

### 'The Real McCoy' Former World Champion Seeks Another Crown

Los Angeles — (NC) — Al McCoy, 60, onetime middle-weight champion of the world, now sees himself in a much bigger ring than that of his fighting days. He's joined the Catholic Church in a battle to save his soul.

Mr. McCoy won the middle-weight title when he downed George Chip back in 1914, and held it until November 14, 1917, when Mike O'Dowd defeated him in the sixth round in Brooklyn. Long retired from active fighting, he's been living in southern California for some time.

IN AN INTERVIEW with the Tidings, Los Angeles archdiocese weekly, Al McCoy said it took a lot to get him into the Church. In the first place, he says, his parents were Russian Jews—he was born Al Rudolph—and he has five sisters and four brothers who don't even believe in God. But he gives a lot of credit for his conversion to his second wife, Ruth, who died in 1950.

For another thing, he says an audience he had with Pope Benedict XV back in 1915 when he was touring Europe made a lasting impression. When he arrived at the Vatican, he says, he had a Swiss Guard take his calling card to the Holy Father. It read: "Al McCoy, Champion of the World." That didn't phase the Pope at all, he recalls, and he and the Pontiff chatted informally for about half an hour. As he was leaving, the Pope blessed a rosary and told the fighter to

take it back with him to America—and Mr. McCoy is still carrying it around.

Mr. McCoy also says he just never could understand why so many Protestant churches "play down" the Blessed Virgin. "If she was good enough to be the mother of God, she ought to be important enough to pray to," he holds.

### St. Laurent Foresees Minister To Vatican

Thetford Mines, Que.—(NC) —Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent believes that Canada eventually will have an ambassador at the Vatican.

He indicated during a campaign speech here that if such an appointment depended only on the Federal Cabinet it would already have been made. The majority of the ministers were in favor of such an appointment, he noted.

However, St. Laurent said, there are still some people who feel that such an appointment would be an insult to their religion. They were wrong, he said, since it is not a religious question, but a political one.

### Negro Attacks Insurance Firms Discrimination

New York —(NC)—The deletion of color and nationality from insurance applications was seen as "the way to secure fair treatment for Negroes and other minorities in the issuance of life insurance," by Richard Harris, a Negro insurance agent, speaking at the Catholic Interracial Forum here.

He contends that if mention of the color and nationality of applicants were omitted, insurance underwriters would find it necessary to base their decisions "not on color, but on the basis of the physical aspects of the applicant and the doctor's report."

"Negroes don't die off any faster, or a ratio, than Whites do," Harris stated. "They are being exploited, not because of physical disability, but because of their economic insecurity—the concern that a man may lose his job because of his color and so be unable to pay premiums."

"It was because of the injustices of certain companies that Negro insurance companies were formed," Mr. Harris said. The proof that better insurance terms can be made available to Negroes, he stated, is in the fact that in areas where Negro insurance companies have been chartered the large insurance companies give better terms to them than they do elsewhere.

### The Libraries Of Spain . . .

by Sister M. Dominic, M.A., M.S.I.S. (Director of the Library, Nazareth College, Rochester, N. Y.)

Sister M. Dominic, who is traveling in Europe this summer with her companion, Sister Margaret Teresa (see editorial page), wrote the following summary of her visit to the chief libraries of Spain. This communique is addressed to Reverend Mother M. Helen, superior general of the Sisters of St. Joseph, with whose kind permission the following is published.

Dear Mother Helen,

We have a couple of hours free, the first since visiting any libraries, so it is "now or never" for a few ideas of what we have been seeing in the line of books and libraries. I'll leave the wonders of St. Peter's, the Vatican, classical Rome, the Scala Sancta, the basilica, shrines, etc. to Sister Margaret Teresa.

I have been sending cards home of all these places, and I also bought two beautiful view books to refresh our memory. These I sent home, and it would be nice if somebody would bring them home to you from the college, so that you and the Sisters may enjoy them.

WHEN WE WENT TO Avila, we did not expect to see a library and were not supposed to see it. Our guide managed to get it opened for us, and once the librarian knew we really were interested, she was hard to break away from him. In fact, this has been our experience everywhere: hard to get in, but also hard to get out!

To our amazement the Library contains 36,000 volumes, all of Teresian interest. Most of her works, letters, notes, signatures are in this library along with many other historical works about Avila, the Carmelites, and their many foundations. There are found works of St. John of the Cross, St. Peter Alcantara, and of many Carmelites. There is also a large collection of Papal Bulls, very well preserved and very legible.

It is thrilling to look at the signatures of the early Popes and the handwriting of their secretaries. Some are even written by the Popes, and so many were acknowledgments of donations for missions and for poor churches.

THERE WERE many display cases of manuscripts, beautifully illuminated, some bound in velvet and decorated with jewels and gold hinges and clasps. They are priceless, of course. There were missals (altars), Books of Hours, Breviaries, and huge antiphonals. These last are still being used in the choir of St. Vincent's Church in Avila. I measured the one on the great lectern behind the main altar and found it to be four feet high and when opened the two pages, spread, measured six feet. It is parchment, of course, with such large notation that it can be read by the group of singers who chant from it at a distance. It is 16th century work.

It would take a long time to tell you about this church of St. Vincent, but I must tell you that he and his two sisters were martyred and buried in a cave now directly under the main altar. They died in the 4th century and one Sister was Sabina.

There are so many things to tell about Avila! Imagine standing in the very cell of St. Teresa, at the confessional grille where she confessed to St. John of the Cross, at the grill where she saw in vision Christ at the pillar, replacing the young man with whom she had been visiting too long. The rest must wait. Escorial deserves so much!

I ALMOST FORGOT to tell you that this library is in the house of the grandmother of St. Teresa. In fact, her little play garden is still preserved. The Marques de las Piedras Albas acquired this home and made it into a palace, acquiring the books, acting as first librarian, organizing a remarkable museum, and spending his wealth and very life on it. In later days he came to it with his family, only for a vacation. The present librarian succeeded him only a few years ago. He had worked with the Marques for years.

There are bound books in this library which are handwritten copies of rare books the Marques could not buy. From 1829 until 1941 he spent all his time simply copying the great treasures in European libraries which he could not acquire. He did manage to collect 450 Incunabula, one hundred nineteen editions of "Don Quixote" and some rare items of Shakespeareans.

Now, the Escorial! Dr. Nicolas went with us to Escorial as well as to Avila and to the Biblioteca Nacional in Madrid. To begin with, Escorial is mammoth. It lacks architectural beauty, but it was never intended to have it. It is really a fortified castle. The cards I sent to various people will serve to give some idea of its immensity. It would take many books to describe its paintings, sculptures, ceramics, tapestries, etc.

ITS LIBRARY, however, I want to tell you about very briefly. Practically every book in it is a rare book, or counted among the Incunabula. Its manuscripts leave one breathless—and me in tears. Things I had tried to picture—right before my eyes! It was unbelievable and such a great joy! I can never be sufficiently thankful to you and Sister Rose Angela and to the Community.

made me very curious. I always knew the game was very complicated, but this book amazed everybody. Most of the tourists decided to keep to Canada! d'no kin!"

A VERY CURIOS and instructive book was the "Lapidario," a large, well illustrated treatise on the properties of stones, their colors, sizes, etc. Another book "The Tournament" attracted much attention. I am still wondering how such a map as we saw could have been done with any approach to accuracy. That was the "Map of the World before the discovery of America."

WE SAW ALSO the "Natural History" done by Pliny, and owned by Charles V. In showing Livy's "Roman History," they were very proud to say that Livy is the first one to mention the name "Toledo" in a work. We were told that Father Zuleta was the Librarian of the Escorial just before Philip II came to the throne. He was the first historian of the Escorial, and it was he who had the ceiling frescoes done to represent the Library's dedication to the seven liberal arts.

The endless halls, rooms, galleries, staircases, etc. would mean an endless letter. Just this the table in the State dining room seats 150 persons and it was used recently by Franco. By the way, he goes to the Escorial very seldom, only to receive new ambassadors, entertain rulers, etc. He has never sat on the throne. He stands sometimes for two hours, just in front of the "Tirra" Magazine notwithstanding. Everyone in Spain seems to be right behind him. The Irish Ambassador says he is an excellent Catholic. I am so glad to hear it from such a source. Dr. Owen Maguire always said the same.

ONE LAST THING—every book in the library is gilt-edged and shelved with the gilt or front edge out. Library markings, corresponding to our call numbers, are on this front edge instead of on the spine. That was the way

A Bible in Latin from the fourteenth century, done while the Arabs were still in Spain, was particularly beautiful and showed the Arabic influence in its ornamentation.

THE MOST important book in the entire library was the "Codex Aureo." All the printing is in gold and it was finished in 1039. One could easily believe the gold had been applied yesterday, so brightly does it shine.

The Virgil Codex of 976 is famous to all book lovers and librarians, and there it was right before us. Then there was the Codex Emilianus, finished in 802, and the "Hymnos" of the Virgin, in Byzantine style, but written in Greek, and finished in the same century.

One of the most interesting of the Incunabula was the "Liber Hymnorum" done at Zaragoza in 1481. Sister Rose Gonzaga probably knows all about this famous book. An interesting book was one called the "Rules of Chess," a very large book, highly illustrative, and one that

### Garbed Nuns Barred In Idaho Public Schools

Grangeville, Ida. — (RNS) — Garbed nuns will not teach in Idaho County public schools this year.

The decision to bar them was made by a 3 to 2 vote at a stormy session of the trustees of the County school district, which covers an area larger than the state of Massachusetts.

ONE TRUSTEE said the action was prompted by the failure of state Atty. Gen. Robert Smylie to give an opinion on the legality of teachers wearing religious habits in the classrooms.

School authorities here had asked for the opinion in June. Seven Benedictine nuns have been teaching in the Green creek elementary and high school and two nuns at the Keuterville grade school.

NUNS HAVE taught in these communities for almost 40 years. Last year the school board removed sisters from a school at Ferdinand when Fred Paulfest, Ferdinand resident, protested. Mr. Paulfest then agreed not to press any complaint against use of the nuns as teachers at Green creek and Keuterville.

The vote on the question of nuns being assigned as teachers this year was taken when Mother M. Eugenia, Superior of St. Gertrude's Convent at Cottonwood, asked the board for a statement of district teacher needs for the coming term.

Dominican Transferred Dubuque, Iowa — (NC) — Father Joseph B. Malvey, O.P., professor of religion at Lorain College here, has been named pastor of Holy Rosary parish in Houston, Tex. A native of Philadelphia, Father Malvey was ordained in 1941.

They marked them in those early days. All books were behind screened and locked doors, available to scholars. There were many busy at work and almost no supervision!

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