

House Unit Reports Only Few Clergy, Teachers Reds

Washington (NC)—The House Committee on Un-American Activities declared that America's clergymen and teachers are loyal to their country with only a few exceptions.

The committee issued by Rep. Mark H. Vande of Illinois, said in a 1953 annual report that a minute number of case-hardened Communist and Communist sympathizers have actually infiltrated themselves into the ranks of the loyal clergy. And it said that because of "lack of careful study, or for what they considered humanitarian motives, other clergymen have allowed their names to be used by Communist groups. The committee said it does not believe such associations should be taken lightly or passed off without correction."

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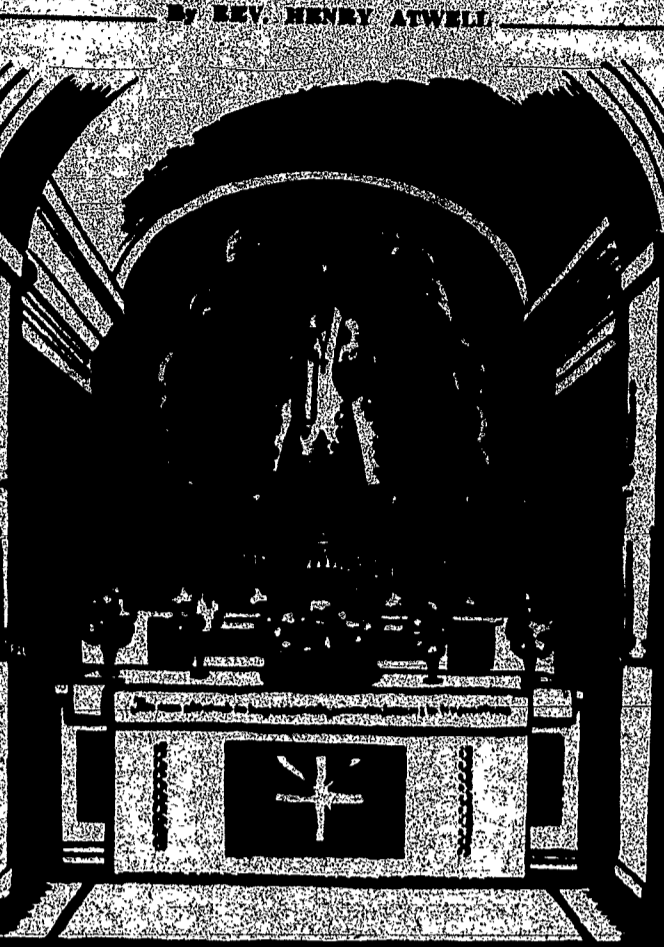
Vatican City (NC)—The Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office published a decree here announcing it had condemned and placed on the Index of Prohibited Books a work entitled "The Hermitage of Einsiedeln" by Rev. Henry Atwell.

DECLARING THAT it has not intended to conduct any investigation of subversive infiltration of the clergy or religion, the Vande group said that any individual who is a Communist "enjoys no immunity from investigation, regardless of his rank or calling. It added that in determining whether an individual clergyman is a Communist, it has "proceed[ed] exactly as it would in the case of any other person so identified."

Prayers Urged For Dry Martyr's Sainthood Cause

New York (NC)—Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Auxiliary of New York, urged private prayers that the late Bishop Francis X. Ford be canonized as a martyr.

Mary's Shrine EINSIEDELN



The Shrine of Our Lady of the Hermitage, Einsiedeln, Switzerland (shown in drawing above) is visited by the Rochester Pilgrims this April and May. The statue of Our Lady enshrined above the altar, often referred to as the "Black Madonna" was carved in the 14th century.

This coming Sunday, you will observe that the priest at Mass will wear purple vestments, the Church's notice that Lent and Penance-time is near. Back in the ninth century, a priest named Meinrad realized that far more prayer and penance were needed to lift the world from its sad condition.

Although he was a Benedictine Monk, consecrated to labor and prayer far more than you or I can hope to do, he sought out a solitary hermitage in the dense forest on Mount Etzel in the Swiss Alps. With only a cell and a chapel to protect himself from the bitter mountain storms, he endured the first winter, seemingly forgotten by the world and some may say, worthless to the world too.

Proposals Promise Solution For 'GI Babies' In Japan

Tokyo, Japan (NC)—Japan's "GI babies" problem—a long a thorn to statesmen and social workers on both sides of the Pacific—will be finally solved if present plans can be carried out.

Word passed around a few years ago that there were 200,000 of these war-stirred, much communist anti-American propaganda. However, figures just released by the Japanese Welfare Ministry disclosed that the number of children whose parents were fathers are doing nothing for them actually is 328,000.

enthroned as queen of the Abbey. The wooden figure is about four feet tall; the robes are painted red and gold, but the faces of our Lord and our Lady have become so darkened by the smoke of votive candles over these many centuries that they have turned a silvery black—and the statue is called by some, "The Black Madonna."

In 1798, Revolutionary French troops invaded Einsiedeln, plundered the abbey, as the robbers did so long before, but the monks managed to hide the Madonnas in a parish church, until the storm of revolution was over. The statue was restored to its place of honor in 1801.

The monks have kept to St. Meinrad's original intention: prayer, penance, helpfulness. Daily, they spend long hours in chanting the prayers of the Divine Office, and in the solitude of their monastic life in the cold and treacherous mountains, caring for the needs of the mountain people, and conduct schools and even a college.

In 1854, some monks from Einsiedeln came to America to do missionary work among the Indian tribes of the mid-west. The monks established their monastery in Indiana, calling it, as you would expect: St. Meinrad's. It is famous today for its college and seminary, and nationally known for its little booklets about the Mass, the Sacraments, and other Catholic Devotions.

Literary Foundation Chooses Biography

Milwaukee (NC)—The Catholic Literary Foundation has named a biography of one of the Church's most popular saints entitled Saint Elizabeth of Hungary as its March selection.

The author is Nesta de Robeck, English-born writer who was converted to Catholicism in 1920.

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Observance Set For Bibleweek

Washington (NC)—All pastors in the United States have been asked to observe Catholic Bible Week February 14 to 21, according to the Catholic Biblical Association of America.

In letters sent to all Bishops and pastors, the association noted of the Congregation of Christian that the Episcopal Committee Doctrine has set aside the week from Septuagesima Sunday to Sexagesima Sunday "to make the Catholic Bible better known and loved and more frequently read by our people."

Suggesting possible topics for sermons, panel discussions, and other means of observance, the week this year, the association laid stress on the story of Our Lady as told in Scripture, and the tie-in in joint observance of Bible Week with the Marian Year.

Brazil City Recalls Jesuit Founder

Sao Paulo, Brazil (NC)—Church bells pealed in jubilation as this most prosperous and highly industrialized city of Brazil inaugurated year-long celebrations to mark its foundation 400 years ago by a humble Jesuit missionary.

Highlight of festivities was a Mass celebrated by His Eminence Carlos Carmelo Cardinal de Vasconcelos, Motta, Archbishop of Sao Paulo, at the site of the hermitage established on January 25, 1554, by Father Jose de Anchieta, a year after his arrival in Brazil from Portugal.

"It is fitting that since it was the Church that founded Sao Paulo that the Church should be the first to greet the happy event," an announcement by the office of the Sao Paulo Archdiocese stated.

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