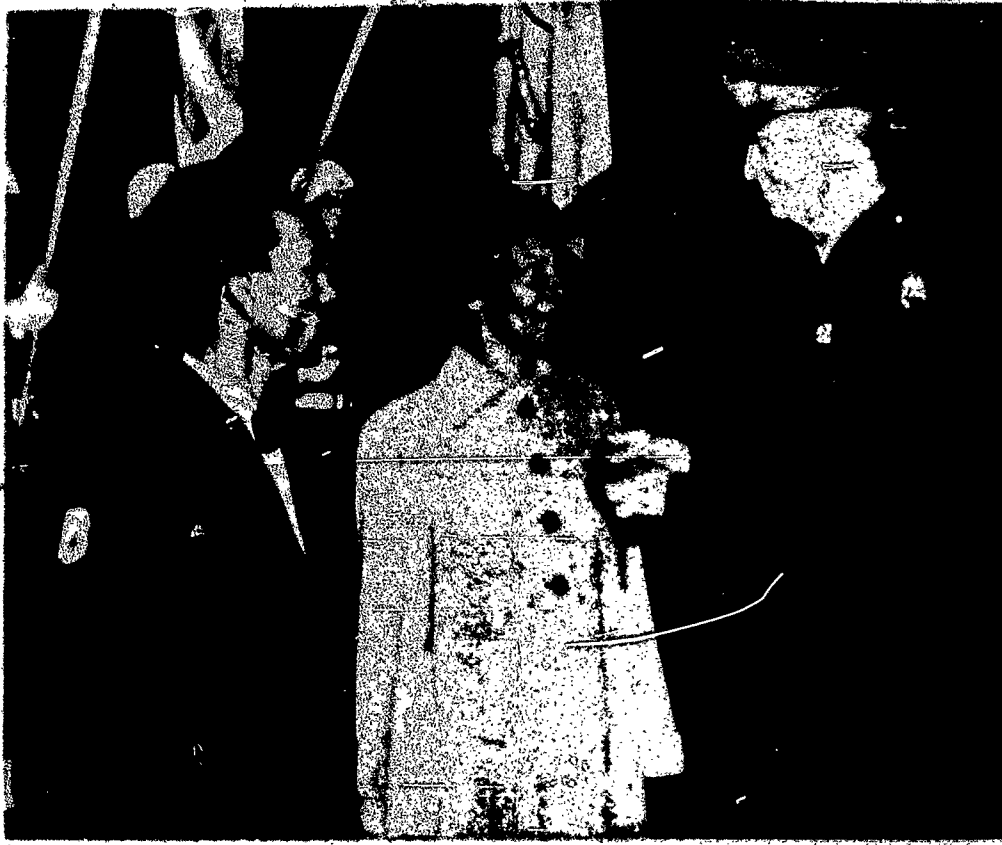
Padre Pio  
DICTIONARY OF DOGMATIC THEOLOGY. By Monsignors Pietro Parente, Antonio Pianta, Salvatore Garofalo. Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee. \$4.50.

Through the scholarly efforts of Monsignors Parente and his associates we are given clear and accurate answers to all questions related to the Catholic Faith. Each explanatory article gives important reading references. A concise "Outline of the History of Dogmatic Theology" is included as a supplement. Originally published in Italian and now translated into English by the Rev. Emmanuel Dorozzo, O.M.I., this work is invaluable to students, scholars, and all who are interested in an accurate understanding of Catholic Doctrine. P.J.F.

## Negroes Warned On Communism

Pittsburgh (NC) Negroes of the nation were advised by one of the most influential Negro newspapers to avoid the "taint of communism" as they would risk of smallpox. "It is bad enough to be black, it is infinitely worse to be black and communist," said The Pittsburgh Courier, national weekly, in a leading editorial. "There is some small chance if one is black. Surely the prophetic

## Posthumous DSC For Colored Hero



Lt. Gen. William A. Beldertinden, deputy commander of the Third Army, is shown above presenting to Mrs. Willie B. Goode of Mobile the distinguished service cross awarded to her son Pfc. John Goode a colored Catholic soldier in Korea. The dead soldier's father stands beside his wife. Spring Hill College ROTC cadets participated in presentation ceremonies held on the Spring Hill campus.

## Reporter Eyes Tass Man's Reactions At Conference On Russian Escapees

By WILLIAM E. KING  
(Staff Writer, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Washington (NC) — Maybe I should be ashamed to admit it, but I spied on a member of Tass Telegraphic Agency of the USSR. It was just one of those irresistible impulses.

It happened at the National Press Club here. Representative Charles J. Kersten of Wisconsin held a press conference to explain why he got through Congress last October an appropriation of \$100,000,000 to aid persons who escape from Russia and its Iron Curtain satellites and what has been done about the program so far.

THE LEGISLATOR was flanked by Dr. Lev Dobriansky of Georgetown University, who is president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, and James Burnham, author of "The Coming Defeat of Communism," who also answered questions con-

cerning the European problem. We newspapermen were seated around a table facing the three speakers and it fell to my lot to sit next to the Tass reporter. Representative Kersten explained the motivating reason for his \$100,000,000 amendment was to help people who escape from communist tyranny, primarily by forming them into national army elements to aid the North Atlantic Treaty nations; to afford practical assistance to people behind the Iron Curtain; and to bring about a free Europe and Asia.

THE LEGISLATOR insisted that his measure was by no means an aggressive act against the peoples in Iron Curtain countries, but an expression of friendship for them. He said: "It is a clasp of friendship through the barbed wire which separates the oppressed victims of communism with the people of the United States."

The legislator, Dr. Dobriansky and Mr. Burnham agreed that the appropriation should be used to induce scientists, professional and military men and others to leave the Iron Curtain countries and to give them a start in rebuilding a new life in a free land. They were asked numerous questions concerning how the \$100,000,000 would be spent would it encourage underground movements, sabotage and other cloak-and-dagger activities?

THAT'S WHEN I noticed my neighbor from Tass at his busiest. Anytime a question was asked and answered on underground movement, sabotage and other methods which might tend to weaken the communist hold, the Tass reporter would take copious notes.

Naturally, there were some unkind remarks passed about certain persons such as Josef Stalin

## In Chains

China Reds Jail Two Spanish Nuns

Hong Kong (NC) — Two Spanish nuns of the Sisters of Mercy of Lleriza were sentenced to prison terms in the city of Wuhu, south of Nanking. The two religious, Sister Mercedes Isasi of Bilbao and Sister Teresa Elorduy of Munguia, have been in China for 18 years. Both nuns were engaged in the orphanage of Wuhu, Anhwei Province.

Last August the sisters were imprisoned after a public women's group meeting had denounced them "in absentia" on charges of being responsible for the deaths of abandoned infants brought to the orphanage.

No further news was received of them until the Reds led both sisters from the jail to the municipal court on December 21th. The nuns were chained hand and foot and bound together at the elbow with ropes when the soldiers forced them to walk through the streets of the city. Their gait was painfully slow as the manacles on their feet permitted them to take only very small steps.

Sister Isasi, the superior, who is 55 years old, was sentenced to four years imprisonment and Sister Elorduy, 41, to three. The communists accused them of having "killed 1,000 children" since the orphanage began.

## India Bishops Again Rap Birth Control

New Delhi, India (NC) — A new warning against birth control as a "sin against marriage" was read to Catholics throughout the country.

The warning came in a statement drawn up by the Catholic Bishops' Conference and issued in the name of Archbishop Joseph Attygale of Vespaly, the Conference's Director of Catholic Social Action.

THE STATEMENT came against a background of increased activity in this country for nationwide government-supported program of family limitation.

"Among the great evils opposed to the principles of marriage and thereby undermining the welfare of the family and the State is the present tendency towards birth control advocated by many people," the Bishops' statement declared.

The methods suggested by such exhortations of evil are entirely wrong and should not be commensured by any Catholic. It is among the greatest of sins to have recourse to such methods. Catholics must bear in mind that no one has power to destroy human life. So also is prevention of offspring a heinous crime. No argument can justify it. The Church, therefore, condemns the theory of artificial family planning.

THE BIRTH-CONTROL movement at which the hierarchy's declaration is directed got its big impetus in India last fall through publication of recommendations by the government of India Planning Commission. The commission was headed by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. Last year Dr. Abraham Stone, vice-president of the Planned Parenthood association in the United States, invited to India by the government to set up a study on how family limitation can best be carried out.

## Canadian Bishop Ill, Resigns Post

Yaleton City (NC) — Pope Pius XII has accepted the resignation of Bishop George Louis Landry of Montreal, Canada, in view of his ill health. Bishop Landry has been transferred to the titular see of Chonoe.

## New Translation Of Bible To Be Published In Early Fall

Washington (NC) — The first of four volumes of the Old Testament in the new translation of the Bible into the original languages "should appear, if all goes well, in the early fall," it was announced here by the Rev. Louis F. Hartman, C.S.B., Father Hartman is general secretary of the Catholic Biblical Association of the U. S., which is making the translation. He is also chairman of the editorial board.

"A GOOD part of this volume is already set up in type at St. Anthony Guild Press, Paterson, N. J.," Father Hartman said. The first volume will contain the five books of Moses — Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy — as well as the Books of Jacob, Judges and Ruth.

The remaining four volumes, containing respectively the other historical books, the books of prophecy, and the poetical books, will appear at one or two year intervals until the Bible is published.

Father Hartman said that the Catholic Bible has been published in an English translation made directly from the original languages in which the Sacred Scriptures were written. He said that the Douay version, first published in 1609 and revised several times, is an English translation made from the Latin Vulgate, which is itself a translation made by St. Jerome about 400 A.D. from the original languages.

"Almost all of the Old Testament text gradually written in Hebrew, although a few of the books have been preserved only in a Greek translation of the Greek as their original language," Father Hartman said. "Some parts of the Hebrew Bible translated are not in Hebrew but in Aramaic, a Semitic language closely related to Hebrew."

Father Keller explained that anyone may enter the contest by writing in his own words, not over 1,000 words, a factual story of what he did for the advantage of money. Literary style is secondary, but entries must be true stories. Those who succeeded in writing may simply list down the facts with their full name and address.

## \$\$\$ For Your Story

New York (NC) — A new Christopher contest of unusual interest is being held now open on the Webbs with God's help, 25 make his influence felt for the good of the money, was announced here by the Rev. James Keller, M.M., founder and director of the Christopher contest, prize totaling \$10,000 with a first prize of \$2,000, will go to the winner.

Also of this contest, which opens Feb. 23, and closes at midnight, Monday, April 22, is to draw attention to the pronounced power for good that is inherent in each individual and encourage good initiatives in general. What does one wish to do? What does one wish to do? It will determine the vital pulse the individual can play as a Christopher, or Christopher.

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