

British Deny Guilt In Shooting Of Nun

London —(NC)— Anthony Head, British Minister of War, told the House of Commons that he had "no doubt whatever" that British troops were not responsible for the shooting of Sister Anthony, American Sister of St. Vincent de Paul, in Egypt.

Head had been asked by Harold Davies, a Labor (Opposition) Party member, to give the findings of the British Military court of inquiry into the murder during rioting last month at Ismailia.

THE MINISTER replied that the reports of courts of inquiry were by their nature confidential and it was not the practice to disclose them. But after studying the proceedings of the court on "this most regrettable incident," he fully agreed with the British commanders on the spot that no responsibility in the matter could be attributed to the British.

When Davies pressed the Minister to say whether British bullets were found in Sister Anthony's body, or whether the shooting was an accident on the British side, Head said: "I can assure him that both the points, or allegations, he has raised are untrue."

Gen. Sir George Erskine, Commander of the British troops in Egypt, had issued a statement on Jan. 21 saying that Sister Anthony was shot by terrorists.

THERE HAS BEEN some debate over exactly how the American nun was killed when Egyptian terrorists invaded her convent at Ismailia, the Egyptian trouble spot. British tanks were called up to clear them away and some shooting took place but reports had not made it clear exactly what happened. British authorities have insisted that the terrorists shot the nun when she tried to stop them entering the convent.

Jamaica Students Fight Commies

Kingsford, Jamaica — (NC) — Papal encyclicals on the Church's social teachings were the weapons used by groups of fraternity members of St. George's College here to offset the spread of Communism in Jamaica. The college is operated by the Society of Jesus.

The students organized a speakers' bureau that took them out to dozens of different audiences to expound the Christian answers to the world's social and economic problems.

First they studied, argued, read, reflected and practiced speeches. Before all sorts of listeners in all types of halls they sought to teach the people the meaning of the vocational group, family allowances, profit-sharing and universal old-age pensions.

An account of the students' apostolate has been published in the new Social Order, published by the Institute of Social Order at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo. The college men have accomplished no social revolution, the article concedes, but the initiative established by the apostolic Jamaicans may induce other collegians to follow their lead.

UNWELCOME VISITOR: — One who can stay longer in a few hours than others can in a month.

DEATH IN BOLIVIAN JUNGLE



Down in the Bolivian jungles, Brother Gonzaga Chlutti, of Philadelphia, had to carry a rifle for protection against alligators and anacondas snakes on his trips to distant Maryknoll stations. While piloting Bishop Raymond A. Lane, Superior General of Maryknoll, and two other priests up the Beni River on his boat, the minister, last week, he was struck by a falling tree and killed. (NC Photos).

Mary Legion Asks Prayers For Priests In Red China

Dublin —(NC)— A call to all members to unite in a worldwide crusade of prayer for persecuted and imprisoned priests in Communist China is being issued by the Legion of Mary from its headquarters here. Prayers are being asked also for the directors and members of the Legion in China.

The prayer crusade will take the form of a Novena of Masses, Holy Communions and Rosaries, in preparation for the annual celebration of the Actes. This is the title given to the Legion's solemn ceremony of Consecration to Our Blessed Lady, held on or near the Feast of the Annunciation.

"IF THE MINORITY in China is supported by the Church at large, through its members uniting in prayer," Frank Duff, president of the Legion's Central Council, declared, "God will step in and intervene. Such things have happened before and there is no reason to doubt that in this age a persecuted minority can be saved by the spiritual help of a majority."

Particular anxiety is felt over the fate of the Rev. Alden McGrath, Irish Columban Father and national director of the Legion of Mary in China, who was taken prisoner by the Reds several months ago and is said to be awaiting a state trial for his activities in connection with the Legion. Father McGrath is a Dublin man and well known in Legion circles.

National KC Buys New Haven Building

New Haven, Conn.—(NC)— A building which housed the main offices of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad here has been purchased by the national headquarters of the Knights of Columbus to be used as an annex to the fraternal organization's headquarters.

The purchase price was reported at approximately \$450,000. Decision to buy the property, which adjoins the present K. of C. headquarters, was reached when it became apparent that restrictions on building and scarcity of materials would indefinitely delay construction of a new building.

Reds Stalled Rio Congress, Delegate Says

Quebec, Que.—(NC)— Jean de Margerie, 24-year-old medical student at Laval University and general president of the Federation of University Students of Canada, has returned from Rio de Janeiro disgusted with the International Congress of University Students held there.

De Margerie, who was a Canadian delegate to the Congress, told reporters the Communist influence, which was strong and cleverly exercised, had almost completely paralyzed the congress.

Seventeen countries were represented by some 60 delegates. De Margerie branded the delegates of six countries as decidedly Communist — Uruguay, the Argentine, Cuba, Panama, Salvador and Peru.

DELEGATES OF six other countries decidedly were not Communist, he said, listing Canada, the United States, Colombia, Nicaragua, Ecuador and Brazil. The remaining five countries he termed "undefined." They were Paraguay, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala and Bolivia. He said some of the delegates whom he had placed in the category of Communist openly had avowed themselves as Communists and seemed very proud of the fact.

THE COMMUNISTIC delegates, he added, forced on the others debates on irrelevant matters such as imperialism, Communism and other matters on which the congress did not pass any resolution, and which were outside the range of matters on the agenda.

De Margerie felt the only practical result of the long deliberations had been the foundation of a Pan-American secretariate of information with its seat at Cuba.

Seminaries In Italy Favor More Philosophy

Vatican City —(NC)— The proposal of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities for adding a third year of philosophy in major seminaries has been favorably received by all Italian bishops.

Several regional and some diocesan seminaries in Italy started the experiment during the current scholastic year. The program is only an experiment and concerns only Italy.

Natural, Moral Law Necessary For World's Ills, Dulles Says

Washington —(NC)— Application of the principles of the natural and moral law to bring peace and prosperity to all humanity was advocated by John Foster Dulles, consultant to the Secretary of State, in accepting the Peace Medal of St. Francis of Assisi for 1951. The medal is awarded by the National Third Order of St. Francis, the association of the laity sponsored by the Franciscan Fathers.

Dulles received the award as architect of the Japanese peace treaty, termed, "the most far-reaching peace - promotion achievement of last year." "It seemed to me," said Dulles regarding the preparations for the Japanese peace treaty, "that you had to make a clear-cut choice between those things which appeal to the baser instincts of man and those which appeal to his higher instincts."

"THERE WERE many things in attendance on the preparations for the Japanese treaty that appealed to man's baser instincts—greed, covetousness, hate. We deliberately tried to make a peace which invoked the great principles of the moral law. In that way we achieved almost miraculous agreement."

The speeches at the conference in San Francisco, where the treaty was signed, were some of the greatest he ever heard, Dulles continued, and they showed the tremendous effect that great moral principles had upon those taking part.

"I AM CONVINCED that the great troubles of our time are due to the fact that we do not adequately obey the principles of the natural and moral law," Dulles declared. "These principles can be put to work by man, to a far greater degree than they ever have before to bring peace and concord to humanity, and to put to rout those who deny the existence of the moral law and propagate an atheistic concept of the world."

"Morally, righteousness and justice are ours to call upon to bring peace and a brighter day for all humanity."

DULLES, WHO is a Presbyterian, said he comes from a good Christian family; that his father was a minister and that a great deal of attention was given to his religious training in his youth. He has long been engaged in



John Foster Dulles (left), consultant to the Secretary of State, receives the 1952 Peace Medal of the Third Order of St. Francis at ceremonies at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, February 20. Awarded for his work in connection with the Japanese Peace Treaty, the medal was presented by Rev. Adolph Bernholz, O.F.M. Conv. (right), national chairman of the Third Order, in the presence of Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington (center). (NC Photos).

work having to do with peace learned in his youth had any relation to international relations, he said, and there were times in the early days when he could not see that the Christian principles he

Catholic Columnist's Query On UNESCO Printed In Congressional Record

Washington —(NC)— An article by a Catholic newspaper columnist asking why UNESCO is spending money to bring out a History of Mankind at this time, has been introduced into the Congressional Record by Representative Norris Poulson of California.

The column, written by Joseph A. Kreig, was taken from The Tidings, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Kreig is assistant editor of the Catholic Universe-Bulletin of Cleveland, and his column appears in the Courier-Journal and a number of other Catholic papers.

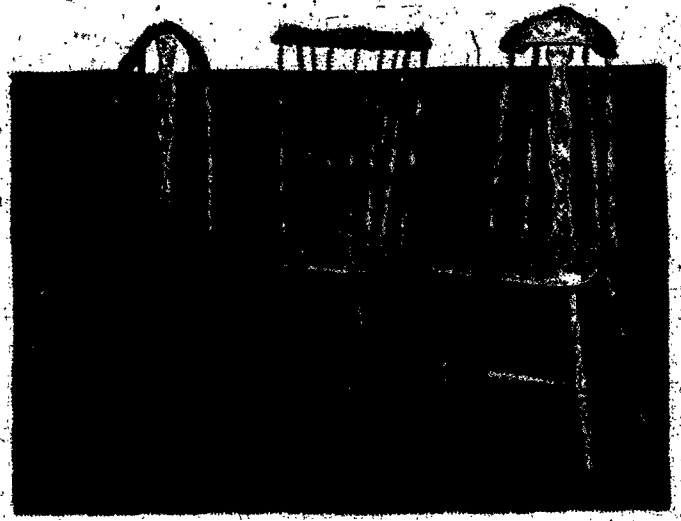
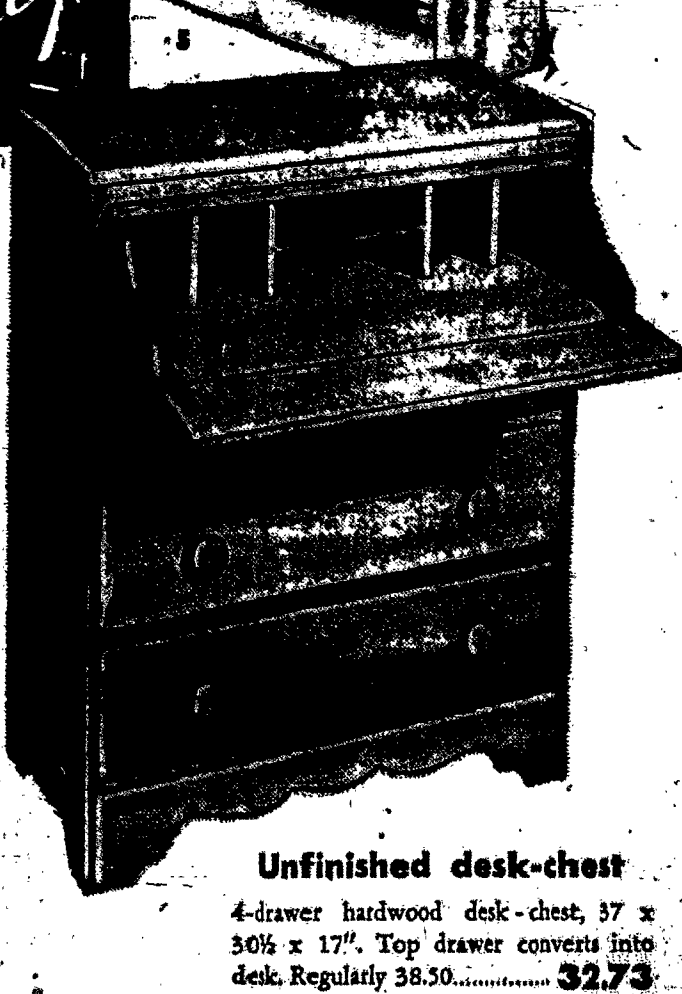
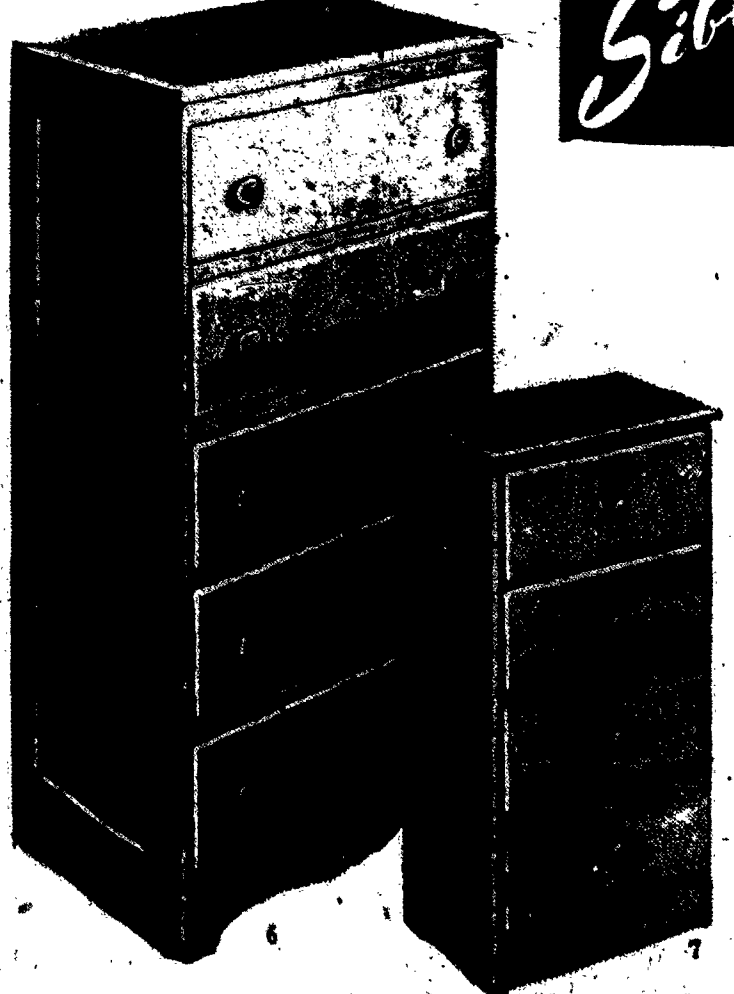
Kreig says he is willing "to leave aside for the moment the fact that atheists and agnostics seem usually prominent in the proposed writing of a History of Mankind," and make the question why the money is being spent for a history of all.

He says it would buy a lot of food, clothing and medicine for destitute peoples in the world, or any one of "10,000 things which war-torn humanity needs." "But high on the list of things for which humanity has little use," he adds, "and in which humanity is not even mildly interested, is another shelf of ponderous books, good mainly for gathering dust."



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