

# Protestant Digest Linked By Congress To Communist Plot

Washington — (NC) — A Congressional committee will soon publish testimony that the magazine The Protestant Digest, later known as The Protestant, was printed as part of "a Communist plot" to cause strife between Protestants and Catholics in the United States.

This was promised by members of the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities at the lengthy hearing in which Bishop C. Bromley Oxman of the Methodist Church defended his record before that group.

The committee ended a 10-hour session by adopting, without a dissenting voice, a resolution stating that it found "no record of any Communist Party membership or affiliation" by Bishop Oxman. But evidence introduced by the committee's counsel showed instance after instance where Bishop Oxman's name had been used by various organizations and activities which later were cited as being subversive. Some committee members said after the hearing that, for one reason or another, the Bishop had been led into suspicious company.

BISHOP OXMAN asked the committee "to note that my relations with The Protestant Digest and all the other organizations was prior to the time they were subversive."

Committee members differed among themselves afterwards as to what the hearing established and Rep. Harold H. Velde of Illinois, committee chairman, said it was "impossible to make any definite conclusions" until the committee has received the additional information which Bishop Oxman promised to submit.

The Bishop, who appeared at his own request, came to the hearing well prepared to answer some questions, but expressed surprise at the range that the committee's questioning took. He asked to be permitted to consult files which he did not have with him, and to submit the answers after the hearing.

EARLY IN THE hearing, committee counsel introduced evidence that Bishop Oxman was for some time an editorial adviser to the magazine The Protestant Digest. Members of the committee questioned the witness closely on this point. Rep. Klt Ciardy

of Michigan showed particular interest. He announced that the committee has taken a good deal of testimony, and would soon print it, showing that "this magazine was printed as the result of a Communist plot."

The testimony will show, it was said, that the Communists hoped to stir up differences between Protestants and Catholics in this country.

## Truman Asks Copy Of Tobin Eulogy For His Library

Boston — (NC) — Former President Harry S. Truman has requested autographed copy of the sermon Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston delivered at the requiem Mass for Maurice J. Tobin, Secretary of Labor in the Truman cabinet.

Truman, who attended the funeral Mass in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross here, said he would like a copy of the sermon for the Truman Memorial Library to be built in Missouri.

Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts said she would have the sermon printed in the Congressional Record.

## Boston Slates Evening Masses

Boston — (NC) — Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston announced that evening Masses may be celebrated in churches and missions throughout his archdiocese on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15.

In granting permission for Masses between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. for the first time in his See since the Apostolic Constitution "Christus Dominus" was issued last winter, the Archbishop said the concession was made particularly for working people who might not otherwise be able to attend Mass and receive Communion on this point. Rep. Klt Ciardy

# Former Rabbi, Convert, Teaches Priests, Nuns

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — A former Grand Rabbi of Rome and director of the rabbinical college in the Eternal City is now teaching a Christian liturgy course to priests, Brothers and Sisters attending Notre Dame's summer session.

Professor Eugenio Zolli, who became a convert to Catholicism at the end of World War II, is on summer leave from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome where he was appointed a faculty member by Pope Pius XII.

"A FULL understanding of the customs and language of the Hebrew culture in which Christ lived is necessary for an accurate interpretation of the Gospels," Professor Zolli says. It is this understanding of the Hebrew background to the Christian faith which he presents to his students.

Internationally recognized as an authority in the study of Semitic philology, Professor Zolli was forced to discontinue his teaching in that field by Benito Mussolini. With great effort and determination he continued to serve the Jewish people during the Nazi occupation of Italy.

THE SHORT, graying professor, who punctuates his conversation with vigorous gestures, tells of a strange experience a short time after his conversion.

While teaching at the Gregorian University in Rome, Zolli recalls, he met an elderly woman who said she had been his former student in Trieste 35 years earlier. She told how she had heard a voice one day in her Trieste home which urged her to go to



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Rabbi Zolli and tell him that he must have faith, that his conversion was near at hand.

The woman explained she had been afraid to see Zolli since at that time he was Grand Rabbi of Rome and she feared what his reaction to her message might be. About six months later she learned that Zolli had embraced the Catholic faith.

# Litany Of Ireland's Saints Makes Up Irish Air Fleet

Shannon Airport, Ireland — "St. Patrick arriving on runway five from Dublin."

The announcement came in rich brogue but it was no blarney. Up the runway, as sleek as you please, taxied St. Patrick himself, the pride of the Aer Lingus fleet.

There's a whole litany of Irish saints in the Aer Lingus fleet. Besides St. Patrick, other planes are named for St. Brigid, St. Columville, St. Malachy, St. Alden, St. Albert, St. Flinian, St. Colman, St. Laurence O'Toole, St. Brendan, St. Enda, St. Flannan, St. St. Senan and St. Flannan.

Fittingly enough, many of these saints were intrepid travelers, carrying on apostolic labors in many parts of Europe. Founded in 1936, with every 17 years ago, Aer Lingus has won all kinds of air safety awards.

# N. D. Counters Challenge On T. V. Station

Washington — (NC) — The University of Notre Dame told the Federal Communications Commission that its operation of a commercial television station in South Bend, Ind., would be wholly within the law.

Counsel for the institution declared that Notre Dame itself—not the Congregation of the Holy Cross—would own the station through a subsidiary, the Michigan Telecasting Corp.

THE NEW South Bend Broadcasting Corp., which is competing with Notre Dame for an exclusive TV license in South Bend, had challenged the university's right to run a commercial station on grounds that three aliens might be connected with the operation.

New South Bend contended that three of the six superiors who govern the Congregation of the Holy Cross—whose priests conduct Notre Dame—are not Americans, and that federal regulations specify that no officer or director of a station may be an alien. It said that Notre Dame's trustees are appointed by a provincial who could be subject to the authority of a superior general who might not be an American.

IN ITS REPLY, Notre Dame said that its trustees are American citizens operating under Indiana law, and that their membership in the religious congregation has nothing to do with their function in operating the school.

Answering the New South Bend contention that Notre Dame's legislative charter from Indiana specifically prohibits its engaging in any commercial operations, the university said that the station would be operated by its subsidiary and that Michigan does have the power to run a commercial television station.

## Georgetown Given Research Grant

Washington — (NC) — Georgetown University has received a grant of \$18,000 from the American Council of Learned Societies for research in three Asiatic languages. It was announced here by Father Edward B. Bunn, S.J., president of the university. The research will be conducted at the university's Institute of Languages and Linguistics.

# Archbishop Cushing Raps 'What's Your Racket?' Attitude; Urges Return To 'Sense Of Vocation'

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — The basic reason there is a lack of religious vocations today is that people generally do not have the "sense of vocation" they once had.

And this missing "sense of vocation" does not only apply to religious life but to every phase of human activity, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston told the Seventh Annual Convocation of the Vocation Institute at Notre Dame University here.

"Our embarrassment about vocations," Archbishop Cushing said, "is due not so much to lack of inspiration on the part of parents or to a lack of leadership on the part of teachers or to a lack of seriousness on the part of students as it is to the decline, not to say the death of the very sense of vocation itself in modern civilization."

THERE WILL be a shortage of vocations, he emphasized, until we restore the "sense" to the "practical philosophy of our civilization."

More than 800 priests, religious and laymen in religious vocational work heard the Archbishop deliver his keynote address. The Vocation Institute met for three days and explored all the multiple problems in the vocational field.

Referring to what people have come to think about vo-



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ocations, Archbishop Cushing said that the cynical questions now almost universally asked are: "What's his racket? What racket is she in?" This bland cynicism, he continued, "reflects a lamentably widespread feeling that we work only to live; that there is no point in work itself except what you

get out of it, in the way of financial returns, prestige and satisfactions or access to power."

To help remedy this situation, Archbishop Cushing told the institute it was necessary to do more than talk about vocations in an incidental student counseling program or to set aside an occasional day to talk about vocations. "We must get the sense of vocation back into our classrooms from the kindergarten through the college," as part of the student's daily life, he said. He emphasized that what is needed is the reaffirmation of the sense and value of vocations through all areas and interests of every-day life.

"WE WHO ARE teachers, spiritual advisors and preachers to the young must correct this sad degeneration of values," Archbishop Cushing observed.

"This is another way of saying that we must make clear the reality of purpose in life, of purpose appointed by God and of the tremendous spiritual dignity of persons who try to discover and to achieve the purposes God had in mind when He created them."

"In the absence of a strong sense of purpose, life becomes meaningless, and for millions of people, almost unbearable in its aimlessness. . . . If all life and all action become meaningless, hit or miss, willy-nilly, then these have ceased to be human and cannot possibly become in any sense Divine."

Archbishop Cushing pointed out that the great questions in American education have been "What?" or "How?" The great question, he urged, must again be "Why?" Because human nature is not satisfied unless it is given an answer to the "why of things," the problems posed by the lack of vocations "will not be solved until students are 'Why-conscious' about life," the Archbishop said.

If by teaching and preaching, Archbishop Cushing concluded, "we can restore a sense of vocation, then we will have better and happier spouses, more and abler public officials, professional people and workers—and, together with these, new armies of young men and women eager to find their vocation in the religious service of mankind and glorification of God."

## Mathews Denies He Accused Catholic, Jewish Clergymen

New York — (RNS) — J. B. Mathews, recently ousted staff director of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's subcommittee on investigations, denied here that he had said he knew Roman Catholic and Jewish clergymen who supported the Communist apparatus in the United States.

Mr. Mathews labeled as "lies" press reports emanating from Washington, D. C., that he had given such information to reporters.

HE WAS alleged to have said that in the article that led to his dismissal he did not mention any priests and rabbis because it dealt only with Protestants.

Mr. Mathews, a former Methodist minister, was a fellow-traveler before he went to work for the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1938.

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