Who Is Santa Claus?

Nobody shoots Santa Claus," there are slighting references to be invoked by those merchants said Al Smith, predicting election Santa Claus, which may well be set this late date, results in the early for WPA) wilder the less liturgically learned IN GERMANY. Switzerland phase of the of us. Promise 3 tells us that "the and the Netherlands St. Nicholas" New Deal. Well, real symbols of Christmas are feast day is celebrated at the proper time — December 6th — actually sug-—not Santa Claus and his rein-when gifts mysteriously reach all

ble just the of Christ." same. There is

out of our holidays.

The Christmas pledge circulated by the National Council of Catholic Men is a much needed reminder of the true, religious significance of Christmas.

brate on December 25th, but these weeks.

Carling Mass, in honor of His these weeks.

Carling Mass, in honor of His these weeks. Own Nativity.

the first words ("I promise to that there is no Santa Claus. make my Christmas a holy day with Christ - not a holiday without Jim") to the last ("I promise, on this and every day, to give Glory to God in the highest, and to work and pray for Peace on earth to men of

But interlarded among all the and Christian promises



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Santa Claus Promise 4 speaks of teaching this year; but our children that "'Santa Claus' the poor old is the nickname of St. Nicholas, the fact that the true, historic man is in trou- who gave to the poor in honor saint once thew, through an open

him whiskers red suit and all— civity — is not quite the cinch bestowed that the donor cannot it ought to be.

be thanked. You may search the Catholic

You may even begin to believe the words of the song of the IT IS A beautiful pledge, from 20's which fold us, cynically,

> No Santa Claus? But the New York Sun has been running the same editorial for 50 years, firmly assering its young roadors that there is a Santa Claus. Where did he come from, and why is he in hiding? For he is in biding - your Missal will give you me help, no matter; how catefully indexed it may be. There is no feast day in the Church dedicated to a cer-tain Saint whose English name

There is a St. Nicholas, how But, in his present disguise ever — indeed, there are three and accompanied by reindeer, he Sts. Nicholas, two of them Popes is a native New Yorker and a London — (NC) — His Emiwith highly edifying biographies Protestant, only remotely connence Cardinal Bernard Griffin, the Encyclopedia. (There are nected with good St. Nicholas of Archbishop of Westminster, told which was started before Poland organized Catholic lay action is labor, which rips to shreds the became communist and was inalso several Biessed Micholas, Mare (a positionous resident of a gathering of businessmen here became communist and was incapable of sanctifying modern whole fabric of African family who need not detain us here but Baril whose proper least day that "a Catholic who is a bad tended to build a wing to a chil-society. who make the job of research has already occurred 19 days be employer cannot be regarded as a dren's hospital in Warsaw. It now even more complicated.)

A GOOD CLUM to the Saint Charistmas. for whom we are searching is provided by the NCCM pledge itself, which tells us that St. Nichelas of Bari is our main. This ought to clear up everything-and perhaps it would, except for the fact that St. Nicholas of Bart is also and (according to the Catholic Encyclopedia) in preference known as St. Nicholas of Myrs. It is as St. Nicholes of Myra hat he is discussed in its pares: it is as Bishop of Myra that your Missal finds room for him. Under that name les has a saint's day, too: December 6.

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But how aid St. Nicholas turn Encyclopedia (its Index volume, into Santa Claus and how did its volume where Santa should December 6th become involved appear and the one where, Class with Christmas? It is only in the Its ten promises are every one might logically be found) with United States, and to some exout them, calculated to bring the old man whose replicas are ring fusion ever has occured — and the ing bells outside our windows, at this through the fault of no

> "Santa Claus," says Attwrater's Catholic Dictionary, "is corruption of the Dutch Sint Klacs, St. Nicholas." The account then makes much of the enigma understandable: This form of the cult of St. Nicholas of Barl, patron saint od children, was popularized in America by the Dutch puritens of New Amsterdam, who had disguised the popish saint and a mordio magician. It apmeans to have been introduced imio England by Bret Harte."

So now we know: there is a Santa Claus, as the World Telegram and Sun will repeat to its remders again this year.

fore the great Feast known as good Catholic."

## Princess Presents Flowers To Nuns

Aine-Wakamatau, Japan (NC)-A Japanese princes has dure a banquat of Morrors rein this city.

The Killer and chrysamileme were placed in the conmana from Princess Sétanko, wile of Prince Chichiber, the methor of Emperor Hirekito. | Church's social teaching"

IN CHOW LINE



Leading the chow line at the Enlisted Men's Mess Hall at the U, S. Naval Station, Suble Eay, P. I., is Archbishop Egidio Vagnorm, Papal Nuncio to the Philippines. His Excellency, who ate turkey with the sailors, was present to confer Confirmation on a group of personnel and dependents instructed by Chaplain Gabriel J. Naughton. (NC Photos).

## Ransom Urged For Polish Mothers In Red Slavery

Edinburgh, Scotland -(NC) - A proposal was made here to use a fund originally intended for a charitable project in Poland to purchase instead the release of Polish Father O'Brien during the past integration of the Africans into

**Bad Employer Not** Good Catholic Catholic lawyer, at the annual general meeting of the Scottish Says Cardinal.

The Cardinal spoke at the an nual dinner of the Association of Catholic Managers and Employers.

"You must be filled with a love of God and to your neighbor," Cardinal Griffin told the group. Your spiritual life must be strengthened by your frequentation of the Sacraments."

hat justice is both the right and he duty of all in industry, he "Your role is an integral

part of Christian social justice. your time. Increase the fervour of your spiritual life. Increase your knowledge by study of the

South Africa Archbishop Hits Segregation Status

Cape Town, South Africa -(NO) - Segregation of the non-European races in South Africa has proved "a cruel and tor of the Vicariate Apostolic of expensive failure" and "constiling and constiling and const expensive failure," and "something constructive has got to Pando, Bolivia, has been made

man beings with basic rights.

place under our very noses

Parish Gains 112 Converts In One Year

Catholic parishes from coast-to-much like children in their recoast would take their cue from lations with other races." St. Augustine's Church in Kalamazoo, the number of converts each year soon would pass the John A. O'Brien, of the University class, but called for instilling a tween Liberty and Dictatorship. of Notre Dame. He helped in new public opinion that would struct 27 converts who recently look upon non-Europeans as huwere received into the Kalamazoo

"This new class of 27 brings St. Ausustine's total for the year to record-breaking 112," Father

The formula for increasing notably the total of converts, according to Father O'Brien, is a fairly simple one: establish an inquiry Forum in every parish and enlist the laity as recruiters. The number of converts is not only doubled or tripled, but the whole parish is imbued with apostolic zeal. The group reception of 27 con- point where white South Africans

verts, culminated a total of 2,800 had to choose between a solution miles of commuting between calling for territorial separation South Bend and Kalamazoo by of the races, or the gradual full three months. Twice each week the country's social and economic mothers and their children from he traveled to the Michigan city life. where he assisted him in giving Archbishop Hurley declared instructions in the Catholic Faith. that segragation had meant, in general, "unskilled labor by non-

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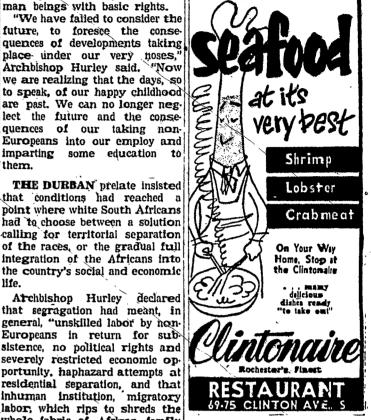
Chicago - (NC) - His Emin-sistence, no political rights and Polish Society, of which he is ence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, severely restricted economic op-Archbishop of Chicago, told the portunity, haphazard attempts at

American Named Bolivian Bishop

Vatican City— (NC) —Father Thomas Joseph Danehy, M.M., any sort of social peace in this Titular Bishop of Bita by Pope Pitts XII, it was announced here.

So declared Archbishop Denis Bishop-elect Danehy, who will E. Hurley, O.M.I., of Durban in retain his present post, was born an address to the Durban Par. at Fort Wayne, Ind., on May 19, ents' Association in which he 1914, and was ordained a Marycharged that white South Afri. knoll priest at Rome in 1939. Notre Dame, Ind. -(NC) - It cans have been "behaving very First assigned to the Gold Coast, Africa, he was sent to Bolivia in 1942, and became Administrator of Pando in 1948. HE STRESSED that the solu-

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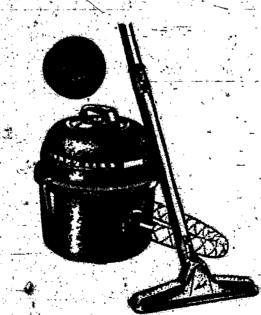
John J. Campbell, a Glasgow

the disposal of the Fund," Mr. Campbell said, "I would realize the assets, go-down to London and offer the whole sum to Mr. Andrei Gromyko, the Russian ambassador, on condition that he release am agreed number of Polish mothers and their children from the slave camps in Russia.

"The money could not be more usefully employed. It would be a gesture to the Polish nation that we have not forgotten their .. Without a solid spiritual plight. The possibility of securing would be a beacon light of encouragement to the millions of captives existing in the darkness of communist iniquity."

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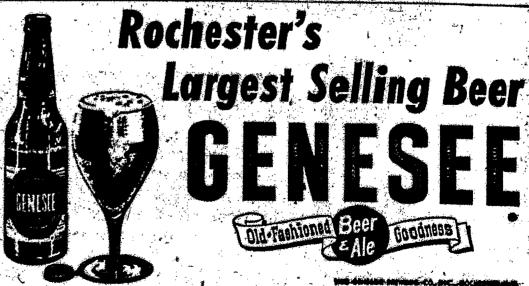
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