

Total Abstinence Chapter Formed

Mobile—(NC)—What is believed to be the first American chapter of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association was formed here when Bishop Thomas J. Toolen of Mobile conferred Sacred Heart plus on 30 members of the Mobile chapter. "If there was ever a time when people needed temperance that time is now," said Bishop Toolen.

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association was formed in 1898 and now has an estimated half-million members in Ireland, England, Scotland and Australia. Bishop Toolen said he thought the Mobile unit is the first American group affiliated with the Pioneer Total Abstinence movement.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

WHY is the Church persecuted in Poland and not in the United States? Why are there only 216 foreign missionary priests left in China and hundreds of Chinese priests languishing in prison while we of the Western world enjoy relative peace and freedom?

Part of the answer is the democratic spirit of the Western world which suffers the other man's opinion to thrive in the midst of disagreement. The whole answer is much deeper and more mysterious. Persecution arises either because a society becomes definitely anti-Christian or because Christians so live out the Gospel as to provoke the antagonism of the world. Our Lord told us if we love Him "the world will hate you!"

Communism can never enslave man until it exiles God. Thus persecution must precede the economics of Communism. Hence they make the fight against the Church a battle to death. There is no persecution in the Western world partly because it waters down Christianity so as to mean anyone who believes that Christ is a great teacher like Buddha or George Bernard Shaw. In this case, there is nothing to fight against—only either ridicules Christianity or tolerates it as a "point of view." When the world is consciously anti-Christian, it persecutes; when the Christians are consciously Christian, they become an "offense" to the world and the world persecutes them. Our Lord said: "Blessed are ye when men hate, revile and persecute you." When this happens, we are "witnessing to Christ."

The way to ward off persecution is to deny ourselves. "Persecuting" our ego, our egotism, and our selfishness, releases us from external persecution. This is the real reason America is free from persecution—the charity and sacrifice of our faithful to the hungry and needy in the other part of the world. Continue to be that way.

GOD LOVE YOU to the following: to H. B. O. for \$100. "This is part of the fire insurance commissions I have received." . . . to J. E. and her co-workers at S. & D. for \$100. "This is in accordance with my promise to you of sending some contribution every 10 weeks. It comprises the sacrifice made by myself and my co-workers." . . . to G. F. for \$4. "This is the money I saved to buy a 'Toni doll'." . . . to R. H. "During my lunch hour I put aside 'The Bishop Sheen Story' to attend a turkey raffle. I made the promise that if the Good Lord would bless me with a turkey I would share it by sending \$2 to the Missions. Enclosed is \$2 as my little daughter was one of the winners." . . . to A. O. "Enclosed is \$4 representing sacrifices of lawn cutting, strawberry sundae and breakfast at home." . . . to M. N. for \$12.78. "The enclosed represents 10% of my first month's rent for the Missions in thanksgiving for having found that war which I searched." . . . to W. E. H. "This \$2 I had intended to spend for a party which was to have been given by a group with which I work. The party was cancelled and I want this money to go to the Missions." . . . to J. M. and M. D. who gave a circus in Halloween costume in order to raise 'one whole dollar' for Bishop Sheen." . . . to L. P. T. for \$5. "My wife gave up a sweater, corsage, and Sunday and sends the money to the missions." . . . to E. F. "Enclosed is \$6 which would have provided my mid-morning 'peppup' coffee."

The God Love You Medal has three purposes: 1) to openly proclaim affection for our Blessed Mother; 2) to enable you to count your 'Mary's'; 3) to enable you to send an offering of \$5 and your request for a sterling silver medal or an offering of \$10 and your request for a gold filled one.

White is the color in which all other colors are concealed. It is the Papal color, and the Holy Father appropriately joins in His Intentional prayers for the five-colored continents of our World Mission Rosary. At your request and a \$2 offering to the Missions, we will send you a World Mission Rosary.

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, 109 East 35th Street, New York 16, New York or your Diocesan Director Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 58 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Nine Languages Used In Mass Celebration Throughout Church

This one of a series of three articles dealing with the coming observance of the Chair of Unity Octave, an eight-day period of prayer for the intention that "all may be one" celebrated from January 18, Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome, to January 25, Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The author is a priest of the Society of the Atonement, which originated the observance. He is rector of Atonement Seminary, Washington, D. C. The Society is in charge of St. John's Atonement Seminary, Montour Falls, N. Y.

By FATHER TITUS CRANNY, S. A. (N.C.W.C. News Service)

When our divine Lord took the bread and wine into His Sacred hands on the night of Holy Thursday, He uttered words that only God could speak: "This is my Body—This is My Blood." In this simple rite, shorn of the paganism and ceremony that accompanies our services today, Jesus offered the first Mass.

It was the first celebration of the Liturgy. And every representation of the Last Supper is the projection and continuation of that wonderful gift of the Eucharist and the mystical renewal of the sacrifice of the cross. But when Jesus spoke these divine words. He did not use the phrase we so often hear—"Hoc est enim corpus meum—For This is my Body."

JESUS DID NOT speak Latin at all, as far as we know, when He lived on this earth for more than thirty years. He did not speak Greek, at least on this occasion of the Last Supper. But He said these wonderful words of the consecration of the Mass in Aramaic, a language somewhat like Hebrew.

Very often people of the Latin rite forget that many languages are used in praying to God, not only personally, but even officially and publicly, as in the Liturgy (or Mass as we Latins call it) and in the administration of the Sacraments.

There is no language that could not be used with proper permission from the Holy See. In fact, even English could be allowed if the Church deemed the change prudent and helpful, and probably before long some of the prayers used in the administration of the Sacraments will be recited in the vernacular. It has been done for a number of years in France, and in other countries. However, this does not mean necessarily that the Mass will be offered in the language of the people it could be, of course, but that is a question for the Holy See to decide.

IN THE MANY beautiful Eastern rites of the Church a number of languages are used, nine altogether. They are Greek, Syrian-Chaldean, Coptic, Ethiopian, Armenian, Slavonic-Romanian, and Hungarian. At the present time only the Slavonic, Romanian, and Armenian are close enough to present-day language to be easily understood. These liturgical languages differ entirely from their mother tongue, just as the English today is vastly different from the language of Chaucer's era.

In Egypt the common language is Arabic, but their Liturgy is celebrated in Coptic; in Ethiopia the language is Amharitan, but the liturgy employs old-Ethiopian. In Persia (Iran) the language is Arabic and Persian, but the rites are observed in Syriac-Chaldean.

The Byzantine rite, the largest of the Eastern liturgies, was founded by St. Cyril and St. Method (or Methodius), brothers who went to do missionary work among the Moravians in the ninth century. They translated the Liturgy and the Bible into the Slavonic language so that the people might more easily understand it.

Using Greek letters as a basis, they compiled an alphabet, wrote a grammar, creating a kind of Slav language all their own. Today it is called old-Slavonic and is used in the Liturgy as the official language. In 867 the German bishops protested against the introduction of the old-Slavonic into the Liturgy, but Pope Adrian II notified the Moravian ruler, Rostislav, that such a rite was wholly proper, authorized and recommended by the Holy See.

The old-Slavonic is sometimes called Byzantine from Byzantium, the old name for Constantinople, now called Istanbul.

NOR SHOULD Catholics of the Latin rite be surprised at the differences among the various Eastern rites. For there are other rites than the Roman which use the Latin language such as the

153 Chinese Baptized On Christmas Day

HONG KONG—(NC)—The Salesian missionaries pushed back to the very borders of China, still were able to give the Infant-God a fine present on Christmas Day, 1953.

The missionaries, working in a sector of the city called West Point, baptized 153 persons. Some of the new Catholics are residents of St. Anthony parish, others are boys in the St. Louis Industrial School.

The thriving missions of the Salesians are greatly curtailed today, but the order still is able to maintain parishes in Red China. Two are in Shanghai, another is in Suchow. A fourth operates in the communist capital of Peking.

Moslem Prince Attends Mass

Hyderabad, India—(NC)—The Nizam of Hyderabad, who is Rajpramukh (prince-in-chief) of the State, attended the midnight Christmas Pontifical Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral here, as he did last year. Celebrant was Archbishop Mark Goupy of Hyderabad.

Papini Book Banned By Rome Diocese

Rome—(NC)—Catholic libraries and bookstores in the Rome Diocese have been forbidden to display or sell a recently-published book, "The Devil," written by Giovanni Papini, Italian philosopher and author. The Italian title of the book is "Il Diavolo."

The action was taken by the office of His Eminence Clemente Cardinal Micara, Vicar of Rome, which sent a circular letter to the Catholic libraries and bookstores in the wake of widespread discussion of the new book which purportedly propounds the heresy that hell is not eternal and that God in the end will pardon Satan and all damned sinners.

IT WAS STATED at the office of the Vicariate that the action taken by it was one within the competence of all Ordinaries and carries no higher significance. One official pointed out that the action was directed to bookstores and libraries only and was not in the nature of a pastoral letter or a circular letter to all pastors.

Giovanni Papini, who is 72, was converted to Catholicism after World War I while he was writing his famous "Life of Christ." The asserted thesis of his book, namely, that there is no eternal punishment, is one of the propositions attributed to Origen, an early Christian apologist, and condemned by the Church as heresy. Catholic doctrine teaches sinners who die in mortal sin suffer everlasting punishment and that there is no redemption out of hell.

German Bishop Passau, Germany—(NC)—Pope Pius XII has sent a special message of congratulations to Bishop Simon Konrad Landersdorfer, O.S.B., of Passau who has marked the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

Educators Hiding Behind Fifth Amendment Seen Danger To Academic Freedom

New York—(RNS)—Educators who invoke the Fifth Amendment in refusing to state whether they ever were Communists are "using American liberty in order to destroy it and deliver it to Moscow," Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York said in a television broadcast here.



Bishop Sheen

Bishop Sheen, who was giving his weekly talk on the Dumont network program "Life is Worth Living," said that when a college professor hides behind the Fifth Amendment there is danger to academic freedom.

But, he said, "there is no danger whatsoever to academic freedom when a professor is asked if he is a member or not of the Communist Party. Absolutely none."

The prelate, discussing how people become attracted to Communism, spoke of a kind of liberalism which he said was "liberty without law."

"Liberals of this variety," Bishop Sheen declared, "are interested only in freedom from something but not in freedom for something. They say they have an open mind. But it never closes on anything. They say they are looking for the truth. If they ever met the truth they would drop dead. 'The reason they don't want the truth or goodness is because the discovery of truth would involve some responsibility on their part. They are always unprepared for it—like the golfer who goes out to the golf course for the first time and makes a hole in one.'"

Almanac Dedicated To Marian Year

Washington—(NC)—The 50th anniversary edition of the National Catholic Almanac has gone to press and will be released throughout the nation by St. Anthony's Guild, Paterson, N. J., on January 15. It has been announced here.

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German Nuns Melbourne, Australia—(NC)—Eleven German nuns belonging to the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus arrived here prior to starting work in the New Guinea mission fields.



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Mortgages	86,397,517.21
Real Estate and Banking Houses	4,524,395.88
Other Real Estate	15,748.18
Accrued Interest Receivable	742,412.71
Other Assets	278,969.12
	\$318,697,242.66
LIABILITIES	
Deposits	\$294,179,718.89
Reserve for Interest and General Expense	548,014.16
Reserve for Federal Income and Other Taxes	1,484,700.84
Reserve for Unearned Discount	1,710,809.27
Dividends Declared and Payable February 1st	324,000.00
Capital Funds	20,500,000.00
	\$294,179,718.89
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