

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Suppose the Eastern part of the United States were under Communist persecution; suppose every school, hospital, church, rectory and convent had been seized by the Reds; suppose furthermore that thousands of priests and Sisters were imprisoned in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland and elsewhere and about 2 millions of the faithful and a few of the priests who fled persecution all crowded into Long Island as the only spot immune from Communist control. This would be a faint picture of what is happening today in China as about 2 million refugees pour into Hongkong.

Here is the story of some of the camps. In the Junk Bay Camp, there are 10,000 refugees of whom 900 are Catholics. Father Tsao, a Chinese priest, has started a school for the children, a dispensary for the sick, and in two years has baptized 1,200, many of whom are adult converts.

About 10 miles from Hongkong is an iron mine called Ma On Shan where the famished work for 50 cents a day. In one year Father Eleutherius, a Belgian, and Father Wong have baptized 300 while sharing with them the insufferable conditions of hard labor. In Tung Tau Village 12,000 people who lived in huts were all made homeless by fire. Father Trube, Father Wu and Father Yung have built a school which also serves as a church; 800 are now (atholics and 200 are taking instructions.

The heroic story of our missionaries feeding the refugees remind us of Our Lord feeding the hungry multitude. He was then a refugee from Herod, as these priests and Chinese are refugees from Mao-tseung. But though under persecution, the Gospel says: "He had compassion on them because they were as sheep not having a shepherd." The disciples said: "Send them away." But Our Lord answered: "Give them to eat."

The disciples retorted they had only five loaves and two fishes: "Twas the seed time when He blessed the bread 'Twas harvest when He broke."

Christ in this Hour of Tragedy is still feeding the world through the help of His Church, that is through you. There will always be in our Missions a tremendous disproportion between the means at our command and the needs of the pagans.

But now that you know the facts, what is your answer: "Send them away" or "Give them to eat." What you sacrifice is small compared to their needs, but Our Lord will multiply it for them as He will multiply your blessings.

This is what others are doing: GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. A. W. "Enclosed is \$10 in thanks for a good grain crop." . . . GOD LOVE YOU to F. G. "Enclosed is \$5, my sacrifice from what I received from the first lesson of music pupils and money I got for my birthday." . . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. J. N. F. for \$16, "I have promised to send \$4 a month for the Holy Father's Missions as long as I can keep my part time job." . . . GOD LOVE YOU to the Brownies who voted to send \$5 a month to the Missions instead of having parties . . . GOD LOVE YOU to H. D. for \$15 which she saved from tips she received as a waitress . . . GOD LOVE YOU to E. D. "Enclosed is \$9.50 which represents a denial of some entertainers for this season." . . . GOD LOVE YOU to F. J. for \$5. "I am most happy to send God his 'cut' on the sale of our old jalopy." . . . GOD LOVE YOU to R. W. for \$8.51. "When this check came, immediately flashed through my mind all the things I have been wanting. Then in the afternoon when I was saying the Rosary, I remembered the Missions."

Pray this week especially for China. If you have the yellow decade on your Rosary, you will always remember. Send in your request along with a \$2 offering, and you will receive a World Mission Rosary with an explanation of the five missionary continents.

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, 100 East 28th Street, New York 16, New York, or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Magr. John B. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Doctorates Awarded 3 Nazareth College Professors, One Earns Master's Degree

By WALT KOLBENK

Three Nazareth College professors — a priest, a nun and a layman — will be awarded Doctor of Philosophy degrees early next month and a lay woman instructor will receive the Master of Arts degree. They were notified officially that their dissertations had been accepted to fulfill the major requirement for the degrees.

The Rev. William A. Shannon, college chaplain and professor of Sacred Theology, will receive the doctorate in history from the University of Ottawa, Canada. He wrote his dissertation on "The Religious Question in New York State."

Sister Marie Augustina, chairman of the chemistry department, will receive the doctorate in biochemistry from the Institution Divi Thomas, Cincinnati, O. Her topic was "Mechanism of the Inhibition of Enzyme Reactions by the Phenylmercury Radical."

Prof. William R. Gwin, chairman of the history department, will receive his Ph.D. from Notre Dame University. Title of his dissertation is "Uncle Joe Cannon: Arch Foe of Insurgency."

Miss Mary Teresa Bush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Bush, 485 Rockingham St., instructor in history, will receive the M.A. from Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. Her topic was "Robert F. Wagner: A Study in Christian Liberalism."

Father Shannon's investigation concerns the wearing of religious habits by Catholic nuns while teaching in state-supported public schools. This practice — not at all uncommon in New York State in the last quarter of the 19th century, and still in effect in some states today — was an attempt to compromise the differences between those favoring parochial education and the public school system.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS in such places as Poughkeepsie, Suspension Bridge (now Niagara Falls), Lima and Ogdensburg were hampered by lack of funds. Public schools were also lacking funds with which to provide needed classrooms. Therefore, local boards of education leased parochial school buildings and retained the nuns, hiring them under contract as public school teachers.

Religion instruction was given only before or after regular school hours so that non-Catholic children were not required to participate.

Father Shannon discusses objections raised to the effect that the nuns' habits constituted a strong religious influence in the classroom and thus violated the principle of separation of Church and State.

THE PLAN, prohibited by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was eventually found, by the courts, to violate the state constitution, which forbids state aid to schools under the direction of a religious denomination. In the celebrated Lima Case of 1906, the Court of Appeals dealt a death-blow to the "compromise plan" when it upheld the superintendent's right to prohibit teachers in public schools wearing religious garb.

Sister Marie Augustina's investigation centered on the chemical interactions of organic mercurial compounds and reactive groups of proteins, and the effect of such compounds on several respiratory enzyme systems. Enzymes are organic catalysts produced by living organisms whose function is to speed up reactions by living things.

She found that while eight phenylmercury compounds prepared had comparable inhibitory effects, there is one group of phenylmercury derivatives to which the enzymes are not sensitive. This finding, she said, opens up a further field of research; to determine the germicidal properties of this group as compared with the others.

Prof. Gwin's dissertation has as its subject Joseph Cannon, Illinois Republican, whose all-time record for service in the House of Representatives — 48 years —



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was just recently tied by an Illinois Democrat, Adolph Sabath. He emphasizes the changes in rules governing House procedure that resulted from Cannon's career as Speaker.

A conservative, whom Prof. Gwin calls a "sophisticated rustic," Cannon was Speaker from 1903 until 1911, during the administrations of Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. In that role he drew fire from progressives, or insurgents, in his

own party who charged that his tyrannical system of "Cannonism" prevented the passage of reform legislation such as conservation measures and pure food laws.

A revolt beginning in 1910, led by George W. Norris, reduced the Speaker's power; he could no longer be a member of the rules committee or appoint the standing committee. Since then, authority in the House has been diffused, with the chain of responsibility no longer so evident.

Subject of Miss Bush's dissertation is former Senator Robert F. Wagner, New York State Democrat, who died last week. He was the sponsor of such social-welfare legislation as the Social Security Act, National Labor Relations Act, United States Housing Act and the Full-Employment Bill.

"Probably no other man representing New York State," she wrote, "has approached Wagner's record in constructive statesmanship and in service to the average man."

On the basis of his own speeches, letters and press releases, she analyzes Wagner's ideas of democracy, law, power and the federal government and in that role he drew fire from progressives, or insurgents, in his

Geneva Volunteer Firemen Hear Tribute By Priest

Geneva—Tributes to volunteer firemen were paid by the Rev. John V. Loughlin, assistant pastor of St. Francis deSales Church, Assemblyman Thompson-School and Mayor Erie

at the annual banquet of the County Volunteer Firemen's Association. A former U. S. Navy Chaplain with the Marines, Father Loughlin speaking as a clergyman whose experience has been in instances requiring cooperation, stressed that significant results in group movements can be achieved only by the willing cooperation of every participating member.

VOLUNTEER FIRE companies, he said, are examples of successful group effort. Assemblyman Soon chose his experience in the State Legislature to exemplify the power of which the volunteer firemen have. Legislators respect them, he

said, because they are powerful and "at the same time reasonable." Mayor Rogers spoke as a public official and a fellow fireman. He praised the willingness of American citizens to organize in such groups to protect the common good.

Malcolm Hunter, former county fire instructor, was presented a gift in recognition of his service. Stuart French, newly-appointed fire instructor, was introduced to the association members.

After the banquet diplomas were awarded to 48 firemen who completed the advanced course of the county fire training school.

St. Helen's Group Lists Dr. Jaenike

Members of St. Helen's Altar Society will meet in the school auditorium, Wednesday, May 13 following Benediction at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Raymond Yeoman will preside.

Dr. Richard C. Jaenike of Strong Memorial Hospital will speak. Mrs. Bernard Haley is in charge of refreshments.

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