

BOOK SHELF

Weddings In The Family

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WEDDINGS IN THE FAMILY, by Dale Fife, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 248 pp. \$3.50.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON, text by John Walker, Curator, '56. In Great Paintings of the World series, ed. Milton Fox, Harry Abrams, Inc., Publishers, New York. About \$4.

Dale Fife has two strings to her bow: she is a practiced fiction writer who has published in many magazines, and she is a fun-loving Alsacer who has kept a zealous memory of a ventures of people who had "just come over." Her tales of her Mama who loved to make matches, and of the "Wedding Wall" whereon all newlyweds pictures were hung, have piquancy as well as humor. You can't go wrong in making acquaintance with this warm and lively corner of the American scene through Dale Fife's eyes.

A special sort of art-folio, harder to put down than a novel, both because of its page-by-page beauty and because of the Henry-Adams text accompanying each reproduction — and treasured for another reason: it is arranged so that the plates and their explanation constitute a history of art. This is NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON, put out by Abrams, New York.

What pictures! Not too many of them are so familiar to us that our pleasure is dulled. Of the 26 religious subjects, only five or six are frequently reproduced — the Botticelli Nativity and some others, and the same is true of the rest of the 85 fine plates: there is much to be learned about them all. Yet not a one is without appeal to amateurs of art.

Among the more than 40 color plates, each on an 11-15 in folio page, are glorious things like a Reynolds portrait, a Rembrandt character-study, Goya's turbaned Marquessa, Rembrandt's Mill with its charged evening stillness, Bosch analyzing the death of a miser, Cezanne's triumphant vase of paper-flowers — and Raphael's blue-cloaked Alba Madonna, and far more wonderful, the El Graco meditation, his Virgin and Child with Saints Agnes and Tecla, in which heaven's white and the idealizing blue of man's love for Mary endlessly and amably contend.

The history of the times, the artist, the career of the particular picture — I leave you to Mr. Walker: it's years since I listened to as interesting a lecturer.



Requiem For Ship Victims

New York (NC) — Captain Pietro Calamai, master of the ill-fated Italian liner Andrea Doria, kisses the ring of Cardinal Spellman, after the Cardinal officiated at a Requiem Mass for victims of the sunken liner. Seated in background outside New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral are from left, Giuseppe All, Italian Line's U. S. director general; Egildo Ortona, Italian charge d'affaires in Washington; and Lodovico Carducci, counsel in New York.

Protestant Groups Issue Congressional Vote Records

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — A compilation of voting records of both House and Senate members on key issues in the 84th Congress has been published here by 13 Protestant denominational agencies under the title "The Christian Citizen Looks at Congress."

The document giving the record of all 531 members of the House and Senate, was compiled by the Friends (Quakers) committee on National Legislation in cooperation with 12 other agencies. It is expected that several hundred thousand copies will be distributed before the November election.

THE CHURCH groups make no attempt to indicate whether members voted "right" or "wrong" from their point of view, presenting the record with an introduction that cautions "bills

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Leftist United Front Seen: New Moscow Aim

American Communists, following the lead of Moscow, are now engaged full tilt in a two-pronged offensive to win public opinion. By reiterating, in a sort of rhythm, Khrushchev's thought that "the era of the world Socialist system" has now arrived, the Red leaders here are emphasizing to their followers and friends that a mood of despair must be created among those opposed to Communism. That everything is over but the shouting, historically speaking, and the triumph of world Communism is now assured.



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Interlinked with this thought is another assertion — that Moscow and its agents are now seeking a "peaceful" path to Socialism. This, in turn, calls for Red union with wide groupings in the national scene, including specifically "a number of Socialist-oriented" organizations and currents. Thus, if the Red plans carry through, the central core of the Communist Party will blend itself into "progressive forces" and bring about a new "broad mass Party of Socialism."

THIS TWOFOLD AIM of the Party was first enunciated by Eugene Dennis, its general secretary, in a report to the National Committee in May. It is being furthered at a great rate in all the Communist press in this

Papal Aide Listed At Buffalo Meeting

Buffalo — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has designated Msgr. Francesco Roberti, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Council, to be his personal representative at the Tenth National Catechetical Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to be held here, September 26-30.

More than 175 Bishops of the Western Hemisphere will be present for the five-day meeting which has listed a program featuring 452 participants, discussing all phases of the apostolate of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Theme of the sessions will be the admonition of St. Pius X — "In Each Parish a Group of Laymen — Virtuous, Well-Instructed, and Really Apostolic."

"Unity was always recognized as a central objective of those who wished to build a Socialist movement. The historic conditions deriving from the First World War, the Russian Revolution, and the split in the Socialist movement, have now given way to the new conditions which the Twentieth Congress (of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union) described as the era of the world Socialist system.

These conditions make possible a vast new trend toward unity among Socialist-minded people which has already begun to be felt not only abroad but in our own country. The new features of independence and mutual criticism in the relationships among Communist Parties also tend to remove barriers between Communists and other supporters of Socialism."

Dennis' words — calling for "coalition" with "progressive forces" leading to "a mass party of Socialism" — have been reprinted in a booklet, "The Communists Take a New Look," now being distributed by the thousands of copies throughout the country. It is the basis for "discussion" preparatory to the "national convention" of the Communists in December.

HERE WE HAVE, bundled up in one paragraph, the Communist double purpose expressed in that Aesopian language at which the Reds are so adroit. The alleged "independence" of the western Communist parties, which has received such dramatic presentation in the daily press, is stated here to have a definite aim: removal of the barriers between the Communists and those with whom they hope to unite.

Scarcely were these words published than the national committee of the Communist Party here gave its full support to the policy. Referring to the need for Social-

followed by the Soviet Communist Party. This it did in a special resolution on July 19, thereby revealing that its boasted "independence" was merely the device that Sparks affirms it to be.

THOSE WHO OPPOSE Communism for America can be alive to the dangers and difficulties which arise from this cunning "new look" of the conspiracy. But this cannot lead to despondency, any more than it can cause us to yield to the complacent view that the Communists are now something different from what they have been. Too many recent episodes encourage us not to become guilty of any such despair.

The unanimous votes of the House and Senate of the United States Congress in support of Representative Edna Kelley's resolution against admission of Red China into the United Nations is one of these. The growing awareness in official circles and public opinion of the role of "Neutrality" (and why Khrushchev praises it so highly) is another.

As St. Augustine said: "We can pray as though everything depended upon God and work as though everything depended upon ourselves." And a chief feature of our work can be to show that Socialism is not inevitable and that, furthermore, Communism has not changed.

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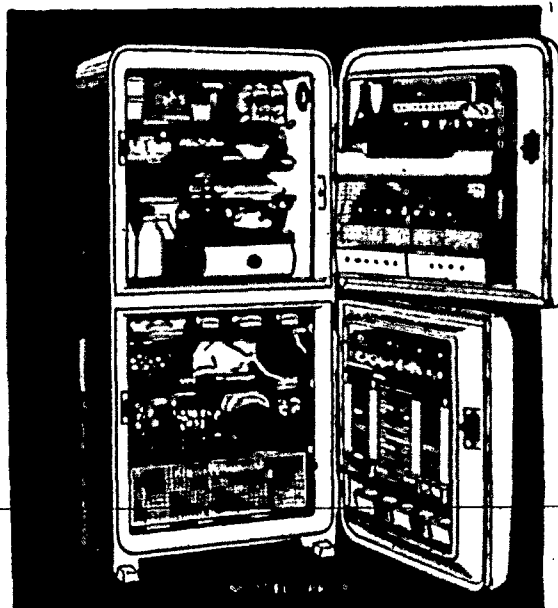
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