

Maryknoll Editor Undergoes Surgery

Tarrytown, N. Y. — (NC) — Father Albert J. Nevins, M.M., editor of Maryknoll—The Field of the Lord, is convalescing in Phelps Memorial Hospital here after an emergency stomach operation.

He is expected to remain in the hospital here for several weeks.

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Autumn Book Season

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Leaves spread to their widest and poised, leaves everywhere serenely glowing — full autumn, its fire-bright past held in a magic of slow motion. It's the same season in the book world.

Take the poets: There's Annie Lindbergh with *THE UNICORN AND OTHER POEMS, 1935-1955*, songs out of a garden "on the fringe of autumn." There's T. S. Elliot, "most eminent man of letters in the world" as Allen Tate calls him, discussing in a U. S. edition of *Collected Poems* "The Frontiers of Criticism" and bidding us in a mellow spirit take the wise via media toward the enjoyment of poetry.

USE MODERATELY the specialized methods of our time, he says in effect. Don't overplay the poet's biography, don't lose overmuch time hunting his sources, don't use the "iron-squeezing" method of line and word by words, forcing out the last possible drop of meaning, but begin with the end of all these processes, with the lovely thing that is the finished poem, the titled and meaningful whole, and understand and enjoy it with as little outside aid as possible.

Elliot smiles at the earnestness of his earlier critical days, but finds the world of poetry good. And look into the biographies: Here's Sheila Kaye-Smith with a modest and amusing (and amusing) *ALL THE BOOKS OF MY LIFE*, matching her favorites of early and late days with all concerns—an easy-going book, and one to re-visit old delights, and set you on the track, too, of the best in things dated—like Agatha Christie's *THE MURDER OF ROGER ACKROYD*.

And I learn by way of the *IRISH DIGEST* that Dylan Thomas's wife has managed to support herself and the children by writing the story of her own life since his death, *A LEFT-OVER LIFE*, she calls it, and is now composing the definitive biography of the poet.

AMONG THE story-tellers, there is some unexpected spring bloom this warm autumn: Sheed and Ward have published the 42 top achievements in a writing contest of 4,000 entries, and among the 42 are many first performances—hence the anthology's title, *BEGINNINGS*. The couple of dozen lively stories, some realistic, some

set in strange corners of the world, some allegorical, include one by a Nazareth College grad of '46 — Marie Berl Lee, a little Austrian refugee who often delighted her contemporaries with her writing talent.

There are poems—Sr. Irma's and John Logan's among them—and dialogues and essays, too. Some leaves of more famous story-tellers are dead indeed, won't do on school library shelves, are very dark brown—I'm thinking of A. J. Cronin's *A THING OF BEAUTY*, with several pages that are most unnecessarily "dark."

BRUCE MARSHALL'S *GIRL IN MAY* is better: gaiety is its justification, and the Scots slang, something of a burlesque, may help to confine it to older and well-balanced readers.

Look above all at the brilliant *WORLDADMISSION*, Most Rev. Fulton Sheen's editing of round-the-burns-world's apostle for Fall '56. "Our Need of Orientalism," by Thomas Berry, O.P., our need of going right on with the work for China, right here in America, is a plea for the apostolate of intelligence, the apostolate of Cardinal and Suhard, but even more vitally needed in the East than in the West.

"A GROUP OF dedicated American Catholic Sinologists" ("Sinologists") is the basic requisite. It is desirable that it be a cooperative venture of priests and professional lay scholars. In higher studies of the Orient our laity should take a place parallel to that of the priest, philosophy and sociology. It is important that they provide the higher cultural studies. . . . one of the most important instruments of mission work. . . . to lead the people to Christianity through their own better traditions."

Rural Group Raps Farm 'Factories'

Sioux Falls, S. D. — (RNS) — Development of large farms, "factories in the fields," is a departure from the traditional economic and social organization of rural life in America.

This was the central theme of a policy statement released by the diocesan directors of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference during the NCRLC's 34th annual convention here.

Forces of change are at work in American agriculture which are having a revolutionary impact on farm life and the farm economy. Most drastic changes are in the fields of science and technology. This has been a mixed blessing as it brings a critical dependence on cash income and makes the farmer vulnerable to the operations of the price and market mechanisms. The influence and impact of government in agriculture has been another major force contributing to the changes in rural life. Government has become almost a dominating factor in the farm economy.

Needlecraft Club A work meeting is scheduled for the Rochester Needlecraft Club on Thursday evening, Oct. 26, at 8 p.m. in the craft room of the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences.

German Bishops Urge Lay Retreats

Bonn — (NC) — A joint pastoral letter from the German hierarchy urges the faithful to make retreats to stem what it called the materialistic tide of our times.

An road from the pulpit of German churches, the letter begs men and women, and especially the younger generation, not to be absorbed in the distractions of modern life.

It asked families and employers to facilitate participation in retreats as widely as possible. In the past year, more than 100,000 people in Germany made retreats. Because young people made up the largest share of the retreatants, the bishops expressed the hope that the country is on the verge of a new blossoming of the retreat movement.

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Downpour Ends Drought After Oklahoma Prayers

Oklahoma City — (RNS) — A soaking rain — the first general downpour in this state since June 23 — fell throughout Oklahoma a few hours after prayers for relief from the drought had been offered in churches.

Gov. Raymond Gary had called upon Oklahomans to join in prayers for rain. The governor said he would not "presume to label the downpour a direct answer" to the prayers but pointed out that the pleas had been offered by "a Christian state whose people believe strongly in God."

"I know the people of the state are very grateful," he said, "I am very thankful and I am confident we will receive more rain."

The governor offered his personal prayer for rain at the morning service in Kelham Avenue Baptist church here.

New York Aids Spanish Speaking

New York — (NC) — An adult education program has been inaugurated here to give the city's Spanish-speaking workers an understanding of trade unionism, labor laws, social legislation and the social teaching of the Catholic Church.

This program is sponsored by the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists in cooperation with the coordinator of Spanish Catholic Action for the Archdiocese of New York. It is given free of charge, and all courses are taught in Spanish.



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Freedom Urged For Americans In Red China

Hartford — (NC) — A program designed to help free Americans held prisoner in Red China has been conducted over the WNLC television station here.

It was presented as part of a nation-wide Freedom Crusade to put the pressure on Mao Tse-tung, for release of Americans. It was launched by Father Harold W. Rigney, S.V.D., who was a prisoner of the Chinese Reds for four years. On the program here, Father Rigney told of the tortures inflicted on prisoners in Red China.

Mrs. Mary Downey, mother of John Thomas Downey of New Britain Conn., who was condemned to life imprisonment by the Chinese Reds, urged the television audience to send letters petitioning Mao Tse-tung for the release of her son and nine other Americans.

William J. Egan, vice president of the Connecticut Federation of Labor, is director of the Connecticut Freedom Crusade. He said that about 1,200 letters are being sent daily from Connecticut to Red China. Father Rigney declared here that since the crusade started last April an estimated two million letters and signatures. Have been sent to Mao Tse-tung by Americans.

Jesuit Represents India At U.N.

New Delhi — (NS) — A Catholic priest has become almost a regular member of the Indian delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations. He is Jesuit Father Jerome D'Souza, who has been named to the post for the fourth time in seven years.

He will serve on a 24-man Indian team headed by V. K. Krishna Menon, the country's minister without portfolio. Father D'Souza is the sole Catholic in the Indian delegation.

Scotland Nun 100 Years Old

Dundee, Scotland — (NC) — Mother Mary Margaret Hodnett of the Sisters of Mercy celebrated her 100th birthday here at a special Mass in the chapel of the convent of the Sisters of Mercy.

Mother Mary Margaret was born in County Cork, Ireland, but has been in Scotland since her entrance into the convent, 80 years ago. She has known every Bishop of Dundee since the restoration of the Scottish hierarchy in 1878.

CHILDREN WITHOUT A SCHOOL

This is the latest appeal which has arrived from the Holy Father's office in Rome. We know that you will read it with interest. "In this village named T. K. I. Superior finds it impossible to get the necessary funds to build a school for the children of that village. It is important that a six room school be built—each class room to cost \$1,000. In each room a classroom will be placed with the names of the benefactors and every morning the prayers of the children will rise to heaven—thanking those good people who helped them so much. Can you make this plea of the Holy Father come to life? Every little gift will do tremendous good. Dollar added to dollar—and we can finally make this school a reality. SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME FOR THEIR IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN."

YOUR BELOVED DECEASED AND ALL SOULS' DAY

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead." Help the SOULS in PURGATORY by your prayers and sacrifices on All Souls' Day and all during the month of November. November 11th which is Armistice Day is a special day of prayer for our beloved war-dead. Our needy missionaries will be glad to offer Masses for your beloved dead. The deceased may also be enrolled as Annual \$1 or Perpetual \$20 members of the Association. A lovely memorial in their memory could be selected from the following items for our Mission Chapels:

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Your STRINGLESS GIFTS are precious to our Holy Father when emergencies arise so suddenly that he has no time to appeal.

CHRISTMAS FOOD PACKAGES NEEDED

You remember how St. Paul took up a collection in Antioch for the poor people of Jerusalem. Christmas we hope to distribute food through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to the needy of that Holy City. Can you give a little? Today Jerusalem is a city of the starving. God will bless you for your charity.

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