

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, headed by Rep. Harold H. Velde of Illinois, said in a 196-page annual report that "a minute number of case-hardened Communists 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 association "should be taken lightly or passed off without correction."

DECLARING THAT it has not conducted, and does not intend to conduct, any investigation of subversive infiltration of the clergy or religion, the Velde 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."

In the field of education, the committee said, there is "danger inherent in the presence of even a few Communist Party members in teaching capacities." And while it held that its evidence indicates that "in no instance has a university or other educational institution knowingly employed the services of a member of the Communist Party," testimony it has heard proves that "the Communist conspiracy made determined, in many instances, successful, infiltration efforts into the 'vital area' of education."

In its report the House unit asserted that it will continue its fight not only against Reds, but also against "hate" groups as well. Such groups are led by persons who hide their activities under the guise of patriotism, it said, and often make use of "ultrapatriotic names and devices to conceal their true and dangerous purposes."

"IT IS NOT sufficient to be simply anti-Communist if one is not also anti-hate at the same time," the committee said. "Subversion can not be corrected by subversion, no matter if the most patriotic of titles cloaks it."

15,000 Sign
Toledo, O. (NC) — More than 15,000 signatures to petitions of the Committee for One Million, organized against admission of Russia to the United Nations, are being obtained in the Diocese of Toledo through the efforts of lay councils.

Holy Office Places Book On Index

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 "Einsiedeln, Tannegg, Einsiedeln, Sur Lamour, Planjude: A Woman's Testimony of Love."

The book was written by Jacqueline Martin, and published in 1951. A front-page article in Observateur Romano, Vatican City daily, said the condemnation of the book should serve as an object lesson and a warning in regard to the present flood of sex-related publications, some of which, it added, have been defended even by Catholics.

The unnamed, but authoritative article was entitled "With regard to Sexual Literature." It underscored that the Church has been fighting objectionable books of this type for a long time. It cited two encyclicals by Pope Pius XI — Divini Illius Magistri (Christian Education of Youth) and Casti Connubii (Christian Marriage) as directed in part against sex literature.

Observatory recalled also what it called a most important discourse by Pope Pius XII in which, it said, the Pontiff put the finger "not only on unholo sex literature in general, but on certain false or, at least, dangerous doctrines which are being spread, even in the Catholic field."

Prayers Urged For Dry Martyr's Sainthood Cause

New York (NC) — Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Auxiliary of New York, urged private prayers for the late Bishop Francis X. Ford, Brooklyn, a Maryland industrialist who died in a Communist prison camp in China, might be the first American elevated to sainthood.

"Writing in the current issue of WorldMission, a quarterly of Catholic world thought, Bishop Sheen calls Bishop Ford 'a dry martyr' that is, 'one who dies for love of faith though denied the shedding of his blood in witness of it.'"

A member of the first band of Maryknollers assigned overseas, Bishop Ford devoted more than 30 years of his life to the Chinese people. He died of dysentery and other ailments caused by his imprisonment on February 19, 1952.

"Since the judgment of sainthood by the Church is determined to some extent by the petitions of the faithful, it is the hope of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, said Bishop Sheen, "that the American public may begin to realize the merits of the first American Bishop ever to die a brutal death in fulfillment of his priestly duties."

America needs a truly American saint, one born in America, one who attended our parochial schools, our seminaries and was like the rest of us "for things except his saintly sufferings for the Faith."

Observance Set For Bibleweek

Washington (NC) — All parishes in the United States have been asked to lead their parishioners in observing 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 Confraternity of Christian Charity, the Episcopal Committee for the Bible, and the National Council on Bible Week.

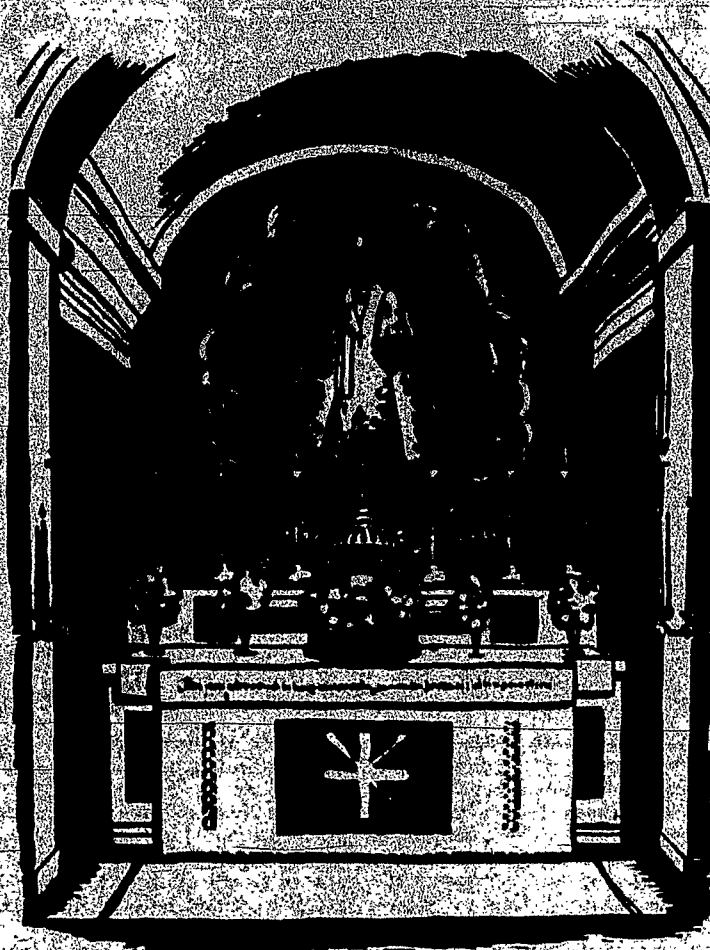
Suggesting possible topics for sermons, panel discussions, and other means of observing the week this year, the association laid stress on the story of Our Lady as told in Scripture, and the main in a joint observance of Bible Week with the Marian Year.

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.

Mary's Shrines

EINSIEDELN



The Shrine of Our Lady of the Hermit, Einsiedeln, Switzerland (shown in drawing above) is another of the famous Marian shrines of Europe to be visited by the Rochester Pilgrimage this April and May. The statue of Our Lady enshrined above the altar, often referred to as the "Black Madonna" was carved in the 16th 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 pray far more than you or I can hope to do, he sought out a solitary hermitage in the dense forest on Mount Elzel 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.

Father Meinrad had taken with him a statue of Our Lady, for his chapel, and there amidst the hardships of his solitary life, he found as he little shrine the encouragement to continue the penance which he himself would ask of all of us at Fatima nearly a thousand years later.

The mountain-peasant people soon recognized that a saint had come to live in their midst and they went to him for Mass, for his prayers and blessing. Legend tells that even the little forest creatures, especially two pet crows, came to him for food and fondling. In nearby Zurich, there is still an inn where pilgrims stay, which is called the "Two Faithful Crows."

AFTER FORTY years of so hard a life, and having won the respect and veneration of the people all about that area, Father Meinrad began to grow old and feeble. It happened that two robbers who heard of him thought he must have a rich treasure con-

cealed in his cell and they decided to rob and kill him. As the two broke in upon his prayers, he said to them, "know why you have come—but you shall not slay me until you have received my pardon and my blessing." He then requested them to light two candles beside his corpse before they made their escape.

The two ruffians had no care for holy things; they clubbed Meinrad to death, ransacked the cell and the chapel—found no treasure—and started off, without bothering to light the candles—which, the story goes, lighted of themselves. In terror, the murderers fled to the village and confessed their crime. All this happened in the year 861.

Another Benedictine monk was sent to guard the hermitage, particularly the shrine of our Lady. Pilgrims began to visit the mountain-side chapel. Numerous favors and graces attracted even more, and finally a whole monastery was built there and a fine church.

THE SHRINE was still called quite simply: "The Hermitage," or in the language of the people there: "Einsiedeln." Within the next hundred years, more and more pilgrims came to Einsiedeln, and in 1940 the famous Abbey church was dedicated in honor of "Our Lady of the Hermits." The statue of our Lady is still

Proposals Promise Solution For 'GI Babies' In Japan

Tokyo, Japan (NC) — Japan's "GI babies" problem — 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 waifs stirred much communist, anti-American propaganda. However, figures just released by the Japanese Welfare Ministry disclosed that the number of children whose service men fathers are doing nothing for them actually is 3,229.

OF THESE CHILDREN, 492 are in child-welfare institutions, about half of them Catholic establishments. Two thousand and sixty-seven of the mothers are determined to keep their children, but the mothers of 740 other children find it difficult or impossible to support them. However, the United States government has now agreed to admit hundreds of the children to their fathers' homeland, provided families can be found who are willing to adopt them.

The American Joint Committee for Assisting Japanese-American Orphans is now planning to raise \$50,000 for the children's transportation, and is working out long-range plans to help them until they are able to shift for themselves.

One of the charter members of the committee is Father Leopold Tibesar, M.M., whose article on the baby question published in the Tosei News here last August appears to have been partly responsible for the formation of the group.

In an interview here, Father Tibesar recalled that much trouble had been caused by the fact that for a long time U.S. Army regulations forbade civil validation of marriages between American servicemen and Japanese brides and that not a few of the fathers have been trying to get back to Japan to bring their wives to the States.

THE PRIEST stated that since the regulations had been changed to permit the inter-racial marriages, 13,000 servicemen have been regularly married and have gone back to the States with their wives and about 20,000 children. Meanwhile, Father Tibesar added, several hundred children adopted by American families have also been taken to the States.

American Catholic families willing to adopt one of the unclaimed Japanese babies have been invited to apply to the National Catholic Committee at 10, G-Bancho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, as soon as possible.

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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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