

Luther Scenarist Admits Former Communist Role

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Allan E. Sloane of Stamford, Conn., who wrote the scenario for the "Martin Luther" film and a number of other religious movies, appeared before the House Un-American Activities Committee voluntarily to confess that he was a former Communist party member and to offer assistance to that group in its probe of Red activities.

His testimony, given at an executive meeting of the committee on Jan. 13, has just been made public.

Mr. Sloane, 39, became a Communist party member in 1943 and remained a formal member for one year only. However, he continued active in "front" groups until 1948 when he became a supporter of the Progressive Party. He said he has since broken completely with all such associations.

MR. SLOANE told the committee that he could no longer wait "for what appeared to me to be my own conscience to drive me home, and it was for that reason I asked to appear."

"I could not continue any longer to live with myself," he said, "knowing that I had been a Communist and having to go around in my professional life, which is that of a writer for radio and television, and deliberately delude decent people who wanted to hire me, by lying to them. So I was literally forced into this decision by my own conscience."

Mr. Sloane said "the second reason" for his confession "is because of your appeals and the offer to all who wanted to come forward and help."

"I felt," he said, "that if I could contribute in any way to rational security by coming down here I should."

MR. SLOANE gave his family as his "third reason." He said that he had two very young boys and he wanted to be "a decent person and bring them up properly, and a father who goes around lying is not a very decent person."

"I feel there may be a lot of persons like myself," he added, "who have been some time in the past involved in this rotten thing and who may be waiting and not knowing what to do about it. And it may be that somebody will be helped by my confession here."

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and other committees of Congress. The committee certainly does appreciate your coming before it."

Mr. Sloane testified that he entered radio and movie writing in 1943. He said he had worked for the United Nations, the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, the American Legion, the U. S. Army "and such organizations."

IN ADDITION to the Martin Luther film, he named among the religious scenarios he had authored "Answer for Anne," a documentary about DP's for Luther; "The Two Kingdoms," a documentary about Germany for the same group; "Faith That Works," a religious film for the U. S. Navy; "Tomorrow for the Taking," a dramatization on Christian education for the Presbyterian General Assembly; "Seeds in the Wind," a documentary for the Jewish Board of Guardians; and "Winning Men's Minds," a dramatization for the American Jewish Committee.

His "Answer for Anne" won an award for the best religious film of 1948.

Mr. Sloane said he also wrote the scripts for a number of well-known secular radio network programs, including the "Armed Forces" program "Sound Off," the "Prudential Family Hour," "Radio Readers Digest," and "Treasury Men in Action."

'Kept Wrong Commandment'

St. Paul, Minn. (RNS)—Father Jim O'Connor, a Columbian missionary, had finally persuaded a fallen-away to come back to the Church. The erstwhile "black-sheep" was at the stage where he wanted to prove to himself that he "hadn't really stopped being a Catholic."

"I didn't go to Mass for years, Father. But I always abstained from meat on Fridays," he said. "I'm sure God will chalk that up to your credit," the Columbian replied. "But you've been keeping the wrong commandment all these years. The Fifth has a special dispensation from the Pope. You've been missing a good meal on Fridays, since you stayed away from Church!"

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Catholic Press Association Staff



CHARLES J. McNEILL, of Dayton, O., general manager of George A. Pfann Publishers (left), was elected president of the Catholic Press Association at its 44th annual convention in Chicago. He succeeds Msgr. Thomas A. Meehan of Chicago, editor, The New World. Shown with McNeill are from left: Bishop Albert R. Zurovski of Belleville, Ill., assistant episcopal chairman of the press department; National Catholic Welfare Conference; the Rev. Philip L. Kennedy of Rockford, Ill., editor of The Observer, CPA treasurer; Msgr. John S. Randall of Rochester, N. Y., managing editor of The Catholic Courier Journal, vice-president; and Floyd Anderson of Newark, N. J., managing editor of The Advocate, a newly elected member of the Board of Directors.

Msgr. Randall Named Catholic Press Group V.P.

Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, managing editor of the Courier Journal was elected vice president of the Catholic Press Association at its 44th annual convention in Chicago.

Monsignor Randall has served as association secretary since 1949. Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, he is pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester.

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The association called for Catholic journalists to promote "just and charitable attitudes and conduct towards persons of other religious and racial groups" in a resolution.

Named Archbishop

Vatican City (RNS)—Bishop Francis J. Grimshaw of Plymouth, England, has been named Archbishop of Birmingham by Pope Pius XII, it was announced here.

Escapee Tells Of Secret Masses Said In Red Jail

Philadelphia (NC)—Priests held in Red Czechoslovakia's infamous Leopoldov Penitentiary celebrated Mass in secret and were able to distribute Holy Communion to

other prisoners by leaving the consecrated Host on a table, according to an American who escaped his Communist captors.

JOHN HVASTA, U.S. Navy veteran and a resident of Hill, N.J., who was either in jail or in hiding in Czechoslovakia for five years until the United States forced his release early this year, related the story of how jailed priests carried on their ministry in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post. Mr. Hvasta was arrested by the Reds on trumped-up charges of spying back in 1948.

In the first three Post installments revealing his story, the 26-year-old escapee notes that 90 per cent of the 1,500 prisoners at Leopoldov were "political" and included the intellectual and spiritual leaders of the country.

THE PRISONER priests at Leopoldov, I think had the most to give, and gave most generously," he says. "Although Commissar Michalik (the chief warden) banned religion from the premises,

these brave priests dared to conduct Confession as we took our daily walk through the prison yard. They conducted Mass clandestinely, leaving the consecrated Host on a table for the worshipper to partake. Some of them had their prison sentences increased by five years for performing such rites.

Eleventh 'Caesarian' Sets Birth Record

Providence, R. I. (NC)—An eleventh child by Caesarian section—believed to be the largest number of such childbirths in medical history—was born to a 38-year-old Rhode Island housewife who says she intends to keep on having children as long as she can.

The child, an eight-pound boy, was born at Providence Lying-In Hospital to Mrs. Joseph L. McAndrew of Watch Hill, R. I. Mr. and Mrs. McAndrew live in a pleasant, 22-room house.

Korea Reds Get Query On Missioners

Soul, Korea (NC)—Thirty-one of the 54 foreign civilians, of whom the United Nations command has formally requested an accounting from the communists at an armistice commission meeting in Panmunjom, are Catholic missionaries.

THEY ARE 12 French priests; eight German Benedictines—four priests and four brothers; seven Columbians—five Irish and two American; one Maryknoller; two Belgian nuns, and one French nun. All were among civilians arrested by the North Koreans and seen in their hands during the summer of 1950.

The 31 include Bishop Patrick J. Byrne, M.M., of Washington; Msgr. Patrick T. Brennan, a Columbian, from Chicago, and Father James Maginn, a Columbian from Butte, Mont.

Under the armistice agreement the Reds were supposed to allow the foreign nationals in their custody to come south.

It is known definitely that 13 of the Catholic missionaries listed are dead, some killed by the Reds and some who died of ill treatment. The bodies of three Columbians, Fathers Maginn, Anthony Collier and Patrick Reilly, were found in or near their missions. Mother Beatrice, a French nun, was killed by the Reds in the death march of November 1950. Bishop Byrne, five French priests, two Belgian Carmelites and an Irish Columbian, Father Francis Canavan, died in captivity according to fellow prisoners who have since been released.

THAT LEAVES 18—seven French priests, eight Benedictines, three Columbians—"missing" in Red hands. Everybody believes the communists have killed them.

United Nations command specified that "if any are dead," the communists were requested to give information "as to date and circumstances and place of burial."

There has been no reply from the communists so far.

Egypt Raises Vatican Legation

Vatican City (RNS)—Egypt's Legation to the Holy See is being raised to Embassy status, it was announced here.

This change will not immediately affect the Vatican's representative at Cairo, who will remain an internuncio.

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'Under God' Phrase For Flag Pledge Nears Approval

Washington (NC)—A bill providing authorization by the Post Office Department for use of a postal stamp cancellation mark with the slogan "Pray For Peace" has

been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan.

Mr. Rabaut also is the author of the House measure calling for recognition of God in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Under terms of this bill, the words "under God" would be inserted in the pledge and it would read: "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

THE SENATE already has approved a similar resolution for the change in the pledge which was sponsored by Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan. Senate action was unanimous.

The Rabaut measure has been approved by a subcommittee, but still must be cleared by the full House Judiciary Committee before consideration by the House. Representative Rabaut said he anticipated no difficulty in having the measure cleared by the full committee and by the House.

According to Luke E. Hart, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was originated by Francis Bellamy of Rochester, N. Y., who was associated with The Youth's Companion, a popular magazine for young people. The pledge was recited for the first time at a Columbus Day rally in 1893.

The idea of having the pledge changed so as to give recognition to God originated with the Knights of Columbus, according to Mr. Hart, and then was taken up by other fraternal, patriotic, religious and similar organizations.

MR. HART recalled that the K. of C. Supreme Board in 1951 adopted a resolution which amended the pledge of allegiance taken at meetings of assemblies of Fourth Degree, K. of C., by adding the words "under God."

The following year, on Mr. Hart's motion, the K. of C. annual convention in Los Angeles adopted a resolution calling upon Congress to amend the pledge and insert the words "under God."

Mr. Rabaut first introduced his measure for the change in the pledge in April, 1953. Senator Ferguson introduced his measure in February, 1954. The Senator said he was prompted to the action by a sermon he had heard given by the Rev. George M. Dougherty of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington.

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U. S. Publications Banned By Quebec

Montreal (NC)—Eighty publications, mostly from the U.S., have been banned in Quebec province because of objectionable materials.

The Quebec Censorship Board examines a magazine after any complaints and if the publication is found objectionable, the publishers and police are notified immediately.

Under the Quebec law the censors may ban a publication which is objectionable because of "any illustration which evokes real or fictitious scenes of crime or of the habitual life of criminals, or morbid or obscene situations or attitudes, tending to corrupt youth and pervert morals."

Catholics Lead In State Births

Hartford, Conn. (NC)—More than 60 per cent of the children born in the State of Connecticut last year were baptized Catholics, the Catholic Transcript said here.

The newspaper compared the baptism figure of 60.4 per cent with the figure for Catholic funerals last year (40 per cent) and called the figures "significant."

"The statistics indicate that the population of the state long considered to be predominantly Catholic, is becoming increasingly so each year," the newspaper said.

The figures, provided by the State's Bureau of Vital Statistics, also revealed that 44 per cent of the marriages performed in Connecticut last year were Catholic marriage ceremonies.

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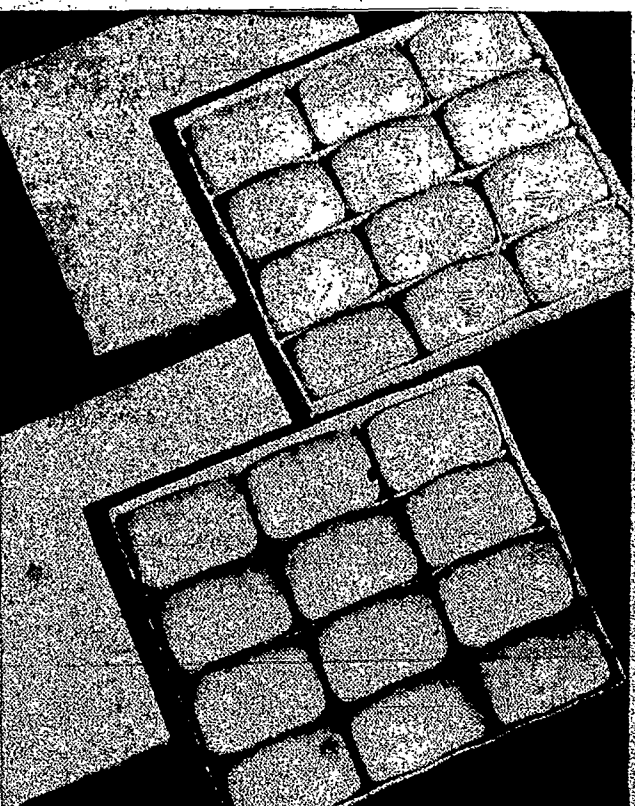


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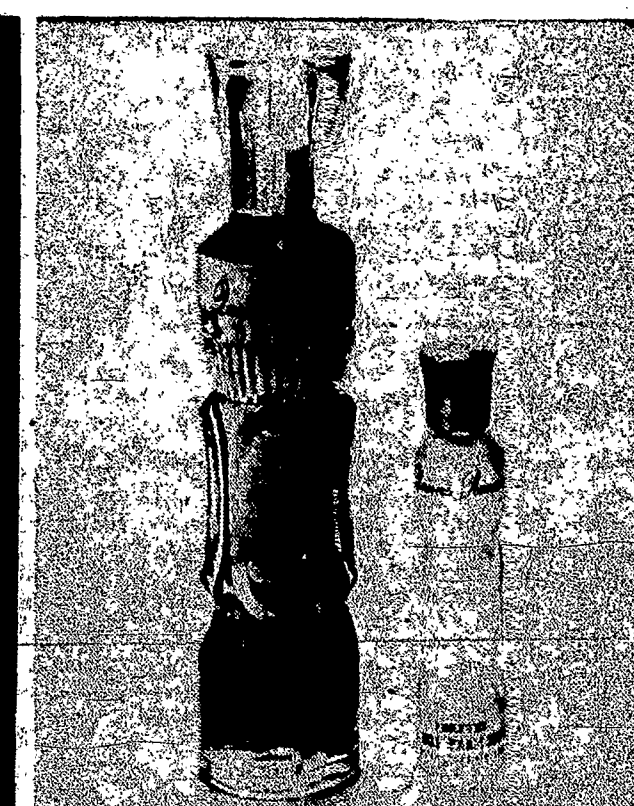


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