

Roman Rota Wins Libel Suit Against Leftist Publications

ROME—(NC)—The Sacred Roman Rota has won a libel suit against three communist publications and one socialist newspaper for printing defamatory remarks against the Vatican tribunal.

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Communism's Greatest Wins Are In U. S., Budenz Says

Manchester, N. H.—(NC)—"Communism has won its victories in the United States, not in the countries it has conquered," Louis F. Budenz said in an address here.

The former editor of the Communist Daily Worker spoke to the Manchester chapter of the St. Anselm College Alumni Association at a Communism breakfast. Now a Fordham University teacher, he emphasized:

1. COMMUNISM has taken another 200,000,000 persons since 1945, in addition to the 600,000,000 it already controlled. United States policy has been responsible for its success in enslaving these peoples over a seven-year period.

2. AMERICANS should provide more protection for ex-Communists who testify for the government in exposing and prosecuting Communists.

3. COMBATING Communism should mean reading extensively to learn the character of the foe with which we are engaged; re-educating citizenship; preserving the right of free expression by the laborer; fighting discrimination against the Negro, which is now being extended to Italian American and Filipino Americans; participating in a crusade of prayer and penance to obtain the blessing and assistance of God in the victory over Communism and moral rejuvenation through the world.

4. THE GREATEST danger in America today is from Communists hiding in colleges, schools and the press.—*JH books, page 2*

The Rumanian Hierarchy -- Martyrs To The Faith



In this historic photograph, taken in November, 1947, at the Apostolic Nunciature in Bucharest, are shown fourteen members of the Rumanian Hierarchy, with the Most Rev. Gerald F. O'Hara (center), then Papal Nuncio to Rumania, and later ousted by the communist regime. Seven of those pictured are reported dead at communist hands and the other seven are either "deposed," "imprisoned," or sentenced to "forced labor" on communist construction jobs, such as the Danube-Black Sea canal, or shipped to the USSR. The Rumanian martyrs pictured are: (left) Cardinal Aloisius Hudobcovsky, Administrator Apostolic; (second from left) Bishop John Gizi; (center) Cardinal Administrator Apostolic; (right) Cardinal Administrator Apostolic.

Stolen Crowns Back At Brooklyn Church

New York—(NC)—Eight days after their theft from the Regina Pacis Votive Shrine, two Papal blessed crowns, encrusted with diamonds and other precious stones and valued at \$100,000, were returned by mail to Magr. Angelo R. Cioffi, pastor.

The crowns were wrapped in a large brown envelope. They were bent slightly out of shape and missing were a one-and-one-half carat diamond and 19 smaller stones, valued at \$2,000.

POLICE TOOK the envelope to their laboratory for analysis and examination. The envelope was postmarked 4:50 p.m., June 7, and had been mailed at the General Post Office in Manhattan.

Monsignor Cioffi, pastor of St. Rosalie's Church in Brooklyn, where the votive shrine is located, had promised in a statement "to forgive and forget" if the crowns were returned. When he announced the return of the crowns during a Mass in the Church the congregation broke into applause. The shock was too much for three, who fainted.

THE JEWELS and gold of the crowns were contributed by parishioners, mostly women, in thanksgiving for sparing their loved ones who fought in World War II. The shrine was built as a monument to victory and a just peace and was started in anticipation of these aims in 1942.

When completed the crowns were insured for \$100,000. They were taken to Rome last January by Monsignor Cioffi and blessed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII. Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of Brooklyn, presided at a ceremony last month when the Crowns were placed in position, above the heads of Our Lady Queen of Peace and the Child Jesus in an 8 x 6-foot painting, center piece of the shrine.

The crowns were returned while Sunday Mass was being offered in the Church. At the Gospel time, Monsignor Cioffi climbed to the pulpit and announced the crowns had been returned—that "the Blessed Mother has heard our prayers."

THE ENVELOPE in which the crowns were returned bore twelve 25-cent stamps and a 15-cent special delivery stamp. Printed in the corner as a return address was: "Police Headquarters, 400 Broome Street, New York." The address is a Police Headquarters annex. Also printed on the envelope was "Do Not Bend."

Jesuits Open Retreat House

MOORE, N. Y.—(NC)— Gonzaga Retreat House, called the first United States retreat institution exclusively for young men, has been dedicated by Bishop Raymond A. Lane, R.M., Superior General of Maryland.

THE 35th laymen's retreat house operated by the Jesuits in the United States and will be devoted exclusively to retreats for young men between the ages of 15 and 24. It was said there are few such institutions in the whole world. Groups from parishes and from both nonsectarian and Catholic high schools and colleges will attend retreats given by Jesuit Fathers.

Reconstructed entirely by volunteers, the historic 175-year-old building will have facilities for 45 retreatants in single rooms, a chapel, library and several parlors. The building once was the famous Seven Springs Mountain House and numbered among its guests Gen. U. S. Grant, Oscar Wilde, the author, and Sarah Bernhardt and Edwin Booth, theatrical celebrities. It was the locale of George M. Cohan's famous play, "Seven Keys to Baldpate."

Laval University 100 Years Old

QUEBEC—(NC)—Laval University here, oldest French-speaking university in North America, celebrated its hundredth anniversary on September 19, 1922. The handsome building will have 100,000 square feet of space for 400 students, 100 professors, a library and several parlors.

Laval actually dates back to 1663 when the Venerable Fr. Francis of Montmorency Laval, Canada's first bishop, founded the Seminary of Quebec. Its purpose was to train young Indians for priesthood. The seminary developed rapidly and now contains 10,000 students.

In 1828, the Canadian Government, at Quebec City, in the first part of the century, gave the Seminary of Quebec the task of founding a French-speaking university. The following year Queen Victoria signed in London the Royal Charter which officially brought Laval University into being.

Cardinal Takes Over Job Of Guide At Pompeii

ROME—(NC)—His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, is a leader and guide of the pilgrimage to Barcolona and Rome in the fullest sense of the word. Except as Rome itself, he accompanied the pilgrims wherever they went on their shore trips.

When the pilgrims, after having landed at Naples, made a tour of ancient Pompei, the Cardinal readily and ably took over the job of the professional local guide who proved to be deficient in the English language. Being thoroughly familiar with the scene and the historical background, the Cardinal conducted the pilgrims through the ruins and explained their significance.

27 Students Get Awards In Christopher Essay Contest

New York—(NC)—Cash prizes totaling \$2,000 were awarded to 27 high school students for winning essays submitted in a nationwide teenage contest sponsored by the Christophers.

Invitations to participate in the contest were extended to all 25,514 public, private and parochial high schools in the country. The subject for the essay contest was "Why and How a Teenager should Prepare For a Career That Counts."

FIRST PRIZE OF \$500 went to Edward Walsh, 16, of Loyola High School, Los Angeles. A prize of \$200 was given to both second and third place winners, Josephine Potvin, 15, St. Mary High School, Albuquerque, N.M., and Andrews J. D'Amore, 14, Immaculate High School, Chicago.

Twenty-four other teenagers won four prizes of \$100 each, eight of \$50, and 12 of \$25.

The new Christopher contest was held to stimulate young Americans to prepare during high school for careers in creative fields where, with God's help, they can serve the common good while earning their living.

THE CHRISTOPHERS were founded in 1945 by the Rev. James Keller, M.M., with the aim of encouraging men and women everywhere to show a personal responsibility in working to restore to the marketplace the spiritual truths on which our country is founded. Special emphasis is placed on the vital fields of government, education, labor relations and the creative arts.

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