



### German Reds Attack Religion Classes

Berlin—(RNS)—East German Communists have broadened their anti-religious campaign to include attacks on after-school religious instruction classes conducted by the Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches.

Local Communist publications and officials made statements denouncing the Churches for "increased attempts to infect the children with this poison."

The Red organs accused ecclesiastics of forcing children at the end of the regular school day to attend religion classes.

### Protestant Group Picks Jesuit Book

Washington—(NC)—A recent selection of a Protestant book club—authored by a Catholic priest—has been chosen for the 1957 prize award of the American Catholic Sociological Society.

The award went to Jesuit Father Edward Duff's "The Social Thought of the (Protestant) World Council of Churches." The book was recently chosen for distribution by the Religious Book Club, a Protestant organization.

### Long Time Members Honored

GREETED by Anthony Cecere, grand knight of Geneva Council, Knights of Columbus are former Geneva mayor Dr. Charles Nieder (center) and Mathias Kelleher. Both have been Geneva Council members for more than 50 years. (P. B. Oakley, Geneva Photo).

### Ethiopia Names First Minister To Vatican

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia—(RNS)—Major Mesfin Bagashet has been named Ethiopia's first Minister to the Vatican. He formerly was Ethiopian Charge d'Affaires in Mexico.

Diplomatic relations between Ethiopia and the Holy See were established in an agreement signed early in 1957.

## Public Colleges Enroll 58 Percent

Washington—(NC)—The U.S. Office of Education said here that 58 per cent of last fall's college population of 3,063,000 are enrolled in publicly controlled institutions, as against 57.1 per cent in the fall of 1956.

Public institutions reported a 5.9 per cent gain in the number of students over the fall of 1956, while privately controlled institutions listed 1.8 per cent more than last year, the office said.

Its figures are published in the January, 1958, issue of the publication, Higher Education. No breakdown by religious denominations is made in statistics on private colleges in the survey, which was made by the section of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The college and university population for the fall of 1956 was put at 2,947,000 and the total for 1957 amounted to a 4.1 per cent increase, said the office.

It added that the present enrollment would rise to an estimated all-time high of 3,460,000 after the opening of the second semester in the nation's institutions of higher learning.

### SPIRITUAL EXERCISES AT THE CENACLE

Spiritual exercises will be conducted at the Convent of Our Lady of the Cenacle, 693 East Ave., Rochester 7, during the month of January, as follows:

- RETREATS:**
- January 10-12—St. Mary's Junior Sodality, Auburn — Rev. James Malone, S.J.
  - January 14-25—Cenacle Religious in Retreat
  - January 24-26—Preparation for Marriage Retreat — Rev. Ralph Sturzer, S.J.
  - January 31—
  - February 2—High School Retreat —
- GUILD MEETINGS:**
- January 6th—Our Lady of the Cenacle Guild — 7:15 — (usually 3rd Monday) Business Women — Rev. John Hayes, S.J.
  - January 8th—St. Regis Guild—High School—2nd Wednesday after school —
  - January 4th—I.F.C.A. — First Saturday Mass — Bishop Kearney

## GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

### TO TEENAGERS

This letter arrived during the past week:  
Your Excellency:  
I got the idea to make a great sacrifice by sending my eighty bucks to the Holy Father for his missions. These \$80 were my savings for buying my used car. Well, after a great struggle I decided on sending the money to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The only reason why I decided to do that was because I once heard that if you give with love until it hurts that is a sacrifice. I also figure that since it hurt me so much it will mean much to a missionary.  
By the way, Excellency, I am a Catholic teenager. I thought you'd like to know that.  
Yours Respectfully,  
G.F.F.

Let those who sometimes despair of teenagers rejoice to see what is good in the hearts of the young!

THIS TEENAGER REVEALS an unusual insight into the missionary life of the Church. He saw that the only way to aid all missionaries equally was to place his offering in the hands of the Holy Father. He was wise enough also to know that the way to do this was to give it to the Holy Father's own Society for the Propagation of the Faith, for every cent received there may be distributed only by the Vicar of Christ.

THE HOPEFUL AND REMARKABLE FEATURE of this gift is that the teenager denied himself an automobile for the sake of the Holy Father's Missions. No adult could ever feel the pain of denying himself a Cadillac for the sake of the Gospel more than this teenager did in foregoing his jalopy.

TO BE BOLD AGAINST others is common to brutes; the mark of a Christian is to be bold against himself. In the case of this young man, it was not the sinful he denied himself, but the legitimate. With St. Paul he can say: "I buffet my own body and make it my slave." (1 Cor. 9:27)

OUR LORD, ONE DAY WAS SAD, when a young man whom He had to follow Him, turned his back and left Him. Here is a youth with whom the Lord is pleased. And we are happy when we inspire our readers to imitate Christ and Him Crucified by making a sacrifice. We are pleased too when in their generosity they equalize their aid to all the Missions by giving it to the Holy Father through the means He established for this purpose, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

GOD LOVE YOU TO DE. "This is the \$1 I received for the A's on my report card. I hope it helps to feed a little boy less fortunate than myself." ... to J.R. "This \$2 is sent because I am grateful to God for my whole life." ... to S.G. "Enclosed find \$10—I decided that if I could sell my car for the price asked I would send the missions \$10 and here it is."

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Formosans Pledge Effort For Converts  
Hong Kong—(RNS)—Eighteen thousand cards pledging signers to undertake to gain at least one convert were distributed among Chinese Roman Catholics in Formosa over the Christmas season. Catholic officials here reported.

The officials said they were confident that at least 25 per cent of the pledges would be achieved by next Easter.

Columbus Bishop  
Columbus, Ohio—(NC)—Bishop Clarence G. Isenmann will be installed as the sixth Bishop of Columbus on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11.

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### Memorial Light In Palmyra

OVER THE DOORWAY of St. Anne Church, Palmyra the light above was lighted for the first time at the Christmas Eve Mass 1957 by Ella Sanders of this parish in memory of her sister, K. Irene Sanders who died May 18, 1955. (Ken Scott Photo)

## Annual Family Communion Planned At St. Charles

Sixth annual Communion breakfast will be sponsored by members of St. Charles Borromeo Church in the school hall, Dewey Ave. on Sunday, Jan. 12, Feast of the Holy Family, after the 8, 9 and 10 a.m. Masses according to John Nolan, president.

THE BREAKFAST will be served at a cost of \$1.50 for the entire family. A substantial meal is promised. Arrangements are being made to handle 300 families. Last year, 902 persons were served.

"It is hoped," President Nolan said, "that this event will promote the wishes of Bishop Kearney that the entire family receive the Blessed Sacrament together and that mother be spared her usual task of preparing breakfast."

Basil Oleksyn is breakfast chairman and James Philpotts, co-chairman. They will be assisted by a large group of Holy Name men who will prepare the food. Serving, this year, will be 75 girl scouts from the three troops of St. Charles.

Schuster Stadium  
Milan, Italy—(NC)—A new sports stadium dedicated to the memory of the late Archbishop of Milan, Cardinal Ildefonso Schuster, is under construction here.

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### East German Reds Release Priests

Goslar, Germany—(NC)—Two priests arrested by the communist police of East Germany

when they inadvertently crossed into the Soviet Zone while taking a walk have been released. The arrested priests are Father Ludewig, pastor in nearby Wiedelah, and his visitor, Jesuit Father Alfonso Gesinger from Brazil.

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