

BOOK SHELF

The Centuries Of Santa Fe

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THE CENTURIES OF SANTA FE, by Paul Horgan. Dutton '56. 343 pp. \$5.00. At all bookstores.

Santa Fe — the city of Holy Faith, standing high on the 'dancing ground of the Sun' and ruling its Kingdom of New Mexico when the Pilgrims were just pulling in on the eastern and rockbound eastern shore: what a story it makes!

The northern reach of New Spain, so like the old with its blue sierras and rosy deserts, so proud, so poor and forgotten, so Catholic to watch it pass under the conjuring pen of Paul Horgan into its second and its third century of settled yet ever imperilled Spanish life in the face of mysterious pueblos and the dust of murderous Comanches is a privilege.

PAUL HORGAN, Pulitzer Prize winner of last year (GREAT RIVER: THE RIO GRANDE IN NORTH AMERICAN HISTORY) was born in Buffalo, New York, but he grew up in New Mexico,

and the old Kingdom grew up in his heart, shaping itself into a memorable series of events that are American history at its finest, sequined all over with the wordings of original documents and unfolding with the dramatic continuity of a good novel.

This is the world of Bishop Francis Kelley, of Willa Cather, of Helen White, of many a writer on the Franciscan Missions — yes, his is not the story of the missions or of Indian-versus-white nor of any single greatness. It is the story of a country and of a society, a Catholic society still there, still shaping American history.

"THE MATRIARCH", absorbing account of a little Spanish lady who spent her ninety-five earnest years preserving the values of a civilization cut off from its ancient source, typifies the first half of Santa Fe's history.

The second half, the coming of traders along the Santa Fe trail from the States, the final military conquest by the "Yanquis," and the forming of new layers of society among the old, Anglo-American and immigrant, brings us reluctantly to today and to the end of a book that deepens understanding and endears our threatened way of life.

That Pulitzer Prize style: **"THE DRONED ON** in a high whining tone which seemed to bring him proof of his own inexhaustible excellence..." (A "Yanquis" "He never seemed to think of himself at all, and in consequence his manners were beautiful." (Bishop Lamy.)

"Adding the final sting of style, the line of his thin sword pointed straight out behind him." (The Matriarch's husband.) "An incredible range of world experience lived on in him. He had known Thomas Jefferson, Goethe, Napoleon, and all the kings of Europe." (Baron von Humboldt.)

School Fund Springfield, Ill. — (NC) — In one afternoon of door-to-door campaigning, parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Church here pledged \$370,000 toward the construction of a new grade school and convent.



Ukrainian Church Pastor Honored

FIFTEENTH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY of the Rev. Nicholas Wolensky, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Rochester was marked by 500 parishioners and friends at the Ukrainian American Club, 292 Hudson Ave. Here Michael Wasylshyn, of testimonial banquet committee presents gift to the honored pastor with Charles E. Bastuk, (left), president of the Holy Name Society, and toastmaster and William T. Tatyga (right) chairman watching.

Chaplain At Syracuse University Deplores 'Anti-Catholic Atmosphere'

Syracuse, N. Y. — (NC) — The chaplain to Catholic students at Syracuse university here has written that "there is a most continuous religious tension on the campus."

This is because of the "non-Catholic, and too often anti-Catholic character of the atmosphere." Father Gannon H. Ryan said in a letter to the Catholic Sun, newspaper of the Diocese of Syracuse.

THE PRIEST'S letter was occasioned by his recent action in protesting to the university administration his slurring reference to the Sacrament of Pen-

ance" and "barroom type jokes" in the student humor magazine, "Syracusan."

Father Ryan said the November issue of the magazine has been temporarily suspended, but he has had no official statement from university officials.

FATHER RYAN said that in religion classes he conducts for Catholic students and in private interviews, "we are daily confronted with situations into which the Catholic students are placed."

He said publicity given is-

such as that of the humor magazine, "serves to bring home the dangers which surround our Catholic boys and girls at Syracuse University. There is abundant ground for sober reflection."

THREE ARE more than 2,100 Catholic students at the university, Father Ryan reported, and "we must face up to a continued large enrollment of Catholic students."

He said that in his chaplaincy on the campus he picks up the duty of providing what safeguards he can for the spiritual and moral guidance of these Catholics who are cast in a "very alien atmosphere." "The task is very great, and sometimes very discouraging. We crave the charity of your prayers," he wrote.

Almost Flat Broke At the side of the road, a woman looked helplessly at a flat tire on her car, so a man pulled over and offered assistance. She beamed and said, "Oh, thank you very much."

"What kind of jack do you have?" asked the man. Her smile faded. She thought for a moment and then asked, "Would five dollars be enough?"

Louis Budenz

Red Conquest Said Based On Deceit, Violence

If atheistic Communism is not the only evil in today's world and he would be foolhardy who would say that it is — at least it has again shown its true and ugly colors in Poland and Hungary.

Deceit and violence, violence and deceit — the alternating proposals recommended by V. I. Lenin for world conquest — have been given full play in these unhappy lands.

On October 22, the Daily Worker acclaimed the new Communist government of Wladyslaw Gomulka in Poland to be a victory for "democracy" and "independence" and, at the same time, for "friendship with the Soviet Union." These words spoke for themselves, demonstrating that in the name of "democracy" a continued Soviet rule had been set up. That understanding was further supported by the fact that Gomulka is a Communist.

As such, he must promise to his Red followers the same world Soviet dictatorship and Communist society that Khrushchev does in Moscow.

This move to "democratize" Socialism was likewise in accord with the line enunciated by Nikita Khrushchev in February. A chief feature of the Soviet dictator's new tactics was the working out of "different roads to Socialism" in different countries. It was to be the same old regime in each of the satellite nations, but now under a "democratic" facade.

Gomulka added his own testimony to confirm the deceit which was to be practiced on the Polish people and the rest of the world. In his address before the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers Party — that is, the Communist Party of Poland — Gomulka bluntly said: "We shall allow nobody to exploit the process of democratization against Socialism."

He added that "any criticism must be creative" — an expression out of the mouth of Khrushchev himself. He followed up with a declaration that there must be "a resolute opposition to the whisper campaign and our friends aiming at weakening our friendship with the Soviet Union."

On October 25, the Daily Worker hailed the new Communist government of Imre Nagy in Hungary as bringing about "the democratization of the country, adoption of a Hungarian road to Socialism" and other reforms. But the Red organ could not be content with this estimate of the situation. It had to go on and place the chief blame for the demonstrations against the government on "counter-revolutionaries and outright supporters of the former Horthy dictatorship."

Then, it proceeded to blame the United States in these words: "The action of these anti-Socialist forces is applauded by our State Department which has worked together with exiled groups dedicated to the

overthrow of Socialism in Hungary and other East European countries.

Even though the Daily Worker did say a word about "the pressure for democratization" in Hungary, one would never know, from its propaganda that religion had been ruthlessly suppressed by atheistic Communism there, or that slave labor was a leading factor in present Hungarian life.

These events in the satellite countries teach us anew that violence and deceit, no matter how powerful they may be, can be overcome by intelligent courage. As this column has frequently emphasized, the answer to Communist advance across the world is not despair.

Recourse to prayer on behalf of the victims of atheistic Communism, as recommended by the Holy Father, can prove a tower of strength. A clear policy by the United States, raising its voice against the use of Soviet troops in the conquered nations behind the iron curtain and offering aid to genuine anti-Socialist groups in the satellite countries, will help.

No matter what the immediate outcome, Communism is shown not to be "invincible."

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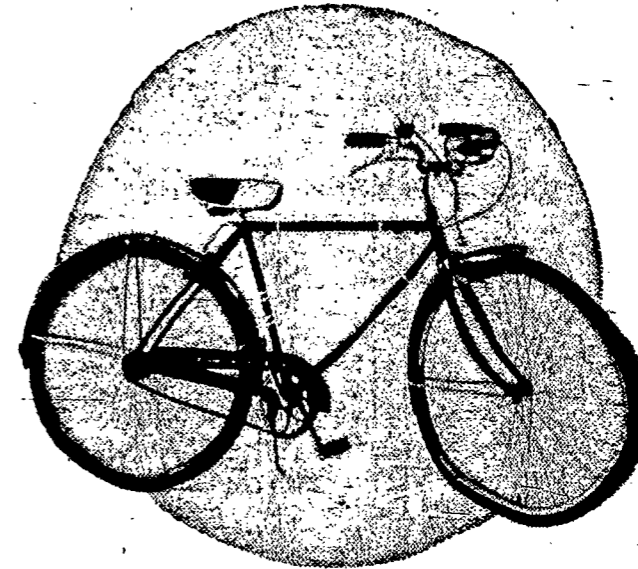
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