

Buffalo Chaplain Gets Bronze Star

Scout — (NC) — Father Paul J. La Duca, O.F.M., Cap. of Buffalo, N. Y., a chaplain with the First Marine Air Wing's Group 12, was decorated with the Bronze Star in a ceremony during the visit of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman to Marine headquarters here. Father La Duca received the decoration from General Clayton C. Jerome, wing commanding general.

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BOOK REVIEW

Gladys Baker's Story

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA

(Professor of Literature, Nazareth College)

I Had To Know by Gladys Baker. Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1951. There is a wonderful person, a personage, living on with us into the New Year of whom we can still make a friend, through the book she wrote as she edged closer and closer to death. Gladys Baker is someone not to miss. She has a high courage, the kind that overlooks what is mean in one she loves or harsh in the event she lives through, and so she has been the heroine of splendid adventures.

THERE ARE no grubby and lackadaisical bitternesses, no waste spaces, in her career. She loved the mother who did not love her, and remembered and

told lovely things to her honor. She found her true-love late; without making trials in the meantime, and married him. She loved her news-reporting career, and rose undaunted to the peak of her profession by "keeping silence in all languages," and as she interviewed the notables of the world she managed to put before most of them the deepest query of her nature, ever seeking an answer that would register as truth in her crystal mind.

The good answers caught there, too, like Chesterton's about his faith, which he said caused a "delirious exuberance" in its new possessor!

FOR THAT WAS her query: "Have you found God? Where is He?" She had at the curious all-time moments that come in all lives, those uncalculated notes, perhaps, between our best responses to grace, suffered that "Invasion-from-without," as Otto Karrer calls it, which is God. Because of her admirable honesty she recognized her creaturely dependence, her utter loneliness and nothingness in the universe, her awareness of a Being Who must be found.

And she found God, not easily but after a long search. Many times, since she was like the rest of mankind more hunted than hunter, she turned from her yearning pursuit of the Divine Hunter, ran from Him.

NO BOOK TELLS us quite so much about the Hunter's assistant, Bishop Fulton Sheen, as does Gladys Baker's story. People and places of general interest abound in it: Vermont, with its quintessence-of-Yankee; Kemal Ataturk, who integrated Turkey with the modern world; G. B. S.; Bertrand Russell, G.K.C.; John O'Brian and his Road to Damascus; the devil, too.

The untold story fascinates as well. How did she get this exciting book written against such odds, even with her phenomenal courage? How is she now managing to combat the mystifying type of protein deficiency which attacked her?

Has science found some more than temporary answer since she penned those last pages? The reader will find himself hoping in so, and that some day we may have more reporting by Gladys Baker.



This striking cover design features the current issue of the Challenge bulletin of the Association of Political Prisoners of Soviet Labor Camps, Inc., New York 19, N. Y., which is doing remarkable work in broadcasting the truth about Communism as experienced by former Soviet citizens. (NC Photos).

Profit-Minded Publishers Hit On Newsstand Fifth

Washington — (NC) — Prompt action by Congress and assistance from an aroused public to stem the flood of obscene magazines, comics and pocket size books onto newsstands across the nation was called for in the report of a special House Committee.

The committee stated that "some of the most offensive infractions of the moral code" occur in the low-cost publications found on the newsstands and the principal appeal of these publications "is to the salacious-minded" or to unsuspecting juveniles.

The committee held that censorship is definitely "not a practicable or adequate answer," but it criticized the publishing industry for being "guided too much by the precepts to clean up its standards."

The committee said that "pornography is big business" and the extent to which the profit motive has brushed aside generally accepted standards of good taste has become a "national disgrace" and a "menace to our civil welfare."

Sex Training Books Issued

Fairson, N. J. — (NC) — Offering tested and approved Christian methods for the sex education of children at varying age levels, a new book, "Parents, Children and The Facts Of Life" by Father Henry V. Sattler, C.S.S.R., has been published here by St. Anthony Guild Press.

FATHER SATTLER explains that the book is for parents, "but not directed at you like a command or a sermon." He explained that the parent-educator committee of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, "under a barrage of appeals from parents, asked the author to undertake this work."

FATHER SATTLER continued: "The author has merely supplied the scientific framework, and the emotional, moral and religious setting within which your practical ideas have been and can be utilized."

The work was approved by the Redemptorist Superior General, and St. Anthony Guild undertook the publication. Father Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., dean of the school of theology at the Catholic University of America, has written a foreword.

Monsignor Knox Explains Gospels

New York — (NC) — Many Gospel passages difficult for the average reader to understand are explained in a new book, "Commentary on the Gospels," by Msgr. Ronald Knox, published here by Sheed and Ward.

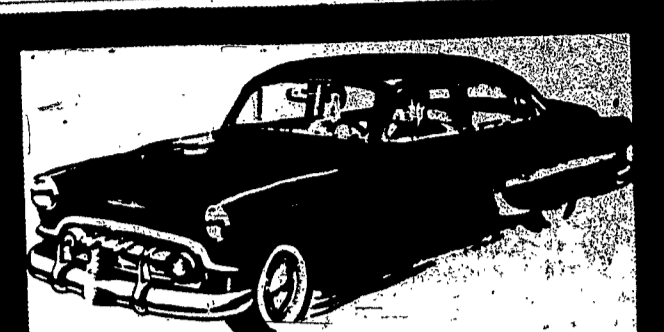
The new work by the celebrated English priest-author and translator of the Bible explains numerous apparent contradictions and obscure passages in the Gospels and describes the circumstances under which they were written.

Monterey-Fresno Bishop Succumbs

Fresno, Calif. — (NC) — Solemn Requiem Mass for Bishop Philip George Scher, 72, of Monterey-Fresno was offered in St. John's Cathedral here.

The Mass was offered by his home throughout his illness.

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Other Real Estate	15,748.13
Accrued Interest Receivable	887,100.11
Other Assets	274,265.74
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Reserve for Interest and General Expense	552,098.20
Reserve for Federal Income and other Taxes	1,398,850.80
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Dividends Declared and Payable February 1st	165,000.00
Capital Funds	19,600,000.00
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