

BOOK SHELF

The Last Hurrah

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THE LAST HURRAH, by Edwin O'Connor. Little, Brown '56. 427 pp. \$4.00. At all bookstores.

This Atlantic Prize Novel and Book-of-the-Month, the story that swept an earnest young author into fame and fortune, is the product of a Catholic mind and a Catholic education as well as a Boston upbringing, and it's a downright good novel, the kind that makes a reader laugh and cry with the fun and the griefs, honest-to-goodness family griefs, of the people that walk through its pages. We mourn often enough that writers and artists are not pouring from our Catholic colleges and that today's Catholics make most of their fame in business. Here's a good chance to rejoice for once, to crow, even to crow loud, and then or before then to read and be properly lost to the world the while. Edwin O'Connor is from Notre Dame — a student of Professor Frank O'Malley, who has made the novel his special province. And Edwin O'Connor knows Boston, city of mind and Irish colonial conquest, with its great Cardinal and its Irish mayor, and its voting million that follow — or did follow, in the generation that's ending — the way of an older country.

THE WAY OF an older country — for I was struck from the very beginning of this story of the Mayor's last campaign with the resemblance of the "system," the party loyalty of the Mayor's followers, voting year after year for the "chief" no matter what platforms were before the public.

Congress Slated On Sacred Music

Paris — (NC) — The Third International Congress of Sacred Music will be held here from July 1 to 8, 1957. It has been announced. The earlier congresses were held in Rome in 1930 and in Vienna in 1954.

The theme of the third congress will be "Perspectives of Sacred Music in the Light of the Recent Encyclical on 'The Discipline of Sacred Music.'" On December 25, 1955, Headquarters of the Congress will be at the Catholic Institute who are not exactly reformers. The style — so good you hardly notice it; splendid, when you look back.

Duke Fund Makes Grants To Hospitals

Charlotte, N. C. — (NC) — Six Catholic institutions in the Carolinas received grants totaling \$16,933.57 from the Duke Endowment, it has been announced.

A total of \$15,001.02 was distributed to three hospitals and one orphanage in North Carolina. The trustees of the endowment gave \$1,932.55 to one hospital and one orphanage in South Carolina.

THE LARGEST grant to a Catholic institution in North Carolina was \$5,962 to Mercy Hospital in Charlotte. St. Joseph of the Pines in Southern Pines received \$4,274 and St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville received \$1,732. Our Lady's Orphanage at Nazareth, N. C. was given \$3,013.02.

The South Carolina grants included \$1,501 for St. Philip's Catholic Hospital in Rock Hill and \$431.55 to the City Orphan Home, a Catholic institution at Charleston.

THE FUNDS were made available by the Duke Endowment to 88 hospitals and 39 orphanages in the two Carolinas. They were granted on the basis of charity work done by the hospitals and child-caring institutions during 1955.

Hospitals, aided at the rate of \$1 for each day of free care rendered, received \$442,392. Child-caring institutions, awarded about 27 cents a day for each day of care rendered orphaned children, received \$253,516.58.

Mexico Seeks Aid Of Jesuits

Mexico City — (RNS) — Jesuit missionaries have been formally asked by the government to cooperate with it in a campaign to wipe out illiteracy in Mexico.

The invitation, extended through the Department of Education, is regarded here as a significant tribute to the educational work that the Jesuit missions have been quietly and patiently carrying on among the Tarahumara Indians in the mountains of northern Mexico.



Girls Taught Home-making

ADELPHI, Md. — (NC) — Unique feature of the new Regina High School here, is a special completely furnished apartment which is the laboratory for the Family Living Course, in which home economics courses of housekeeping, home decorating and other family arts are taught under actual home conditions. At left Mother St. John of the Cenacle, home economics teacher, pays a call on students Rosemary Gerardi and Rachel Izarone, who are spending their week in the apartment.

German Reds Set Atheistic Lectures

Leipzig, East Germany — at a conference of 300 leaders of the society. It followed admissions by Otto Schroeder, secretary, and other officials that the organization had not succeeded in "establishing a foothold in all East German circles despite generous support by government authorities and the Socialist Unity (Communist) Party."

Toledo Bishop Asks End Of Sunday Buying

Toledo, O. — (RNS) — With additional grocery stores making plans to open for business on Sunday, Bishop George J. Rehring of the Toledo Catholic Diocese urged the faithful not to patronize them.

The Bishop declared in a pastoral letter that "people intent upon keeping the Sabbath holy may find themselves helpless in closing stores on Sundays, but they can and certainly must do their part by denying them business."

BY MID-APRIL nearly all of the larger grocery stores in the Toledo area may be open on Sundays. One of the largest grocery chains has threatened to open its establishments on Sundays unless other supermarkets close. There was little indication that any of the stores would decide to close on the Sabbath.

Bishop Rehring said that "disregard of the Lord's Day is cause for anxious concern... woe to us that many of its hours are now claimed for selfish, earthly ends."

Sunday is desecrated by those who perform, order, request or allow unnecessary servile work," the prelate stressed. "Sunday also is desecrated by those who cooperate with these violators. Such cooperation is given by everyone who lends encouragement to infractions of the law through their assistance or patronage."

Father Damien's Cause Studied

Honolulu, T. H. — (NC) — The beatification cause of Father Damien de Veuster, whose work with the lepers of Molokai in the last century won world-wide acclaim, has advanced another step since its formal introduction in Rome in February, 1955.

BISHOP JAMES J. Sweeney of Honolulu, following instructions from the Sacred Congregation of Rites, has appointed officials to make further investigations of the heroic priest's cause. The letter from the congregation which empowered Bishop Sweeney to start the apostolic process was approved by Pope Pius XII.

The cause thus established has 18 months in which to submit a comprehensive report on its findings to the Congregation of Rites. If the report indicates without doubt that Father Damien practiced Christian virtues in a heroic manner, the Pope will make a pronouncement to that effect.

Nuns Take Medical Tests For Practice In Korea

Seoul — (NC) — Four of six Sister-Doctors who are in South Korea took three-day examinations to allow them to practice medicine in this country. They are Columban Sister Mary Davida of Churchoon Dispensary, Sister Marie Corazon and Sister Gilmory of Maryknoll Hospital, Pusan, and Benedictine Sister Marie Salus of Tegu Hospital.

Sister Corazon is a native of the Philippine Islands and Sister Gilmory is from York, Pa. Sister Salus is from Germany and Sister Davida comes from Ireland. Some 400 Koreans also sought licenses to practice medicine. The examinations were held in several parts of Korea. Sister Salus took her examination in Tegu, the three others in Seoul.

Paris Airport Has Mass Facilities

Paris — (NC) — Facilities for priests to offer Mass while stopping off at the Paris-Orly airport have been made ready, it was announced at the airport. Priests seeking to say Mass should make inquiry at the Information Desk.

President OK's Bill Aiding Maryknoll Nun-Dentist

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Sister Ramona Maria, the only Maryknoll nun who is a dentist, will be able to remain in the United States and practice her profession as the result of a special act of Congress on her behalf signed by President Eisenhower.

Sister Ramona came to the United States from her native Philippines in 1936, intending to make this country her permanent residence. After eight years at the order's motherhouse at Ossining, N. Y., she returned to the Philippines to help with postwar reconstruction work. She came back to the United States in 1951 but the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act of 1952 barred her from citizenship because she had returned to the land of her birth for more than five years.

Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. (D-Mass.) introduced a special bill on Sister Ramona's behalf to declare her eligible for citizenship. It was unanimously passed by both houses of Congress.

As soon as Sister Ramona completes her citizenship papers she will be eligible for a New York state license.

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