

### 'Good Thief' Mass Slated In Prisons On St. Dismas Day

New York — (NC) — In prisons, reformatories and other correctional institutions throughout the country, the second Sunday in October from this year on will be commemorated as "Good Thief Sunday" as a result of a permission granted by the Holy See, it was announced here.

Through an indulgent granted by the Sacred Congregation of Rites, permission has been given to offer one Mass of the Good Thief in penal institutions of the country on the second Sunday in October, providing it does not fall upon a major feast day.

FOR YEARS, devotees to St. Dismas — as the Good Thief traditionally is known — have been encouraged by Catholic and Protestant prison chaplains, especially among inmates of penal institutions.

Perhaps more than fifty one man Father Ambrose Hyland, veteran chaplain of Clinton Prison at Dannemora, N. Y., promoted the cause of St. Dismas. As the result of his efforts, some years back prisoners at Dannemora built, equipped and decorated a chapel within the prison enclosure which was dedicated to the Good Thief.

Last March, within the ranks of the National Catholic Prison Chaplains' Association, a movement was started to have a day set aside to honor St. Dismas, the Good Thief. Father Gertrude Brinkman, O.F.M., prison chaplain at Joliet, Ill., is president of the association and also heads the National Prison Chaplains' Association, made up of both Catholic and Protestant chaplains.

A LETTER was circulated by the Catholic association to all Catholic chaplains of penal institutions asking their views of a St. Dismas' Day. Eighty-five responded, all in support of the move.

As the next step, the Catholic prison chaplains group sent letters to all members of the American Hierarchy telling of the plan and pointing out that the Franciscans in the Holy Land and the Passarists have a Mass of the Good Thief.

### Diocese Plans Second Drive For Converts

San Diego, Calif. — (NC) — Bishop Charles F. Buddy of San Diego has announced that his diocese will conduct a second campaign for converts. The initial drive in November, 1951, netted more than 3,000 converts.

In a letter to all pastors of the four-county Southern California diocese, Bishop Buddy said the 1951 campaign placed the Diocese of San Diego among the first five in the United States in the convert apostolate.

The work of the second drive will begin at the conclusion of a novena to the Holy Spirit on March 9. The same plan adopted for the 1951 campaign will be followed to bring the churchless to church, the Bishop said.

Lay committees will be organized in each block of the parish to visit all homes in the area and invite individuals and families to church and information forums. They will report their results to the pastor who in turn will file a report with the Bishop.

### Farmer Takes Pity On Seminarians

San Jose, Costa Rica — (NC) — Students in the minor seminary of the San Jose Archdiocese have reason to be grateful to Juan Ruiz, a local big-scale farmer here.

When Senor Ruiz heard that Archbishop Ruben Odio Herrera was being forced to transfer the seminary to a cold and far-away mountain region, he donated a tract of land valued at \$10,000 in the temperate valley of San Jose de la Montana about nine miles from the capital.

### Settles Wildcat Strike



Philadelphia — The Rev. Dennis J. Conroy, S.J., director of the Institute of Industrial Relations at St. Joseph's College here, stands on a truck at this city's waterfront and talks longshoremen into ending their wildcat strike of several days. The Jesuit, known as Philadelphia's "Waterfront priest," has a wide reputation as an arbitrator of port labor disputes. This was the second waterfront strike he has settled in a year.

### Priest's Speech Ends Longshoremen's Strike

Philadelphia — (NC) — A priest who climbed on top of a trailer truck to speak to picketing dock workers ended a strike that threatened to shut down the Port of Philadelphia.

Father Dennis J. Conroy, an arbitrator in waterfront disputes, convinced 120 longshoremen who had walked off the job in a dispute over work assignments to return to their working places.

WHEN THE longshoremen at the Franklin Sugar Refinery ignored Father Conroy's previous request that they comply with an arbitration finding, the priest appeared at the docks, climbed to the top of the truck trailer and told the men they should abide by the working rules that protect them.

"You have good union officers and you ought to respect them," he urged. "If you don't like them, you don't have to elect them. But as your officers you should respect them."

WHEN THE priest ended his talk with "let's go" the men cheered and returned to work. This marked the second time since he was named final arbitrator several months ago that Father Conroy has persuaded groups to avoid strikes.

A waterfront employers' group had threatened to close the entire port if the International Longshoremen's Association, A. F. L., had supported the strikers.

### Church Balks Peron, Says Time Editor

Cincinnati — (NC) — The Catholic Church in Argentina "has given little comfort to the Peron regime," according to Frank Shea, formerly stationed in Buenos Aires for Time and Life magazines.

He said in an interview here that the Church has "carefully, studiously avoided committing itself in favor of the dictatorship" and has done so at a time when "every other organization in Argentina has been forced to commit itself."

MR. SHEA, a Catholic, came here on a Time-sponsored lecture tour. Now a Time editor, he spoke three times at the University of Cincinnati.

There are some Bishops and quite a few priests," he told newspapermen, "who are making pointed attacks on the regime."

He explained that these attacks are made "in a Latino way." He said that while "Peron is not named in sermons," the priests instead call "for more democratic procedures, for more tolerance of the opposition, and so on." Mr. Shea made it clear that there is a "real dictatorship" in Argentina.

### Lawyers To Study For Priesthood

Boston — (NC) — Two successful lawyer brothers, Robert White, 27, and John A. White, 23, have decided to give up their profitable practices to become Catholic priests.

Robert White, who served in the Navy in World War II has entered the Jesuit novitiate at Lenox, Mass. John will join the Trappist Order at Spencer, Mass. He served with the Office of Strategic Services in World War II. They have dissolved the legal firm of White and White.

They are the sons of the late Joseph P. White, Sr., wealthy party. The family home is a founder of a local fuel consular estate near here.

### Reporters Give 'Red Dean' Hard Time

Toronto — (RNS) — Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury (Church of England), told newspaper reporters here that his purpose in coming to Canada was "to tell your people about the great and peaceful work being done in the Soviet Union."

"What about Russia's recent anti-Semitic moves?" he was asked.

"I don't believe Russia is anti-Semitic," Dr. Johnson replied. "Russia may show opposition to certain groups, but it is not anti-Semitic."

"NOW ABOUT the latest arrests on the continent, nearly all of them Jews?" was the next question.

"The 'Red Dean' drew his hand across his eyes."

"Really, I am not in Canada to discuss this thing," he said.

"How about atom bomb production in Russia?"

"You mean atomic energy production, of course," Dr. Johnson said, re-crossing his gattered legs. "There is a difference, you see. They have always said they want to use atomic energy for peaceful purposes."



'RED' DEAN JOHNSON 'Cov Bells'

"ARE THE MIGS peaceful?" a reporter asked.

"I really couldn't say," Dr. Johnson replied. "But Russia is also building great universities, one with 6,000 students has a tel-

scope in every room. I would say there are more students in Moscow than in the whole of England."

"Are you a Communist?" a newspaperman then asked.

"I am a Communist, in the sense that I believe every one must work together," the Anglican churchman said. "Every one is equal. Every one must live on a common level."

DR. JOHNSON parried a subsequent question about his "three country-houses and flat in London" by saying he had "inherited that money" and that "outside England I am a pauper."

The opening engagement at London, Ont., of Dr. Johnson's Canadian speaking tour had to be canceled when students from the University of Western Ontario broke up the meeting by ringing cow bells and popping paper bags.

Unable to speak above the din raised by the college boys, who filled the first 15 rows of the auditorium, the "Red Dean" finally dashed from the platform, out a rear entrance and into his car.

### New Communist Commandment

## 'Hate Thy Mother And Father'

The author of the following article is a Czech refugee priest writing under assumed name to protect friends and relatives in his Red homeland.

By FATHER FRANK NOVAK (Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

Moses' tablets of stone have been broken anew by the Red regime in Czechoslovakia.

Moses received from God on Mount Sinai on a tablet of stone a rule which has been recognized as a pillar of society the thousands of years since: "Honor thy father and thy mother."

That Commandment has been crushed to bits by the Czechoslovak regime by the introduction of a new communist virtue among that country's hapless children—hatred of parents.

ACCORDING TO details coming from behind the Iron Curtain, all school principals have been sent copies of a letter allegedly written by a youth denouncing the traitorous activities of his father and requesting the "death penalty" for him.

The school principals have been instructed to discuss the letter with all pupils, pointing out the heroic courage of the youth

human being—was my greatest and most vicious enemy, because he did not possess a bit of human feeling and dignity.

"I promise that whoever I will work, I will do so as a loyal communist. I know that the hatred of all our enemies who wanted to destroy our ever richer and more joyful life, and especially the hatred of my father will strengthen me always in my fight for the communist future of our people."

"I request that my father be presented to my father and that, if possible, I be allowed to repeat this to him personally."

THE YOUTH WHO allegedly wrote the letter has since committed suicide, word getting out of the country says. It identifies him as Thomas Frenjka the son of a former top communist sentenced to death last November in a Prague purge trial.

The youth's alleged letter was sent to the presiding communist judge a few days before the father was sentenced to death. It reads:

"Honorable comrade, I request that my father be given the most severe punishment, the death penalty. It is clear to me now that this whom I can no longer call a

'Speck' Cartoonist Dies Suddenly

Abbeville, La. — (NC) — William R. "Tut" LeBlanc, originator of the cartoons, "An Altar By Named Speck," died suddenly (Feb. 23) of a heart attack here. Funeral services were held in St. Mary Magdalene church.



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