

### Arabs Ask State Control Of Schools

Cairo — (NC) — State control of "foreign" schools in Arab countries was proposed in a resolution adopted at a congress of school teachers from those nations held here.

More than 1,000 people attended the weeklong meeting, presided over by Kamaledine Rusein, Egyptian Minister of Education.

## GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

The more we deal with alcoholics, the bored, the psychotics, the tired-of-living people, the more it becomes clear that much unhappiness is related to selfishness. The greater the effort we make to please ourselves, the more we are displaced in our hearts of hearts. We who are blessed with the faith know that we are under commandment to "show forth the death of the Lord until He comes." This is done by many tiny acts of self-denial and mortification, by which we couch our ego, that the love of Christ may rise in our souls.

Just try this recipe for peace of soul for one month and see how happy you will be. Do three tiny acts of self-denial each day: one spiritual, such as going to Mass and uniting your sacrifice with the Cross; one corporal, such as visiting the sick or doing a favor to one who has been unkind to you; one material, such as giving up a dessert or a bus-ride and putting the equivalent into our sacrifice box (which we will send you) which at the end of the month you forward to the Holy Father through his Society for the Propagation of the Faith. But each of these acts of ego-crushing must be accompanied by an act of love, such as saying: "I do this, O Lord to prove that I love Thee." It is not the quantity of the deed that matters as much as the love that goes with it: "The gift of the lover without the love of the giver is bare."

Our piety too often is founded exclusively on prayers of petition. The only time we talk to God is when we say in a polite way "Give me this . . . or that . . . O Lord." Would a young man ever ask a young girl to marry him who was always saying: "Give me a drink; give me a Cadillac." Rather give God something first; give Him your love. Since we live in a material universe, the only way we can show love is by an act of choice—choosing Our Lord to a movie, or an extra package of cigarettes. This deflates the ego and lets in the Spirit of Love. Make those sacrifices and your inner peace will be the kind the world cannot take away. And, in addition, you will be aiding the Holy Father to support his 100,000 missionaries in Africa, Oceania and elsewhere. There is no nobler sacrifice than this.

GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. H. E. "Enclosed find \$3.00 which I am sending for the poor. I did without something I wanted very badly" . . . to G. Z. for \$5.00. "Recently I started on a new job and wanted to pick up speed as it is piece work and I made more in one day than I dared to hope for so I am sending \$5.00 for the missions" . . . to J. M. B. "This dollar is to help buy school clothes as I start High School this fall, but others need it more than I do" . . . to M. L. for \$25.00. "With God's help—a daily overcoming of many petty things that occur in everyday life. By putting aside one dollar a day I am most happy to send this check to you" . . . to E. D. and Co-workers. "Enclosed is \$20.00 which represents the offerings of three of us here in the office each pay day. Each Friday I put your donation box on my desk as a reminder that after the pats are given out, the first one to show in it are the Missions" . . . to M. F. L. and Friends for \$1.00 "Eight of us teenagers have a music club. Not long ago someone gave us a dollar for singing. We all agreed to send it to you for your poor."

While adhering to this 30-day plan for Peace of Soul you will, most likely, think of additional ways to show your love for God. Sending your old gold and silver or jewelry to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is but one of the many ways to show our love of God. These items when converted to money will mean souls converted to God. Do not relate in your search for such articles as Bracelets; Rings; Costume jewelry (in good condition); Dishes (sterling silver or gold); Earrings; Eyeglass frames (gold); Flatware (sterling knives, forks, etc.); Lockets; Lodge pins; Medals (gold) Necklaces; Pins; Precious stones; Stockpines; Watchchains. Remember, Our Holy Father's missionaries are continually searching for souls.

Out out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to the Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N.Y., or your Diocesan Director Rev. George S. Wood, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

## BOOK SHELF

The Sudden Strangers  
By Sister Margaret Teresa  
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THE SUDDEN STRANGERS, by William E. Barrett, Doubleday '56, 314 pp. \$3.95. At all Catholic and secular bookstores.

This novel, William Barrett's third story, is destined for perhaps as busy a run of popularity as THE LEFT HAND OF GOD, THE SHADOW OF THE IMAGES, as I remember it, grew a little out of hand with the weight of evil and conflict to carry — a whole city's racial problem and His Satanic Majesty thrown in — but it had power and it told truth. THE LEFT HAND OF GOD deserved its title, told the high romance of ingenuity and courage pitted against peril, and gave a rich yield of Christian doctrine in the intimate spiritual discoveries made by the man who had to pretend he was a priest.

THE SUDDEN STRANGERS is unlike either; it is a young book, amiably and even affectionately trite in its opening gambits, Chapter I, the girl, Chapter II, the boy, their obvious suitability for each other, the necessary obstacles to render this satisfying state of things less sure.

THE SETTING gradually unfolds, the Manhattan that charms the hearts of its millions, the streets in and around 5th and 42nd, with their "light wind moving from river to river" "It was a thing that people forgot, that no one ever said about New York, and that no one ever wrote. There were times when the air was clean and cool and moist, like a sparkling drink for a man's lungs."

And the Staten Island ferry, and the look of Manhattan on a rainy night from its upper deck. For an upstate scene, Cornell University and the lovely countryside round about, and a not-too-ancient monastery. Barrett like New York State, But the obstacles chosen with uncanny sureness and naturalness are not trite: the girl who knows what it is to be an orphan cannot easily pardon her ex-livy-League, ex-soldier lover for one legacy of his past, and he cannot prove himself until he has met and sounded the father who disappeared from his life long years ago, and the girl of the past

### Daily Mass Calendar

- Sunday, September 2—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Stephen, Creed, Trinitly Preface.
- Monday, September 3—St. Pius X, confessor (white), Gloria; Labor Day Mass in honor of St. Joseph the Worker, Mass as May 1, if permitted by the Bishop.
- Tuesday, September 4—Mass at Sunday except no Gloria, no Creed, Common Preface; VR.
- Wednesday, September 5—St. Lawrence Justinian, confessor (white), Gloria; VR.
- Thursday, September 6—Mass at Tuesday; VR.
- First Friday, September 7—Mass as Tuesday, or Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart; VR.
- Saturday, September 8—Birthday of the Blessed Virgin (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Adrain, Creed, Preface of Our Lady.

### Young Russian Reds Told Religious Practice Banned

Berlin — (NC) — Although worship is legal in the Soviet Union, young communists must not practice religion, a new communist declaration has emphasized.

This restatement of the Communist party "line" on religion has been published by Komsovolkaya Pravda, official organ of the Young Communist League in the U.S.S.R. It appeared in an article by a "philosopher" named Levada, apparently in answer to questions from young Russian communists.

## 'I Offered To Stay . . . They Turned Me Down'

### Freed Jesuit Wanted China Reds To Keep Him And Release Fellow Missionary

San Francisco — (NC) — Father Thomas L. Phillips, S.J., breathed the free, fresh air of San Francisco and said: "I offered to stay, but they turned me down."

The 28-year veteran of China's missions, expelled a month ago by the communists, thus disclosed he would have turned his back on freedom even as he waited to board ship at Shanghai for Hong Kong.

"The offer to stay" had the Reds accepted—would have sent home in his place a fellow missionary, Father John A. Houle, S.J., of Oakland, Calif.

"I thought I was in a little better physical shape to last it out a while longer," Father Phillips declared. "I knew prison life had weakened Father Houle, and he could have stood a quicker trip home."

THE ADMISSION, almost off-hand, was an unintentional tribute to the 52-year-old Jesuit's own physical stamina. Three years to the day before his release June 15, Father Phillips had entered the first of a series of Shanghai prisons where the communists did their vicious beat to break him in body and mind.

Father Phillips reported on the Peking-published "tour" of China given him a month before his release. Companions on the long rail trip—from Shanghai to Peking with stops at major cities—were Bishop Ambrose Pinger (just freed by the Reds), five other priests, and an American businessman.

"PURE PRO" "NDA," he said. "They wanted us to see Red China's material progress."

### Soviet Union Seen Greatest Capitalistic Power

Heidelberg, Germany — (NC) — The Soviet Union is the most gigantic capitalistic power in the world—if capitalism means financial power concentrated in the hands of a few, according to Benedictine Father Ruedi Jordan.

Father Jordan, N.C.W.C. correspondent in Germany, made this remark before the Sera Club here, made up of members of the U.S. Armed Forces in Germany and civilian employees of the Army.

The Benedictine said that only one-fifth of the people with jobs in the so-called classless society belong to the new ruling class. The remainder of the people, he said, are at the mercy of this ruling class.

He stated that the longer the Soviet experiment lasts, the less socialistic and the more totalitarian in outlook it becomes. In failure, he predicted, is evident, and it will be the failure of godlessness.

because they felt as priests we would have to report truthfully, on our return home, about what we saw.

"There were signs of progress, of course. New bridges and dams and roads. But we also noticed they were being built by what was evidently forced labor. Thousands upon thousands of workers, including women.

"We did not get near a church, although we heard the Reds allowed Catholic churches in some places to remain open as propaganda for 'freedom of religion.' Guess they figured we knew the score too well."

Father Phillips said the group was introduced everywhere as "American tourists." Guard-guides allowed no side trips or jaunts. "Hugh Redmond, the businessman, tried to do a little extra checking around one factory, and they hauled him back to the rest of us fast," he said.

THE "TOURISTS" reached Shanghai again with these impressions: Everything in China appears thoroughly systematized along the Red pattern, and the people are organized right down to the children to do whatever the government wants; cities, streets, and highways are notable for lack of traffic—no private cars anywhere; Shanghai itself, once a booming seaport, is a dead city.

where he was rector. The cell was only "three steps across" and "I had to sit motionless and was not permitted to speak."

Some 150 two-to-four-hour interrogations—seeking a confession on charges of "imperialism"—marked his stay there and at three other Shanghai prisons. The Reds never did get the confession.

At Massamet, the old French prison, Father Phillips and four other men in a seven-foot cell "all had to turn at once if one wanted to move." Food—rice and turnips—was pushed under the door in a basin.

### Vicar Appointed

London — (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop George Craven of Westminster has been appointed vicar capitular (administrator) of the Archdiocese of Westminster following the death of His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster.

### 'Ban Classroom Cheating,' Schools Urged

St. Louis — (NC) — With the start of school just around the corner, school administrators should take firm steps to ban cheating in classrooms, the authors of a textbook on ethics said here.

DR. VERNON J. Bourke, professor of philosophy at St. Louis University, said the habit of cheating, formed while a child is young, could lead to serious repercussions after the child has finished school and is out in the world.

### Catholic Ranks Gain In Japan

Tokyo — (NC) — Catholics in Japan increased by 15,200 in the past year and now number 227,878, according to official statistics released here.

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