

Mariological Society Slates Convention

Cleveland — (NC) — Mary's Universal Queenship will be the theme of the fourth annual national convention of the Mariological Society of America which will open here on January 5 under the auspices of Archbishop Edward F. Hoban, Bishop of Cleveland.

The Mariological Society was founded by a group of priests in Washington, D.C., in 1949 to promote an exchange of views on doctrines relative to the Mother of God and to further a more theological understanding and appreciation of her prerogatives.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

"He must increase; I must decrease." These words spoken by John the Baptist when he saw Our Divine Lord constitute the real test of Christian character. God's glory and not personal honor is the goal of life, and when this is aimed at, happiness follows. Everyone of the 27,337 foreign missionary priests, each of the 2,286 foreign brothers, and each of the 10,683 foreign missionary sisters, said in their hearts the day they left for Africa, "He must increase; I must decrease." When Father Salko, a Hungarian missionary in Honan, China, was promised everything, including freedom if he would be a spy for the Reds, his answer was, "He must increase; I must decrease." The thousands who sacrifice their old gods, who do without a dessert or a package of cigarettes and who sacrifice some of their savings to enable the Holy Father to help pay for his 57,694 catechists in Africa alone are decreasing their personal enjoyments to increase the knowledge of love of Christ in the Missions.

The glories of Christ are discerned in the same psychological instant as our own littleness. Those who protect their ego and pamper it, by the same token are never generous to Our Lord or His Blessed Mother.

The farther we get from the spirit of Christ, the more we think of ourselves. When the sun is far behind us, a long shadow falls in front of us and we believe ourselves taller than we are. As the sun gets closer to us, the shadow diminishes. As God approaches, the conceit lessens. As the passion to see Christ loved in India, Japan and Africa becomes intense, we want to give up more and know to see Him increase. We decrease our pride, we deflate our pocketbook, we diminish our wants, we minimize our pleasures and gradually the love of Christ becomes compelling, constraining and imperative. We might say that our God Love You columns as well as those who receive God Love You letters is a Christian Roll of Honor.

GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. M. L. H. for \$3, "excess lunch money" which she sent the Missions. . . GOD LOVE YOU to M. J. for \$1.00. "I prayed to St. Philomena and promised her I would send \$1.00 for the Missions if I could sell some property at a good price. Almost miraculously the property was sold and it is my wish that the money be used for a mission chapel named after St. Philomena so that she may become known in some distant land. . . GOD LOVE YOU to M. L. J. for \$5. "It is good to see one's bank balance grow, but it is also makes one realize how selfish it is to hoard money for one's own pleasure without a thought of the good that saving could do for the Missions. I would like to set aside \$5 a month for that purpose. . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Z. for \$5. "We have received many benefits from our dear Lord and wish to share our appreciation in this way. . . GOD LOVE YOU to M. S. who sacrificed \$3, the price of a new pink sweater she wanted but realized that it would do more good going to the Missions.

One Christmas gift that will make your friends better, is a World Mission Rosary which will teach them to pray for the Holy Father's Missions. At your request and a \$2 offering to the Missions, we will send you one of these rosaries, blessed by me.

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 109 East 88th Street, New York 16, New York or your Diocesan Director Very Rev. John E. Randall, 53 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Red School Teacher Ouster Upheld In State Supreme Court

Philadelphia — (NC) — The Pennsylvania State Supreme Court meeting here upheld the dismissal of a Pittsburgh high school teacher accused of being a communist.

In an opinion by Justice Horace Stern, and in a concurring opinion by Justice Michael A. Musmanno, the court affirmed a ruling of the Allegheny County Common Pleas Court which sustained the firing of Dorothy Albert, a former English teacher at the Taylor-Alledredge High School, Pittsburgh, where she taught for 18 years.

THE FBI NAMED Miss Albert a communist and on March 28, 1950, the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education dismissed her on charges brought by Dr. Earl A. Dimmick, superintendent of schools.

After the board upheld her dismissal at a formal hearing, Miss Albert appealed to Dr. Francis B. Haas, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Haas granted her a hearing on January 18, 1951, and confirmed her dismissal. She then took her case to the Common Pleas Court, which on September 24, 1951, affirmed Dr. Haas' action. Her appeal to the Supreme Court followed.

Justice Stern said among the causes listed in the State School Code for ending a teacher's contract is "advocacy or participation in un-American or subversive doctrines."

"THERE IS no question of the right of free speech involved in this case," the opinion stated. "Miss Albert is not being penalized in her capacity as a private citizen because of any political, economic or social views she may entertain, or any expression she may care to give to these views." "The concern here is with her rights as a teacher," the opinion continued. "The Legislature certainly can prescribe qualifications for teachers in the public schools with respect not only to their academic attainments but also to their moral characters and their loyalty to the State and Federal Governments."

"Certainly our public school system is the most vital feature of our governmental and democratic system. In order to have such a thorough and efficient system those who teach in the public

schools must be persons not only of learning and ability, of character and integrity, but they must be devoted to our country, its institutions and the basic principles upon which it was founded and hopefully ever will rest."

"JUSTICE STERN pointed out that the State School code provides 'that in every elementary, public and private school there shall be taught civics, including loyalty to the State and National Government. How can such loyalty be taught if the teacher herself is disloyal,' the opinion said.

Justice Musmanno criticized the Pittsburgh chapter of the Civil Rights Congress for its describing the case as "a witch hunt," and declared: "The term witch hunt in this connection represents loose thinking and irresponsible language because we know that witches have no existence except in a disordered imagination," he said.

"And we know also that potential dangers to mankind that imagination cannot exaggerate. Dorothy Albert was not charged with any supernatural offense. Her offense was a very earthy one.

"IT WAS NOTHING less than advocating through the Communist Party of which she is or was a member, the overthrowing of our government, not by broomsticks but by bomb, bullet and bayonet as exemplified by communist history ever since Lenin in 1917 achieved his bloody revolution in Petrograd, Russia."

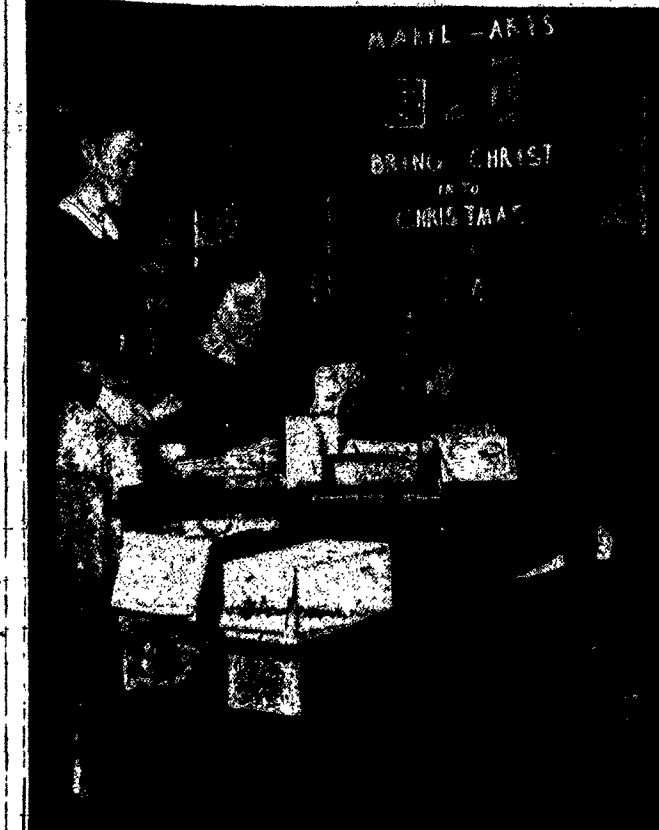
Owners Instructed On Management

Venice, Spain — (NC) — The Social Management Institute here has opened another course for young factory owners on the subjects of economy, labor, social movements, the doctrine of the Church, social psychology and the task of management. The aim is to promote understanding between workers and management.

The Mother

Blessed Mother, did You hold Your child
Up to the star and say:
"My God, Your gift to man
Is fair; oh, much too fair,
and fey
For sacrifice?"
Or did You kneel and pray:
"Our Father, Who hast
chosen me
To bear Thy son, I beg of
Thee—
Let all humility be mine
To love—and give to Thee
again
What always has been
Thine?"
Fanny Kraiss
Corning, N. Y.

'CHRIST INTO CHRISTMAS'



Among the groups working throughout the United States for "put Christ back into Christmas," are these student artists at Marylhurst College, Marylhurst, Oregon. They are preparing for shipment Marylhurst Christmas cards designed by alumnae and students to emphasize the Christmas spirit, and to avoid the extremes of paganism and sentimental piety. Left to right are: Elene McDowell, Lerrene Martinson and Allice Bell.

Congress Group Cites 'Filt' On Newstands

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — A Congressional investigation, into pornographic literature opened here with a charge that publications harmful to morals are being sold at thousands of newsstands and drug stores throughout the country.

The investigating committee, headed by Rep. E. C. Gathings (D-Ark.) announced that representatives of religious groups would be called as witnesses before the hearings have concluded. In a report on its six-month staff investigation, the committee declared that "the most conspicuous offenses against common decency were found to be contained in the low-cost paper-bound publications known as 'pocket-size books'; in so-called 'cheesecake' magazines; and in the flagrantly mis-named 'comics.'"

"The so-called pocket-size books which started out originally as cheap paper-bound reprints of standard works," the committee said, "have to a great extent deteriorated during the past decade into media for the dissemination of artful appeals to sensuality, immorality, filth, perversion, and degeneracy."

Kelleher Named NCCS Chairman

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — Michael T. Kelleher, of Boston, has been named chairman of the executive committee of the National Catholic Community Service. It was announced here by Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati, president of the board of trustees.

Mr. Kelleher, who is a Knight of Malta and has served on the executive committee since 1950, fills the vacancy caused by the death of Francis P. Matthews, former Secretary of the Navy and Ambassador to Ireland, who was chairman since the establishment of the NCCS by the Bishops in 1940.

Company Fined \$1,000 On Lewd Magazine Count

Ottawa — (NC) — Convicted of distributing obscene printed matter, a wholesale distributor of magazines, newspapers and pocket-size books was fined a total of \$1,100 by Judge A. G. McDougall here in County Court.

The company, found guilty on 11 charges and fined \$100 on each, announced it will appeal to a higher court. Four books and seven picture magazines were involved in the litigation, which was in the nature of a test case during an intensive campaign by Catholic and Protestant organizations to rid books and newsstands of salacious publications.

THE BOOKS involved in the charges were: "Tragic Ground" and "Journeyman" by Erskine Caldwell, "Women's Barrack" by Tereza Torres, and "Diamond Lil" by Mae West. The seven picture magazines were Paris Models, Peep Show, Gals, Eye-ful, Titter, Wink and Beauty Parade.

The jurist gave a separate decision on each of the books but included all seven picture magazines in one decision. The judge said that "Tragic Ground" from beginning to end "deals with the questions of sex" and that the "language is lewd and filthy, and the actions and habits of the characters in the book are in the same category." He said that "Journeyman" "deals with a similar class of people and is of the same type and nature as the book 'Tragic Ground.'"

Judge McDougall said that "Women's Barracks" concerned with life in the French women's army during World War II, "deals almost entirely with the

question of sex relationships" and a matter which might receive proper attention from a medical or psychological standpoint but otherwise could have "no other effect than to deprave and corrupt."

THE JUDGE said that "Diamond Lil" has "no literary merits" and can serve "no public good whatsoever." He said it deals with sex from start to finish and "the tendency of the book is to deprave and corrupt those whose minds are open to such immoral influences and into whose hands a publication of this sort may fall."

Regarding the seven picture magazines, the judge found that they "from first to last were of absolutely no artistic value, the photographs were 'vulgar' and lewd, and may, I think, properly be defined as 'smut.' They are undoubtedly obscene with the meaning of the test which I have applied to the other cases."

Half Century
New York — (NC) — Golden Jubilee of the Redemptorist missions in Puerto Rico is being celebrated this week with religious observances to be climaxed on Dec. 8 by a Solemn Pontifical Mass at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

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