

'Fatima Apostle' Offers Booklets On Apparitions

"How Fatima Came to America" is the title of an 80-page, pocket-size booklet which is being distributed free in all who request it by the Rev. Msgr. Joseph Casella, known throughout the world as "the Apostle of Fatima."

Msgr. Casella is the publisher of the "Our Lady of Fatima Magazine," a completely devotional, free-of-charge, advertising monthly which has a worldwide circulation. It is printed at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, 443 East 135th Street, New York 54, N. Y.

BORN AND REARED a few miles from the scene of the apparitions in Portugal, Msgr. Casella, now 70, reveals for the first time in this booklet how the knowledge of the Fatima apparitions was spread. Contrary to popular belief, the world did not learn of Fatima through Portugal.

It gained this awareness through America, and the 25-million copies of literature distributed free throughout the world by this Portuguese prelate had been banished from his native land by the Communists then in control of the government.

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By Sister Margaret Teresa Naamohr O.S.B.

The appeal of this biography flows out of a lifetime love. Today an Admiral has for fifty years studied all the words and works and bold seafarings of Columbus. "Admiral of the Ocean Sea" has written a Pulitzer-prize-winning two volume life of the great discoverer (1942) and a condensed version of that work besides some fifteen other books, many of them on maritime affairs, in the midst of an active naval career covering two world wars. He is a major historical writer, author of the nine volume HISTORY OF U.S.N. OPERATIONS IN WORLD WAR II.

How can a man so learned and objective write of Columbus so warmly? If Admiral Morrison speaks as if he were a near neighbor of Columbus and had the burden of telling Columbus' grandchildren everything the old sailor and great grandee had done, it is because he has entered into just that kind of close relationship to him. Not only is he of the brotherhood of the sea, knowing all its ways, but he has put himself back into conditions familiar to the Admiral of old, sailing in little vessels not too unlike Columbus' own, over the same routes, through the same winds, the same waters.

HE HAS TRACKED down the bold inspirations and the lucky combinations of events that were providential aids in those four swift journeys to the "Other World" that poor Columbus finally realized he had found. He has sympathized with the disappointments of a man who must produce spectacular riches for the armchair critics at home, who can't think in new continents, who dream not of a Pacific Ocean intervening between him and Cathay.

He has loved the look of the sea and the landfall with his hero, and has captured for himself as far as possible all the sensations, the dawning beauties of those "fairy lands forlorn" as they loomed before the unwary eyes of the explorer in the morning airs of long ago.

Hence the rare breath of ease and understanding in this book. Best of all, perhaps, most unusual, is the poise and fairness of his grasp of Columbus' Catholicity. Author Morrison has discovered how dear to Columbus was his own name Christopher, and how much a part of the very coursing of his blood was the hope he placed in the Blessed Virgin. Not that there is, any blinking of the facts of Spanish conquest, which are sometimes grim; the author has turned every page of history that might do Columbus, contemporaries credit and has found many that didn't.



White Horse Stirs Debate

Omaha, Neb.—The inclusion of this white horse in a nativity scene erected at a downtown square by a merchants' group has stirred a debate among Omaha citizens. The consensus seems to be that cattle, sheep or donkeys are appropriate in a manger but opinion is divided on the presence of a horse. Maynard Buchanan, who built the display, said he had done much research on the matter. He cited Nativity scenes painted by 13th and 14th century Italian artists which showed white horses.

(ENS Photo)

Bid To Save Native Schools Tops Goal

Cape Town, South Africa — (NC)—Nearly 1,000,000 pounds (\$2,800,000) has been pledged in the South African Bishops' campaign to save Bantu mission schools in the face of withdrawal of all state subsidies.

South African Catholics have displayed an unprecedented example of interracial charity to the world. Archbishop Denis Hurley, C.M.I., of Durban stated when he announced the campaign result. He is chairman of the Catholic Bishops' Conference which sponsored the drive.

The planned total cessation of the 500,000 pounds (\$1,400,000) state subsidy at the end of 1957 was described by Archbishop Hurley at the beginning of the campaign as "a threat to the very existence of the Church here whose main work is the evangelization of Africans through 740 mission schools."

3 FILMS AT MUSEUM

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