

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

EVERY child born into the world cries the message that God does not yet despair of man. . . . One member of the Legion of Mary who was subjected to 43 hours of questioning in five days by the Reds brought a bundle of clothes to the police station saying, "This is the last day I am coming here. . . . And I am not signing any confession either." . . . Our friends who are making daily sacrifices for the Holy Father's Missions would show equal faith under the same circumstances. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. A. K. who earned \$4 for the Holy Father's Missions by doing the neighbor's hair. Long may she wave! . . . GOD LOVE YOU to the K. family who sent the \$10 they saved to buy a new record player, "but after reading 'God Love You' decided that the Holy Father's Missions needed it more than we do. It took us a year to save a thousand pennies." . . . Old gold—old silver—old diamonds today! friends of the Holy Father's Missions may send to us their discarded childhood jewelry and receive our prayerful thanks.

Here is the document the Members of the Legion of Mary in China refuse to sign: "I the undersigned joined the reactionary Legion of Mary on . . . (date) and conducted secret counter-revolutionary and evil activities against the government, the people, and Soviet Russia." . . . If the young people of China are persecuted for refusing to sign, then all true lovers of Our Lady in this country can at least make a sacrifice for the Holy Father's Missions, that they may feel the pain of giving, as their sisters in Christ feel the pain of persecution. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to M. L. McG. who gives one day's pay a week. . . . To be a missionary you do not need to sail to distant lands; the gift of a World Mission Rosary to a Catholic who will pray on it for our 100,000 dedicated Apostles is a way of extending the Universal Church. One of these multi-colored Rosaries—each decade of a different color as a sign of dedication to the conversion of a different continent—will be sent to anyone who requests it and encloses a two dollar offering. Every World Mission Rosary in use has been blessed by me.

Every Catholic loves his faith; only those who make sacrifices for it have zeal. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to R. C. McK. for \$20 for the Holy Father's Missions saved by making a 25c sacrifice a day. . . . A Chinese Mother was told by the police that her son had signed a false confession. She had no way of telling if it was true. But she had said to the Reds: "Let him come back then, and I will go and fill his prison cell to atone for his sins." We can atone for our sins more simply by sacrificing luxury for the Holy Father's Missions instead of freedom. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to J. M. F. for \$400 "originally intended to purchase an automobile. But after reading your 'God Love You' I couldn't face Christ at Communion while I ride, and the Holy Father's Missionaries walk for miles and are in such need." This is one of the greatest sacrifices we have received. . . . If very U. S. Catholic gave up the equivalent of 2 cigarettes a week, we should receive over \$30 million a year from this source alone. Want to give your two cents worth every week?

The Holy Father cannot look to European Catholics for financial help today; wars have made them poor. He cannot ask the people of the mission lands to support their own churches; they are as incapable of doing so as your small daughter is of earning her own living. He must ask the adult Church in the U. S. to help the orphaned churches of Asia, Africa and Oceania. If you love the Holy Father, tear out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail to the Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 140 E. 33th St., New York 16, New York or your Diocesan Director Very Rev. Msgr. John E. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

Tea Dance Slated By College Frosh

Nazareth College Freshmen will take the spotlight on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 17, when they present their Freshman Tea Dance from two to five in the college auditorium.

Invitations have been sent to first year men at St. John Fisher College, Leflore College, Canisius College, St. Bonaventure College, Niagara University, and Sarisbon Air Force Base; the Newman Clubs of the University of Rochester, the University of Buffalo, Rochester Business Institute and Rochester Institute of Technology.

Darlene Stecko of Niagara Falls is general chairman, assisted by Maureen Donovan, in charge of invitations; Janette Palermo and Barbara Palmeri of Newark, decorations; Therese Anne DiPasquale, publicity; Barbara Scarzella, refreshments; Kathleen Nugent, general order; and Anne Rains, entertainment.

With these committee heads the following will serve on the reception committee: Mary Deane, Geneva, chairman of the Freshman Class; Sheila Conheady, Barbara Moore, Anne Hurley, Syracuse, Carolyn Civitelli, Charleen Ruggiero, Audrey Lovelace of Cortland, Jean Clardi, Isabelle Sciacolli, Margaret Lantry and Marcia Brown.

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Released-Time Issue Debated

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ments of the attorney for Mrs. Zorach and Mrs. Gluck on the grounds of separation of Church and State, the brief of Corporation Counsel Dennis M. Hurley, which was presented by Michael A. Castaldi, declared that the latter is a "relative concept."

"There is no such thing as a completely free church in a free state, or a state without religious influences," Mr. Castaldi said. "Our churches must be built in accordance with our building codes and fire laws and, indeed, their legal incorporation is regulated by State law."

"On the other hand, the State has repeatedly availed itself of religion by invoking the moral sanctions of oaths, in looking to God as the Creator of our 'unalienable rights' . . . and in many other ways . . . which make up the way and life of our American way of life. Indeed, the Constitution itself recognizes Sunday as a non-business day."

THE BRIEF observed that family life "has been falling apart in a manner approaching a debacle" and that the "alarming divorce rate is one symptom."

"As a consequence," it continued, "whether we like it or not, many of our children and youth have no stabilizing recollection of normal happy home life."

"The released-time program," it added, "is an effort to bring a stabilizing influence into the lives of children. The educational authorities in making available one hour a week for religious education outside of the school, are attempting to discharge their duty to their students of providing a well-rounded and properly grounded education."

The brief later observed that "an educated person cannot be religiously illiterate."

WITH REFERENCE to the observance of religious holy days, Mr. Castaldi said:

"To be consistent, appellants must also argue that the excused absences of children for whole days at a time for the purpose of religious observances on holy days is unconstitutional because it leads to the most obvious divisiveness."

"Children of one religion stay home from school on their holy days while the other children attend school. On other holy days other children stay home in order to attend worship."

"Is there anything more obviously divisive than such observance of holy days? Would petitioners ban such holy day observances?"

"To do so, however, would fly in the face of one of the most fundamental constitutional guarantees: namely, the right of religious liberty."

"Unmistakably," he added, "the cause pleaded by the appellants is a cause of irreligion. Secularism to the exclusion of religion under any and all conditions is their theme."

"They would do away with the America tradition that this is a religious people."

THE BRIEF for the Coordinating Committee on Released Time, presented by Charles H. Tuttle, presented four principal arguments:

1. The New York State statute does not violate the First Amendment. On the contrary it merely recognizes and implements the constitutional rights and responsibilities of parents, and the liberty of conscience which the First Amendment guarantees.

2. The statute "is designed to give reasonable protection to liberty of conscience and freedom of religious profession on the part of parents." Also, "no constitutional provision erects a wall of separation between the State and parents, or between parents and their children, in the matter of public education."

3. The New York statute and regulations present a situation altogether different from that of the McCollum case.

4. The petition presents no triable issue of fact.

Mr. Tuttle, in his brief, quoted the then Governor Herbert H. Lehman who, in signing the statute now under fire here said: "A few people have given voice to fears that the bill violates principles of our Government. These fears, in my opinion, are groundless. The bill does not introduce anything new into our public school system nor does it violate the principles of our public educational system."

CALLING ATTENTION to previous attacks on the released-time statute by atheists, spearheaded by Joseph Lewis, Mr. Tuttle declared: "The present is the fourth attempt. It seeks to destroy a program which has been a settled part of the educational system of New York for 25 years, has been repeatedly upheld by all the courts of this State, has been widely followed elsewhere, and has afforded at least a modicum of liberty of conscience to myriads of parents and children."

Mr. Tuttle also said that the case "presents one of the most crucial issues of civil and religious liberty ever submitted to this court."

ATTACKING THE argument of the opponents of the program that parents who wish their children to have a religious education should send the latter to private or parochial schools, Mr. Tuttle said:

"Such an argument finds no support in justice, practicability or sound reason, and runs directly counter to established principles of constitutional law."

"Why should a religious parent be required to pay taxes for the public school, if the only escape from his fear of secularism in education is to send his child to a private or parochial school which may or may not exist in his community, and which may or may not be within his means or meet his convictions?"

"The public school is not—except in the mind of appellants—the vassal of an all-powerful secular State. It is an agency created by the State to assist parents in discharging their primary duty of educating their own children. By sending his children to the public school, the parent does not, forfeit, waive or suspend his fundamental constitutional rights and religious convictions."

The parent of a public school child is not a second-class or inhibited citizen. Nor is the public school child himself the mere creature or chattel of the State—even during school hours."

IN CONCLUDING the brief, Mr. Tuttle said:

"The questions that are here to be decided are only two: 'The first question is this: 'Whose civil liberties and whose free exercise of religion are really under attack—the liberties and freedom of three or two appellants, who claim no injury to themselves or their children, or the liberties and freedom of the hundreds of thousands of religious parents in New York State who wish to educate their own children according to their own consciences?'"

Mercy Nuns Hear Educator Discuss Reading Problems

Dr. William D. Sheldon, Director of the Syracuse University Reading Laboratory, addressed faculties of local schools taught by the Sisters of Mercy, on the subject of effective reading pedagogy in the elementary school.

Speaking from the vantage point of his supervisory capacity as evaluator for various school systems, Dr. Sheldon discussed the serious problems he daily meets in classrooms throughout the state, laying the major blame for reading disabilities on overcrowded classrooms, ineffective teaching, and lack of overall understanding on the part of teachers and administrators of the scope of the reading skills program.

He stressed the importance of cooperative relationship between present, past and future teachers of a particular reading class and also rapport between the home and school, as factors in meeting the problem of individual differences in learning to read.

IN A RAPID survey of the reading skills and techniques which should be taught through the eight grades of elementary school, Dr. Sheldon laid emphasis on the fact that while reading is a process, not a subject, it is one which must be taught painstakingly and scientifically over the years from kindergarten to graduate level.

A question period and an informal discussion followed the two-and-a-half hour lecture. The faculty of Penfield Central School, as well as interested teachers from other nearby schools, were assembled with the Sisters in the auditorium of Our Lady of Mercy High School for the reading conference.

The Reading Laboratory conducted by the Sisters of Mercy announces a summer session for students interested in improving their reading ability. Registrations will be accepted after Easter at Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse. Further details will be announced later.

Mrs. Earle To Head Perpetual Aid Group

Registering officers of the Perpetual Help Society of St. Mary's Hospital were honored at a party in the Nurses' Home Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Newly elected officers include: Mrs. Franklin Earle, president; Mrs. Thomas Grant, first vice president; Mrs. Garfield Dancy, second vice president; Mrs. Mortimer Donovan, third vice president; Mrs. George Hessel, fourth vice president; Mrs. John Scott, financial secretary; Mrs. Joseph Wozel, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles Servus, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ann Finnegan, treasurer; and Mrs. Josephine Hery, chairman of service. Auditors are Mrs. A. F. Leinen and Mrs. Fred Grell.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the nurses home at 2 p.m. Mrs. William Egan, luncheon chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. Charles Gerstner, Mrs. Saul Eaton, Mrs. Frank East, and Mrs. J. J. Forstall.

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