

Drama in Darkest Africa

Faith Conquers Witchcraft

Kwizu, Tanganyika (NC) — Natives told the priest that the witch doctor was beginning to see if the witch doctor was really able to prevent the missionary from returning.

THE PHILADELPHIA-born priest set out immediately for that section of the mountains. He intended to offer Mass on the same spot where the witch doctor had performed his rites in order to prove to the people that Christ's sacrifice on the cross is more powerful than the killing of an animal.

The witch doctor was jubilant and the natives were beginning to believe in the power of the pagan ritual. Realizing this and also knowing that he could not cure himself of the malady, Father Walsh set out to find a doctor.

HE HAD NOT far to look, fortunately, and the physician cured him of the illness.

As soon as he felt well enough to take to the mountain trails, the Holy Ghost missionary returned to the school site and offered Mass.

He said he had come to offer a pagan sacrifice at that spot in order to prevent the return of the missionary. He was confident that his pagan ritual would be successful.

'Nun For A Year' Program Launched

San Antonio (NC) — A new foundation for lay women who wish to devote themselves to Catholic Action for one-year periods has been established here.

The foundation will be known as the Daughters of St. Francis. It will work under the direction of the Congregation of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Word.

Members of the foundation will live in a community life. They will take a simple vow of obedience and poverty, all for one year. These may be renewed from year to year with the permission of the director.

No obligation to stay more than one year is required of any candidate.

The Daughters of St. Francis will wear ordinary street clothes. Their activities will include catechetical work, home visitation, house-to-house census taking, and teaching.

Naples Cardinal Heads Vatican Post

Vatican City (RNS) — Marcello Cardinal Mimmi, Archbishop of Naples, was named secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments.

The Congregation, established by Pope Sixtus V in 1588, prepared the agenda for all consistorial sessions. It also deals with matters involving the establishment and maintenance of dioceses not subject to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Labor Needs Help Against Hoffas

By REV. FRANCIS J. McDONNELL
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"Well, they elected Hoffa, didn't they? What are you going to do about that?" I have heard those two questions over a hundred times since that Black Friday, Oct. 4, when the International Brotherhood of Teamsters placed expediency above principle.

Ten days before that event I was optimistic in my predictions that the decent element in this largest American trade union would rally and show the country that there was a strong sense of social responsibility in the labor movement and that Hoffa would be defeated.

How wrong can you be? If ever there was a case of the wish being father to the thought, that was it.

IT IS STILL a strong conviction with us that the vast majority of the Teamsters are decent and do have a strong sense of social responsibility. It would seem that they never had a chance to demonstrate it, at least on this occasion, and once again we are reminded that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

It is difficult to know the truth about all that went on in Miami and before it, but if the charges of the McClellan Committee and the newspaper reports are true, then the Hoffa victory was the triumph of the ruthless, political machine, another instance in which the electorate lost its democratic right to choose its leader because they found democracy too exacting in its demands.

EDITORIAL WRITERS have been severe in their denunciation of this event and have lost neither the opportunity to remind labor that punitive legislation is sure to follow, nor have they missed the chance to encourage the enactment of such laws.

They have predicted that the patience of the public with Labor has reached its end and that vengeance will now follow. They may be right, I hope not, because, if they are, then this democracy that we all cherish, but do so little to guard, will again be injured and this time more severely, than Hoffa and his machine have injured it.

IF DEMOCRACY is going to prosper among us, it has to exist and be practiced in every phase of our living and it can only exist in our industrial life through strong unionism.

Fugitive and restrictive legislation aimed at the trade unions in our country will but serve to hamstring this democracy where its need is great, in the work life of our people.

Who can deny that the workers in industry have interests and needs and that if they do not have a voice in determining these needs and interests, then in a large segment of their lives they are not free?

And who has come up with a substitute for trade unionism as the means of granting the worker a voice and vote in his working life?

THERE ARE ONLY two other alternatives for safeguarding the interests of the worker: one is the State, the other is the Employer. The first leads to totalitarianism, the other to paternalism. The freedom wants neither.

It is not maintained here that labor unions should be beyond the law, nothing of the sort is advocated. Every institution in our land needs regulation, and must be dedicated to the common good. Trade unions are no less than any of the others.

However, if they are plagued with gangsters and racketeers then they should be given what all Americans afflicted with this same scourge have asked of the law, protection and help, not a curtailment of their democratic rights.

This is not a plea for any special privilege for Labor. It is a plea, however, for men of good sense to bring to this exacting problem of labor democracy the light of understanding, not the heat of vindictiveness.



Writes For Soviet Readers

Notre Dame, Ind.—(NC)—President of Notre Dame University, Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., looks over a copy of America Illustrated, the Russian language magazine published and circulated in the Soviet Union by the U.S. Information Agency. In the current issue, Father Hesburgh and other American college presidents express their views on higher education. Father Hesburgh, recently appointed to the Civil Rights Commission by President Eisenhower, stressed the importance of training the will as well as the intellect in our schools and colleges.

English Catholics Erect 186 Schools Since War

London (NC) — Catholics in England and Wales have erected 186 schools since World War II and another 83 are under construction, and approval has been given to plans for another 177.

All these schools have qualified for a government grant to cover construction costs, which usually amounted to 50 per cent.

Catholics must provide the rest of the funds needed to erect their schools, but once the buildings have been completed the national government maintains the structures.

Catholics have also erected 55 other schools, started 69 more and are planning another 28 national institutions which have not qualified for government grants.

Archbishop William Godfrey has asked that the government

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By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

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Stately yours in Christ, Rev. W.F.L.

We immediately telephoned him our thanks and discovered that he had been ordained only seven years and was second curate in a large parish.

DID NOT HE POSSESS in a spiritual sense the "fullness of the priesthood"? To say we are priests is only half the story for our Lord was both Priest and Victim. Precious to his coming, all priests, whether Priest or pagan, offered something distinct from themselves—sheep, goats, wine and other substitutes for the human. But our Lord offered Himself as a Victim for our sins. Hence He was upright on the Cross as a Priest, He was prostrate as a Victim.

WE WHO ARE OTHER CHRISTIANS always insist on the dignity of our priesthood, but not so often on the indignity of our victimhood. When therefore we meet a young priest who becomes a victim by giving himself a legitimate pleasure for the sake of spreading the Kingdom of God in pagan lands, we are grateful, we are afflicted, we are humbled.

WHAT CAN WE DO? This we can become victims through sacrifice to train priests in a far Asia and elsewhere in the world. Our priesthood is eternal, but let it also be continued in time. For \$750 we can educate a priest in the Missions. When we have shown sacrificial loyalty to the Holy Father our good people will become victims too, for love of the Vicar of Christ.

BY SENDING YOUR sacrifices to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith you put them into the hands of the Holy Father who has the interest of all the Missions of the world at heart. There is no better way of giving.

GOD LOVE YOU to H.C. for \$5 "From the cubs in Den 3. Pack 308 Holy Name Church." \$10 P.D. for \$5 "I received this for being kind. I did a favor for someone in need and never expected anything in return. Please use it to be kind to someone else in need." to G.P. for \$50 "I am 83 years old and need your prayers." to G.L. for \$2 "This is the amount of nickles I had saved for something special."

The time of new and renewed resolutions is upon us. Why not make a resolution to make a small sacrifice daily for the missions of the world? And what better way to remind yourself of your resolution than by daily recitation of the WORLD MISSION ROSARY. Begin the new year with a prayer and a sacrifice offering of \$2 for the WORLD MISSION ROSARY which will be sent to you upon your request.

Cut out this column, put your sacrifice to it and mail it to: Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 386 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, N.Y. or write Missions Director Rev. Geo. S. Wood, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

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