

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

A possible for the twentieth century... Three Wise Men of the twelfth century in search of peace came to the modern Bethlehem which is sometimes called the U. N. There they met Joseph the chief engineer, Joseph told them that peace came only to those who carried the key of peace. The Wise Men opened their brief cases, each one saying he carried the secret. The first brought Gold or the power of money which can distribute food and cannon to other nations and thus make the allies of democracy which is the government of peace.

The second Wise Man brought frankincense or the modern science of scent, which is chemistry. It appears as a hydrogen atom which when split by a neutron, in turn splits other atoms until a bombing force is released that can wipe out life over large areas of the earth.

The third Wise Man was a University Professor who brought a book entitled: "The Philosophy of Myth"—a treatise on despair—a way to live dangerously without the superstition of religion and the myth of God.

Joseph whispered in the ear of the first Wise Man, and he looked sad. He in turn whispered into the ear of the second and the third and they all looked sad. Then they remembered: there was one thing they had forgotten; they had forgotten the Mother and the Babe; they would have the Peace without the Prince of Peace, wealth without charity, power without humility, learning without truth.

If you have read this column so far, you have read something that is dedicated to the peace of the world by bringing the Mother and the Babe to China, Japan, India, Africa and the 614 missionary areas of the church throughout the world. The parable bids you to bring the ancient gifts with their ancient meaning: to the Babe and the Mother: your gold, your frankincense, and your myrrh; your gold—a material offering; your frankincense—the offering with the intention of praying; your myrrh—myrrh was used for burial, hence your gift plus praise and a spirit of sacrifice—the giving to a point where it is a death to your selfishness and your pride and your egotism that you may live in Christ and Christ may live in you.

GOD LOVE YOU to the Audit Staff at B. and Co. for \$8 which represents contributions through a mile box... GOD LOVE YOU to C. M. D., for \$10 she promised the missions if she passed a Civil Service Examination... GOD LOVE YOU to D. A. H. "Enclosed is \$2. I have wondered... my diet four times in 10 days at a cost of 25c each time. I am doubling the amount and sending it to you for the Holy Father's Missions..." GOD LOVE YOU to E. T. S. who saved dimes, nickels and pennies during the summer and after paying for her daughter's tuition and books had \$11 left which she sent to the missions... GOD LOVE YOU to M. J. S. for \$5, her first overtime check... I am also offering up my work to Our Lord for the Missions, as it is quite a sacrifice for me to work on Saturday... GOD LOVE YOU to R. N. W. who sent \$10 she received for playing at a wedding so that she might help the Holy Father's Missions.

At your request and a \$2 offering to the Missions, we will send you a World Mission Rosary blessed by me.

Send your myrrh, your incense and your gold to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 109 East 38th Street, New York 16, New York or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Mgr. John S. Randall, 28 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Crib In A Baby's Pocket

By N.C.W.C. News Service
This is an account of an exciting and ingenious Christmas celebration by tiny orphans, and how Chinese Reds threatened it down on a paper crib hidden in the pocket of a vest. It is told by a Sister of Charity recently expelled from China by the Communists.



Christmas was always a great feast in China. It was a family feast for the orphans who are the special charges of the Holy Childhood. A station, composed of 2,000,000 school children in the United States. Crowds of the older and married girls from the country districts came in for Christmas with their babies and young children.

EVERY HOUSE in the big compound of the "House of Mercy" had its Christmas crib—the tiny babies' nursery, the big babies' kindergarten school, the primary school children, the big girls' workroom, the old women's home, the old men's home, the hospitals and the children's infirmary. Also the kitchens and the farm; and last but not least, the beautiful chapel where "Our Baby" as the children called Him, lay in His crib at the side of the high altar.

There was a constant stream of visitors, Christians and pagans. The crib in the kindergarten was the most popular and had wonderful features. On the mountains above the cave there roamed red lions, yellow-striped tigers, and white polar bears with climbing monkeys. Down below there was a river or a which called Chinese banks and sampans (canoes) with geese and ducks around them.

ON THE ROAD from Bethlehem a procession came to adore the "Little King"—men, women, and children—black, white, and yellow. Sedan chairs, rickshaws, and wheelbarrows were on the road; also tiny motor cars, even a tank with guns, and small lorries packed with dried beans and pruned, so that the "Little King" might feed his hungry guests.

At first, there were the days of juvenile brigades in the nursery! Christmas day had not passed before St. Joseph had his leg broken, our Lady was decapitated, the Divine Infant lost an arm and "miraculous" infants had pocketed the crib.

So I organized a kindergarten school. The Christmas cribs grew more wonderful every year—and the babies themselves guarded them.

TEAMWORK IN PHILIPPINES



Sister M. Camillus of the Columbian Sisters and her brother, Father James Lillis, also a Columbian, check on this little Filipino's catechism lesson. They are both stationed in Orani City on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. (NC Photos)

Mrs. Helm, 'White House' Nurse, Dies

Washington (NC)—Requiem Mass for Mrs. Ruth Powderly Helm, 59, who was known as the White House nurse and was a daughter of one of the founders of the Knights of Labor, was offered in St. Gabriel's Church here. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery.

Mrs. Helm served as nurse to Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Warren G. Harding. She was the nurse for President Wilson for 18 months, toward the end of his administration. She also served the former President after he left the White House and after she had served as nurse for his successor, President Harding.

MRS. HELM was a member of President Harding's party when he took a trip to Alaska, prior to his death in San Francisco in August, 1923. After his death, she was called back to Washington and served former President Wilson in his final illness until his death in February, 1924.

The nurse received many offers from publishers to write her memoirs of White House experiences, but she declined them on the ground that disclosures might violate the ethics of her profession.

Born in Carbondale, Pa., she was a daughter of Terence Powderly, one of the founders and president of the Knights of Labor, which was a forerunner of today's gigantic labor organizations.

MRS. HELM CAME to Washington in 1914 and studied nursing at Garfield Hospital—the hospital in which she died.

She was a nurse in the Navy from 1916 until 1922, when she was transferred to the late Jesse P. Helm, of the Naval Medical Corps. He died in 1941 and she was employed by the Veterans Administration from that time until her death.

'False Cult' Devotees Draw Church Penalty

Nuremberg, Germany—(RNS)—Thirty-five Catholics in the Bavarian villages of Heroldsbach and nearby Forchheim were excommunicated by Church authorities for continuing to propagate "false cults" concerning alleged apparitions of the Virgin Mary at Heroldsbach.

This brings to 65 the total number of persons who have been excommunicated in connection with the "apparitions."

A commission appointed by the Church to study the alleged apparitions said it had failed to find anything "supernatural" about them. Catholics were forbidden, therefore, in a decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, from making Heroldsbach a "site of religious cults" under the threat of canonical punishment.

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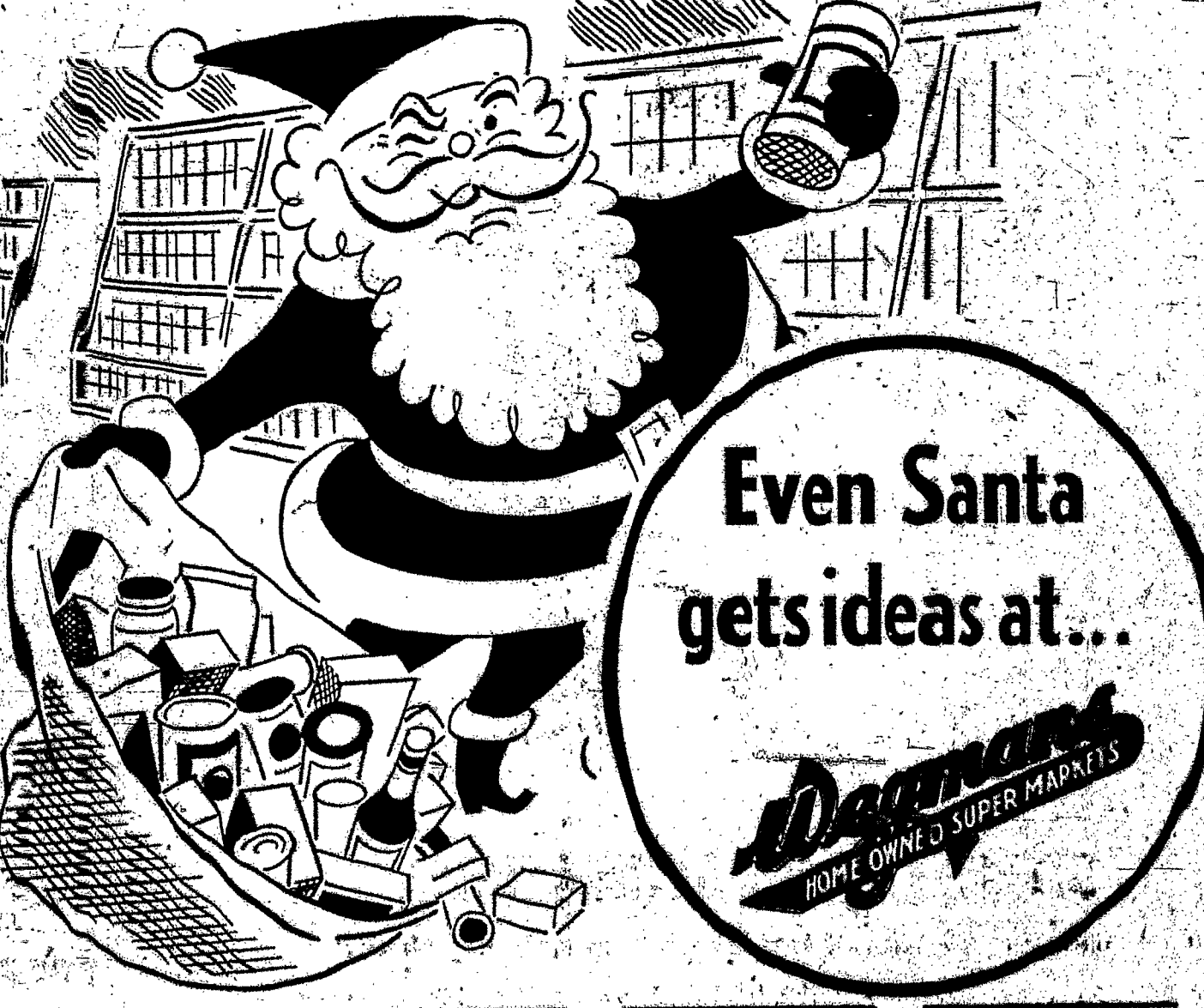
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