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St. Theresa's Biography Published

Listeux, France (NC) — The original manuscript of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus' autobiography "Story of a Soul," a copy of which recently presented to the Holy Father, has been published here.

The familiar version of this spiritual work is not the original, but a version edited under the direction of Mother Marie de Gonzague, later prioress of the Carmel of Lisieux.

The modifications introduced by the prioress aimed at achieving certain references to the family of the saint to some more intimate details of the interior life of Carmel which, it was believed, would distract from the general appeal of the book.

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THE HAPPY WARRIOR: The Story of My Father, Alfred E. Smith, by Emily Smith Warner & Hawthorne Daniel. Doubleday '56. 320 pp. 15 illustrations. \$4.50. At all bookstores.

Al Smith is always in danger of becoming a legend. The smile, the brown derby, the small-boy laconic warcry "Let's look at the record", the running for President of the United States and then presiding instead over the sky-high Empire State Building, symbol of his beloved New York State—all favor the growth of loving and unthinking legend.

That's why this season's crop of Al Smith books is so welcome, and perhaps especially this one by his closest follower, his deeply interested daughter Emily.

For seen through Emily's eyes and backed by the research and the wary, measured judgment she brings to every event of the Happy Warrior's career, Al Smith stands out as a unique and glorious fact, the greatest fact in the twentieth century history of New York State, and by no means trifling fact in the history of the New Deal, even in the genesis of the better wisdom by which at the present hour we are governed.

EMILY IS a bit self-conscious about early days in Oliver Street, but she triumphs by truth and by her serene understanding that family and neighborhood life in at least the one remarkable city of New York can flow round and under and above all sorts of dubious institutions.

She becomes invaluable when she settles down to a close study of her father's political career. That earnest apprenticeship to government in his years as Assemblyman, that mastery of the state's needs gained as vice-chairman of the Factory Investigating Commission of 1911, both make credible his greatest work, the "re-writing" of the Constitution of New York State, a task that began in the Constitutional Convention of 1915, met with every possible obstacle and delay and tactic of rejection that Republican legislatures (and they were always Republican) could think of, and was only brought to actuality in the very last years of his last term in the governorship.

OUR DEBT to him is great — parks, fair labor practices, the prosperity of public education, the reduction of madly involved governmental departments to a few functional ones served and guided by a Cabinet, the building of a leadership of talent, the education of a big stateful of

The Happy Warrior



Faith Preached in Hyde Park

London (NC) — In London's Hyde Park, Father John O'Brien, American author and theologian, is shown preaching to pass-by Brits under auspices of the Catholic Evidence Guild. He is a member of the University of Notre Dame Theological faculty. Thousands gather during weekends at Hyde Park to hear speakers on almost every subject.

FATHER SHEERIN

A psychiatrist has recommended that suicide pills be given to American servicemen who carry secret information in wartime. If captured, the serviceman could take the pill in order to avoid breaking down during brainwashing.



Dr. James Miller of the Mental Health Research Institute of the University of Michigan made this suggestion at the Convention of the American Psychological Association, Sept. 3, at Chicago.

SUCH A proposal hasn't a ghost of a chance of being seriously considered. There is much talk about religion and moral values coming from Washington officials these days. There is much plying on the Potomac and reminders that America is a nation under God, meaning "under God's law." This is the spirit pervading the Pentagon.

Dr. Miller's bright idea is, however, significant for another reason. It is a sign that the American public's attitude towards suicide is changing. If an expert suggested suicide pills 50 years ago, he would have been hooted off the platform and ex-coriated in the daily press. Dr. Miller's published statement only raised a few eyebrows.

Centuries ago in England, a suicide's corpse had to be buried under a public highway and his family was not permitted to inherit his property. Today, the civil law is lenient to suicide attempts and generally presumes that the man who kills himself is mentally unbalanced.

RECENTLY I read a modern account attempting to justify suicide. In his book *The Moral Decision*, Edmond Cahn tries to advise moderns how to distinguish right from wrong. The N.Y.U. law professor says that until recently, the clergy could tell people what was right and what was wrong. But today many of the clergy are themselves uncertain and besides, the ordinary man does not think they speak with authority. So says Mr. Cahn.

This puts the ordinary man in quite a fix. The American courts presume every man knows right from wrong, but when will he get the answers Mr. Cahn has the solution. Read the civil law and decisions of judges and there you will find a good idea of the moral behavior expected of a man in 1956 America.

IN DISCUSSING the subject of suicide, Mr. Cahn admits that the courts are rather vague in their opinions. They generally apply a "presumption against suicide" on the ground that no sane man will kill himself. Yet Mr. Cahn says he is convinced that American law can provide moral guidance in this matter of suicide.

The principle of law that one man can kill another in self-defense can be applied to the case of suicide according to Mr. Cahn. It works this way: a man who kills himself is killing a member of the human race. He is committing a homicide. Now he will be justified in committing this homicide if he does it in self-defense, against unjust aggression. Unjust aggression can be any situation or pressure that debases, dehumanizes or exploits a man. In self-defense, a victim of this maltreatment can save his "intrinsic self" from destruction by committing suicide. If there is no other way out. By committing suicide, according to Mr. Cahn, the victim preserves his integrity.

THIS IS a cogent argument. It makes the suicide a noble character who died rather than lose

Cyanide Pills For Soldiers?

Court Orders Tax Returned To Priory

Boston (NC) — The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has ordered the town of Dover, Mass., to return \$14,011.15 in taxes levied against St. Stephen's Priory.

Upholding a ruling given a year ago by the state's Appellate Tax Board, the court ruled that the property is tax exempt and that taxes collected during the past five years be returned.

The court's decision ended one round in a legal battle that began in 1949 between town officials and Dominicans who direct the priory. At the time the town attempted to prevent the construction of the priory and seminary by invoking a zoning law.

WHEN THIS effort proved unsuccessful, officials attempted to levy taxes on the residential parts of the property (student dormitories) which, they maintained, were not entitled to exemption as educational property.

The State Supreme Court decision, written by Justice John V. Spalding, states that "the purpose for which the seminary was established is to train young men for the Roman Catholic priesthood. Such purpose is educational."

Lourdes Opens Center For Poor

Lourdes (NC) — A pilgrimage center for poor pilgrims, begun here last year, has been opened.

The center is actually a little village on the outskirts of the city.

Two shelters for poor pilgrims have been completed. One of them will be called "Pope Pius XII Shelter." Ten more shelters are being constructed, and another hopes to be able to shelter a thousand pilgrims at one time by next year.

The center is intended to make trips to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes possible for those who otherwise could not afford to come. Five days of shelter will be available to the poor free of charge.

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Women Tote Heavy Load To Build Africa Church

Ma Mokau, South Africa (NC) — African Catholic girls and women are helping to build a church school near here.

Fifteen members of the Children of Mary Association and 30 women of St. Anna Association have been carrying corrugated iron roofing and 44-foot rafters on their heads and backs over 30 miles of twisting mountain trails.

THE journey here from Port Elizabeth takes seven hours on horseback and much longer on foot. At one part of the trip the girls and women are obliged to climb the steep Khoroza pass, which rises 2,500 feet in three miles.

Other women have been carrying building material from East London mission, across the Makhaleng river and up Monkey Pass to the site of St. Leonard's church which was recently destroyed by fire caused by a lightning bolt.

All these volunteers go in groups and sleep in wayside villages. On the trails they sing hymns in native dialect.

Native Clergy Outnumber Foreign Missioners In India

New Delhi, India (NC) — There are nearly four times more native priests and nuns than foreign missionaries working in India.

A new edition of the Indian Catholic Directory issued here showed that the 4,836,250 Catholics in India are served by a clergy of about 5,400 members.

THE DIRECTORY did not list priests according to their nationalities, but a 1953 estimate showed that at least 3,500 of them are natives of India.

Foreigners comprise a smaller percentage among India's nuns, the statistics showed. More than 11,000 of the nearly 14,000 religious sisters working in this country are Indians. This compares with less than 5,000 nuns, most of them Europeans, who served the Church in India less than 35 years ago.

THE DIRECTORY showed that the Indianization of the country's hierarchy has steadily proceeded since 1923, when India was given representation by the Latin Rite's first native bishop—of the Andhra Association before his death in 1948.

Both priests will study agriculture for a year at the Southwest Louisiana Institute in Lafayette before being sent to the Far East.

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