



**MISSIONED MINDS:** Aquinas Institute students make a report to the national director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, His Excellency Bishop Fulton J. Sheen on his visit to the school, Thursday, June 1. In first photo, check for \$2,000 is

presented by the Rev. Arthur Looby, C.S.B., director of Missions at Aquinas to Bishop Sheen with Larry Oberlies, student body president and Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, diocesan director of missions watching. Center, Bishop Sheen autographs

copies of "The Arcs" senior year book for (from left) Fr. Richard Karl, Robert Meleyer, Brother Carl Brasley, O.M.I., Anthony Bonaldi and Oberlies. At right, a truck valued with all equipment at \$500 and raised with the help of other Catholics

Student Crusade units in the city to be used in Brother Oberlies' mission in Saskatchewan furnishes background for Father Looby, Bishop Sheen and Brother Carl. (Vardon Studio photos)

### Aquinas Mission Record Hailed By Bishop Sheen

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and widely known television star, was brought to Aquinas Institute, Thursday, to hear the record-breaking report of the school's Catholic Student Mission Crusade.

The national director heard the Rev. Arthur C. Looby, C.S.B., director of the Aquinas Unit report that 150 high school students donated the unprecedented total of \$4,070.32 during the year for the missions at home and abroad.

Marking the occasion of Bishop Sheen's first visit as national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to Aquinas, a check for \$2,000 was presented to him by Father Looby.

ACCOMPANIED by the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith, Bishop Sheen also paid an unexpected call at Our Lady of Mercy High School where he honored students and faculty with a scroll marking the school's twenty-five years of mission support.

At Aquinas, Bishop Sheen held a capacity audience for 30 min-

utes with a citation of mission figures and statistics which greatly impressed the student body. He acclaimed faculty and students for their deep devotion to the spread of Christ's Gospel throughout the world as evidenced by their 1952-1953 record.

FATHER LOOBY noted the presence of Bishop Sheen at the school as a "great tribute to our mission work and we say to him, 'God love you' for this fine gesture."

The sum of \$24,070 was accumulated mainly through five projects at the Basilian Fathers' Boys' High School. Projects and amounts reported are: Homeroom Collections, \$13,470; Christmas cards, \$3,000; Mission Bout Tickets, \$3,500; Mission Bout Programs, \$1,700 and Brother Carl Brasley, O.M.I., former Aquinas student presented with a new 1953 International truck for his work among the Indians and Eskimos in Northern Canada, \$2,000.

Reported also was the dedication of St. John Fisher Church

in Texas for which the mission-minded students gave \$10,000; the continual flow of stamps and medicines from Aquinas to the Basilian Mexican missions in Texas and the Christmas Card sale of more than 300 boxes.

CITED FOR THEIR outstanding work were students of Home Room 320 directed by the Rev. Joseph O'Reilly, C.S.B., moderator, who finished the year by raising \$1,705.69. Father O'Reilly, William Bell and Donald Barge flew to Texas to represent the Aquinas CSMC at the St. John Fisher church dedication.

On his visit to Our Lady of Mercy High School, Bishop Sheen after describing the martyrdom undergone by missionaries who defy Communism presented an illuminated scroll praising the girls for raising \$48,978.53 to the Fides Society during the school's 25 year history.

PRESENTATION was made to Margaret Hickey, president of the Mercy CSMC unit. After Father Torrey made the amount, \$50,000, Miss Hickey turned over to the distinguished prelate the sum of \$300 collected by the pupils in the last month.

The amount she explained is the first of Mercy's contribution to mission work in the school's second quarter century.



CITATION from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is presented by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, national director to Margaret Hickey, president of Our Lady of Mercy High School mission unit congratulating school on Silver Jubilee and in recognition of 25 years of mission support by the school.

### China Bishop Freed Wearing Red Uniform

Hong Kong — (NC) — A German-born Bishop has arrived here from Red China after his release from 21 months of imprisonment in Tsingtao. Deprived of his clerical garments, he was dressed in a communist uniform on his arrival.

The released prelate is Bishop Augustine Olbert of Tsingtao, a 58-year-old native of Dossenheim, Germany. Arriving here with him aboard the steamship Hupeh were five German Divine Word priests and two nuns. All had been imprisoned by the Reds.

The group brought word that Brother Matthew Swift, S.V.D., of Waseca, Minn., is still being held in jail in Tsingtao. He is one of 31 American Catholic missionaries still in Red China.

Named Law Dean St. Louis — (NC) — James N. McDonough, 42, law professor at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, has been appointed dean of the law school of St. Louis University here, it was announced.

### Polish Church Combats Atheist School Program

London — (NC) — The Catholic Church in Poland has set up a new program of religious instruction to cope with the menace of an expanding atheist school system.

The atheistic schools are conducted by an allegedly private organization known as the Society of Friends of Children. However, it has been receiving help and encouragement from the Communist government. In some areas government schools have been turned over to the atheist agency.

THE SOCIETY'S schools are not subject to the prowar law, still on the books, making religious instruction part of the public school curriculum. In the 1950 Church-State agreement the government pledged that it would not reduce the number of hours assigned to religious instruction in the public schools. To dodge this obligation it has turned many of its schools over to the Society of Friends of Children.

To cope with this situation the Church has set up a six-year course of catechetical instruction to be imparted to children in the churches. Details of the program are revealed in reports coming from various dioceses in Poland. The first two years of instruction are entrusted to women cate-

chists. Advanced instructions are given by priests.

THE FIRST year's instruction is designed for children of pre-school age; the second for children of from seven to eight years; the third for children up to nine years. These three years are preparatory for Confession.

The fourth year, for children up to ten years of age, prepares them for their First Communion. The two final years are aimed at preparing the children for Confirmation.

The new program, together with the religious instruction imparted to children at home, is promising to do a good job of countering the atheistic propaganda fed them in the schools.

Spanish Priests Madrid, Spain — (NC) — The Spanish Minister of Education, Joaquin Ruiz Jimenez, presided at a ceremony in the Teatro Espanol here honoring 20 Redemptorist priests leaving for mission work in priest-scarce Latin America.

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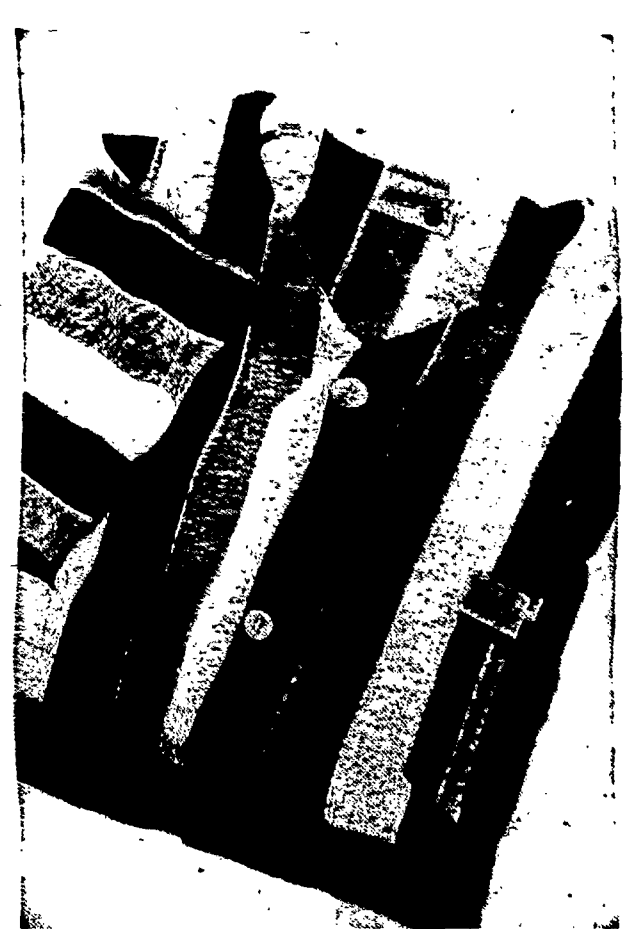


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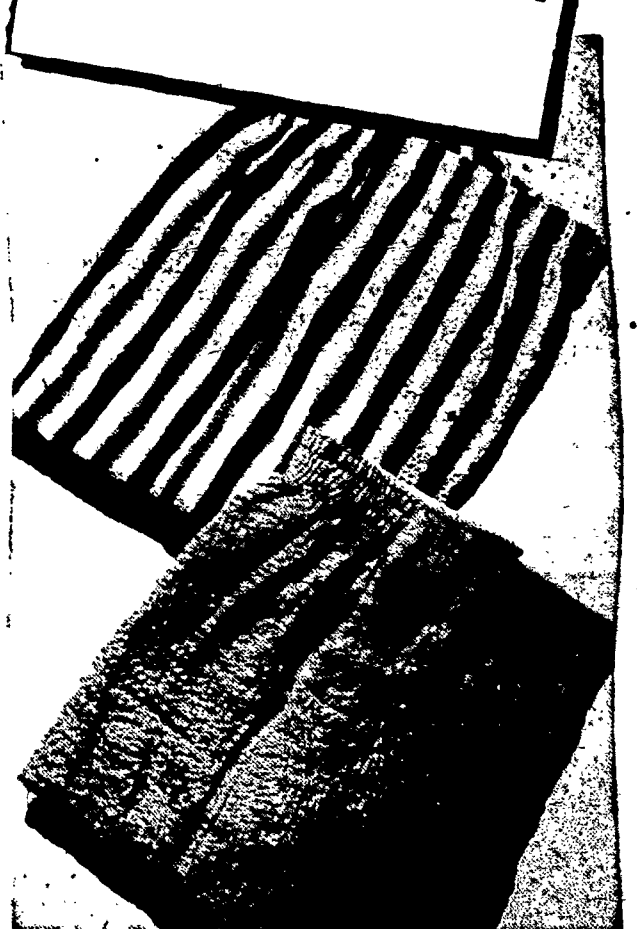


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