

Observance Slated For Bible Week

Washington—(NC)—The third annual Catholic Bible Week will be conducted from February 14-21. It has been announced here by Father Louis F. Hartman, C.S.S.R., executive secretary of the Catholic Biblical Association. The opening of Bible Week this year, coincides with Septuagesima Sunday, the day on which Bible Sunday was commemorated in the United States from 1941 to 1951.

Father Coughlin Links Red Gains To Satanic Power

Detroit — (NC) — The battle for freedom and the Christian way of life is not only against super bombs and the Kremlin and Malenkov, powers and principalities mentioned by St. Paul, Father Coughlin emphasized to 1,000 men of the First Friday Club at a luncheon meeting here. Making his first public address of the Little Flower, Royal Oak since 1939 outside of the Shrine Mich., of which he is pastor, Father Coughlin said that while it is necessary to build material armaments against possible attack, the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God must not be forgotten in the struggle against Satan's cohorts and the struggle for the free world.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

OUR Lord one day called a young man to be His disciple. The youth pleaded: "Suffer me first to go bury my father." But Jesus said unto him: "Follow me and let the dead bury their dead."

The habit of putting other duties before we attend to the highest claims of Christ is full of danger; once we put Our Lord into second place, even for a good natural reason, there may be no end to doing it the rest of our lives. It is so easy to say: "I will help Christ be known in India; I will sacrifice to cure the lepers in Japan; I will aid in teaching the natives of New Guinea—but a little later on." According to Our Lord, we may never say: "Let me bury my father and then I will come." As He put it at another time: "He that loveth father and mother more than Me is not worthy of Me."

Because so many make Our Lord second to their comfort, the Communists have come into the world to seize the heroic souls and to demand of them the same surrender to evil that Our Lord demanded of us for good. It is amazing how often the Communists tell our missionaries in China: "Remember the Devil is the head of our government. The Devil is our Master." (Chinese youths are in some instances told to kill their "reactionary" parents before they can become Communist Party members. This has sacrifice been perverted by the Reds because we who profess Christ have not done it ourselves or asked others to do it.)

Today all claims sink into nothingness before the choice—Christ or the Devil. Within fifty years there will be no more Peter Pans; we will either gather with Peter the Rock, or we will scatter with Pan or Communism. The procrastination, the broadminded, the indifferent will split and go berserk in the crisis. The hour has struck for a sharp decision between conflicting allegiances.

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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 38th Street, New York 16, New York or your Diocesan Director Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Who's To Blame For Juvenile Delinquency?

'Teen-Agers More Sinned Against Than Sinning'

Brooklyn, N. Y. — (NC) — Who is to blame for juvenile delinquency? A priest who has given teen age missions to thousands of youths—"tough ones, too!"—gave this answer. "A generation of broken homes and divorced parents, a cowardly minority of corrupt officers of the law, and vice and crime, a Hollywood that debases virtue, a billion dollar business in filthy literature, a school system that graduates spiritual morons—all these have joined hands to make teen agers the scapegoat for their own failings."

Without God in the schools, youths receive no training of the will, no teaching of principles of right and wrong. "By logical suggestion, teen agers now have the idea that morally depends on customs; goodness and badness are as changeable as high school fads; whatever the crowd does is right." "What then are we to expect of our teen agers? In the hands of too many pagan educators during the formative years of their life, they learn nothing about God, nothing about the soul, nothing about life's purpose. . . . And the tragic results are just beginning."

THE PRESS: "Through the medium of lurid pictures and realistic stories of all forms of vice and crime, today's newspapers are actually selling crime to teen agers. And when the teen agers buy the very articles they advertise, the same newspapers then condemn the teen agers. . . . Today's newspapers are advertising crime. Teen agers are merely falling for the advertisements." FILTHY LITERATURE: "No one seems too much concerned, but the business of filthy literature is doing more harm to teen agers than the whole narcotics trade. Taking narcotics has fearful physical consequences that people can see. But sex literature, sold at corner newsstands and drug stores is responsible for more crimes than most people suspect."

Pros and Cons Applaud Priest

Washington, D.C. — (NC) — Pro and anti-vivisectionists, tangling in a District hearing here over the use of stray dogs by local medical schools, joined in applauding Father Thomas J. O'Donnell, Professor of Medical at Georgetown University, when he testified. Father O'Donnell said: "If animal experimentation is wrong, then the killing of animals for food also is wrong. Both stand or fall on the same principle." Some of the anti-vivisectionists were apparently vegetarians.

Mass Offered For Greek War Heroes

Athens, Greece — (NC) — A solemn Requiem Mass and Memorial service for Greek Catholic officers and soldiers who died in World War II and the subsequent campaign against Communists has been offered at Athens Cathedral here. Archbishop Marjos Macronitis, S.J., of Athens celebrated the Mass and presided at the memorial rites.

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FATHER COUGHLIN said that today there are many persons who do not believe there is a spirit named Satan; but he reminded that Christ, himself, affirmed Satan's existence. In less than 40 years under the direction of Lenin and Stalin, whom he characterized as "uncultured, untutored leaders," Soviet Russia has expanded to dominate vast territories and 800-million "willing or unwilling people." He pointed out that this expansion was possible despite lack of enterprise among Russia's workers and farmers. "Would he not be a bold analyst of history who credited all this to mere human endeavor alone?" Father Coughlin asked. "Thanks be to God that wise men in every walk of life are beginning to understand that our fighting is not against flesh and blood but against powers and principalities."

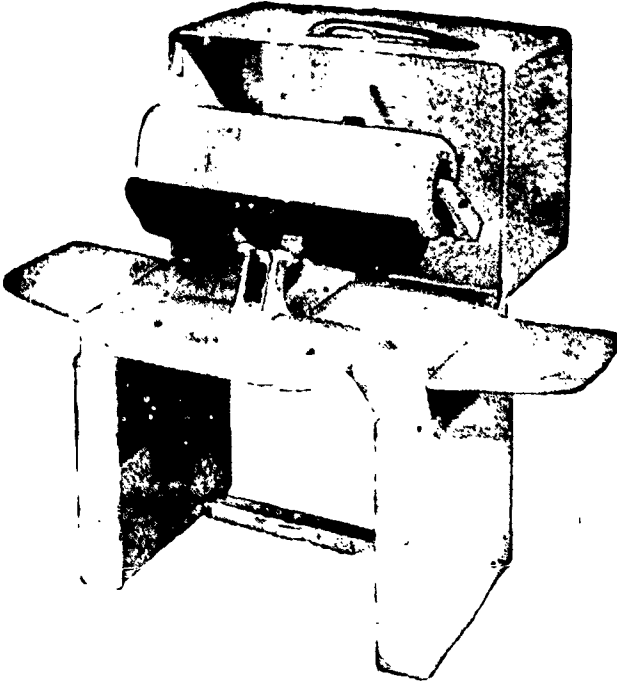
THE SWORD of the Spirit, Father Coughlin said, involves "practical acceptance of the doctrine of neighborliness and brotherhood" and also refers "to wages and taxes at home and to trade and tariffs abroad."

Father Coughlin made a strong plea for an annual living wage, recalling that he had made the same plea some 20 years ago. He said that the nation's enormous, rapidly expanding industry could make this possible. Alluding to tax reduction, Father Coughlin said he was concerned for the worker who gets \$65-a-week or less in take-home pay and has to support a family in these times of high prices. The worker is a producer as well as a consumer, he pointed out. On the tariff question, Father Coughlin said that Americans should not be afraid of competition. He added: "We Americans who believe in free enterprise must not curtail its definition to our shores and build a gold curtain at the three-mile limit in emulation of those abroad who have built up an iron curtain around certain manacled nations abroad."

G.I.'s In France Visit Paris Marian Shrine

Orleans, France — (NC) — American G.I.'s stationed here will mark the start of the Marian Year with a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Paris, December 13.

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