

BOOK SHELF

The Day Christ Died
Church Faces Moslem Abuse In Sudan

Sr. Margaret Teresa, Nazareth College
THE DAY CHRIST DIED, by Jim Bishop. Harper '57. \$3.95. Imprimatur. Available at all Catholic and secular bookstores.

Jim Bishop dedicates this book about Our Lord (well reviewed in the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle two weeks ago, and reviewed here to spread the good news) to his mother, "who taught us to love Him, and it is exactly this that the book conveys: a simple, warm love of the God who walked the earth, a love growing steadily as we accompany Him in the streets and environs of His beloved Jerusalem.



JIM BISHOP

"IN THE EVENING, he sat with his apostles on the Mount of Olives. The sun was like a red ball on the tops of the pyramids fringing the hills behind the walled city... and it tipped the golden spires of the temple, and traced blue patterns on the near side of the great wall.

He sat looking at the lovely jewel of Jerusalem... but he knew that she would never be his. He longed for Jerusalem, and she would treat him not as a bridegroom but as a murderer."

The use of Rev. Kleist's translation of the Gospel, has an effect of freshness and contemporaneity simply because it starts off so placidly. Though it is often less beautiful than the old Challoner-Douay, it demands a rethinking rather than wakes an echo. Mr. Bishop has chosen it, he says, because of its marked clarity.

HE ATTRIBUTES no word to Jesus, that the Gospel does not record and in fact keeps tight rein upon invention. His whole effort is toward making the reader a contemporary inhabitant of

Nairobi, Kenya (NC) — Protests raised by the Sudanese government's seizure of mission schools in southern Sudan have touched off a campaign of abuse and threats by Moslem leaders against the Catholic Church.

IT INCLUDES the warning of provincial governor that any public disturbance over the schools' nationalization "will be attributed to instigation of the Catholic Church staff."

Members of the Negro tribes of the south and their representatives in the parliament in Khartoum have vigorously protested against the Moslem-controlled government's move last April 1, taking over all the schools in the south.

The school system in southern Sudan is predominantly Catholic, having been established and run by Catholic missionaries.

ALL OF THE nation's Catholic bishops have protested against the seizure, which people of the south see as a major step on the part of the Khartoum regime to make the whole nation

It was learned here that the Modern appointed Governor of Equatoria province in the south, A. Balfo, has written to two Catholic Ordinaries, declaring that he is "not prepared to allow anyone of your church staff to contaminate public or student's opinion."

Swedish Nuns Open First U.S. Convent

New York (FNS) — Four nuns of the Order of the Most Holy Savior (Sisters of St. Birgitta) arrived here from Sweden to establish the congregation's first convent in the United States at Darien, Conn.

The group was led by Mother Lucia, Swedish-born former superior of the Birgittine monastery at Lugano, Switz. The ancient order was founded at Vadstena, Sweden in 1346 by St. Birgitta. It was expelled from the country during the Reformation and re-founded only about 32 years ago in Rome.

The order was re-established by Elisabeth Hasselblad, a Swedish woman, who came to America as a young trained nurse and was later converted to Catholicism. She went to Rome where she obtained permission from Pope Pius X to wear the gray habit of St. Birgitta and revive the semi-contemplative order.

Mother Elisabeth later returned to Sweden and founded convents in Stockholm and Vadstena. The nuns received the Order of the North Star, highest honor of the Swedish government. She died recently in Rome.

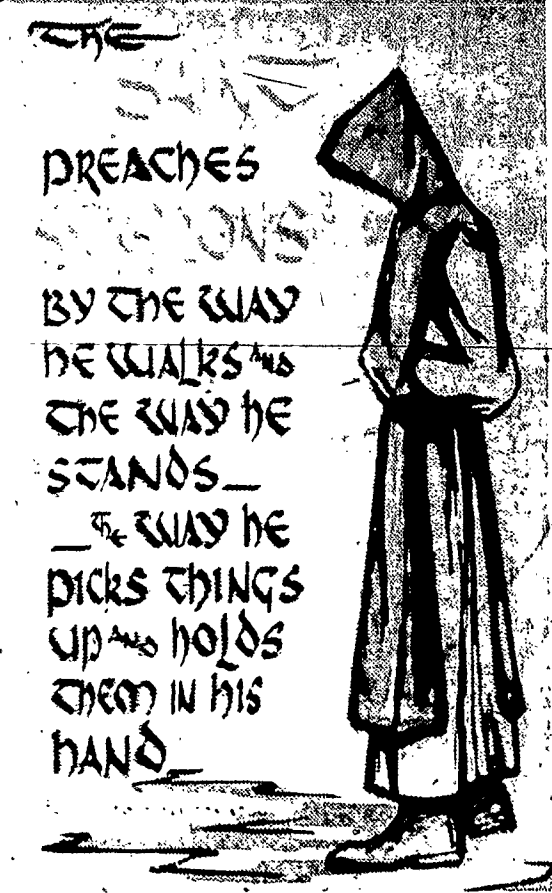
Fordham Receives Foundation Grant

New York (NC) — A grant of \$10,000 has been announced here to provide fellowships for theological students and clergymen of all faiths who want to become chaplains in mental hospitals.

The National Academy of Religion and Mental Health here said the program will be known as the Smith, Kline and French Foundation Chaplaincy Fellowships. The foundation is an independent, philanthropic organization of Smith, Kline and French Laboratories, a Philadelphia pharmaceutical firm.



SISTER M. MAGDALEN, S.S.J., is shown above at her drawing board in Nazareth College's art department. Her holy card designs, like the one shown above at right, are becoming popular across the country. Quotation is from Thomas Merton, famed Trappist author.



PREACHES BY THE WAY HE WALKS AS THE WAY HE STANDS — THE WAY HE PICKS THINGS UP AND HOLDS THEM IN HIS HAND

Nun's Holy Card Art Popular

What began as a simple art project for Sister Magdalen, instructor at Rochester's Nazareth College, has snowballed into a growing business venture overseen by the young nun artist.

A year ago, Sister designed and lettered a set of 6 holy cards, using quotes from the Trappist monk-author, Thomas Merton. This week a second and new set of 6 cards were made available through the college's Art Department.

THE CARDS are on sale locally at the Nazareth College Bookstore on the East Ave. campus, Trant's Catholic Goods Store, Rochester, Nolan's Gift Shop, Auburn and at Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey in Pittsford.

PRINTED IN blue-green and black ink on white stock, most of the cards show robed figures in an attitude of contemplation. The Thomas Merton quotations, permission for use of which was granted by the Trappist Abbot of Gethsemane Abbey, Kentucky, are from the author's works, "Seeds of Contemplation" and "No Man Is An Island."

Sister Magdalen, who is a Sister of St. Joseph and chairman of Nazareth's Art Department, reports that the cards are also graduate work in art at Syracuse University and received her Master's degree from Boston University.

Who Invented Examinations — Jesuit Blames Socrates

Omaha, Neb. (NC) — Examination time is here again, and from grade school small fry to university science students, that same old question is popping up — who invented examinations anyway?

Father Raymond J. Bishop, S.J., associate professor of education and psychology at Creighton University here, did some research and came up with some interesting answers.

THE JESUIT priest recalled that the Old Testament tells how 42,000 "students" flunked an examination and were put to death. The "students" were Ephraimites who wanted to cross the Jordan. As a test they were asked to pronounce the word "Shibboleth" in a way they were people of a friendly tribe. But the best that the unfortunate Ephraimites could do was "Shiboleth" and they flunked away their lives, Father Bishop related.

Research disclosed that written tests probably originated back in 2200 B.C. Father Bishop reported. At that time China had an elaborate national system of examining candidates for public office. The candidates were confined for hours in the old Chinese equivalent of individual isolation booths and required to

write lengthy papers and treatises on assigned subjects. FATHER BISHOP said that among primitive tribes a male member was not considered an adult until he had passed tests of tribal customs, endurance, bravery and other abilities adjudged necessary for tribal protection.

Oral examination of all students was employed by universities in 1219 A.D., but over the years, increased enrollments made this type of examination impossible, Father Bishop said. Written exams first were employed in Boston in 1845, Father Bishop said.

"We've gone through a cycle — first tests were rigid, then social and later objective. Now they're again becoming rigid," Father Bishop observed.

Prayer For Women

Vatican City (NC) — The following special prayer for women was composed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

"HAIL, FULL of grace, blessed art thou among women!" (Luke 1, 28, 42.)

"WE BEG YOU, Mary, to stretch out over us, your daughters, the hand of your maternal protection. We who draw close to your queenly throne, like a battle line, are attentive to your wishes and determined to put into effect, with your help, the ideals of truth and of Christian perfection within ourselves and our sisters.

"OUR ADMIRING glance is fixed on you, O miraculous child, the favorite of the Father! O Virgin, the spouse of the Holy Ghost! O loving Mother of Jesus! Obtain for us from your divine Son the power to enable us to be the reflection of your lofty virtues in every age and circumstance.

"MAY WE BE upright and pure in our sentiments and actions; tender, affectionate and understanding companions to our husbands; diligent, watchful and wise mothers to our children; keen administrators of our homes; exemplary citizens of our beloved country, and loyal daughters of the Church, ready to be guided by her in our thoughts and actions.

"HELP US, O dearly beloved Mother, to respect the duties of our station in life and to make our homes centers of the spiritual life and of operative charity, formative schools of con-

science, and gardens of all virtues.

"HELP US SO that, in social and public life as well, we may be examples of profound faith, of constant and gentle Christian practice, of incorrupt integrity, and of true balance based on the most solid religious principles.

"BLESS OUR intentions and our labors. And, as we are inspired by you in undertaking them, may we, with your help, be granted the joy of witnessing their abundant fruits in time and in eternity. Amen."

Scout Jamboree Lists Archbishop

New Brunswick, N.J. (NC) — Archbishop John F. O'Hara, S.C.C. of Philadelphia will preside at a Pontifical Mass on July 14 in Valley Forge, Pa. at the national jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America.

This was announced here at the public relations service of the Boy Scouts of America. Bishop Richard O. Gerow of Natchez, Miss., will offer the Mass, and Archbishop Leo Binz of DuBuque, Iowa, will preach.

Msgr. George M. Dowd, national director of the Catholic Committee on Scouting, will be chaplain general at the jamboree. It will be held from July 12 to 18. Over 50,000 Boy Scouts will participate.

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President Presents Essay Awards To Catholic Girls

Washington (NC) — "It was the most wonderful thing that has ever happened to me," said a pretty 17-year-old Catholic girl who was presented a \$1,000 check here by President Eisenhower for winning a national essay contest.

Sharon Garrett, graduating senior at Judge Memorial High School, a Catholic school in Salt Lake City, Utah, won the top prize in the 1957 National Essay Contest sponsored by the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

ALL FIVE CONTEST prizes were won by girls, four of them Catholics. In addition to Miss Garrett, they are: Virginia Trujillo, Antonito Public High School, Antonito, Colo., second prize, \$400; Virginia Davis, St. Luke's High School, Hahokus, N.J., fourth prize, \$200; and Claire Francis Connors, St. Mary's Central Catholic High School, Milford, Mass., fifth prize, \$100.

The third prize, \$300, was won by Denny Sue Carlisle, Albuquerque High School, Albuquerque, N. Mex. Each of the schools represented by the winners will receive a bronze and wood plaque.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER presented the awards in the Departmental Auditorium, at the annual meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

The President said he feels "greater satisfaction and keen interest" in the committee than in any other of the many presidential commissions.

Noting that the essay winners were all girls, he remarked, "I hope this doesn't mean girls are smarter than boys. I congratulate them, but I would like to see some boys represented next year."

MISS GARRETT said that when she was presented her award by the President, he asked her: "What are you going to do with this?"

She said: "I'm going to use it to go to college."

"That's very good," he replied. Miss Garrett said later that she plans to attend the College of St. Mary-of-the-Wasatch in Salt Lake City, which is conducted by the Holy Cross Sisters.

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