

# Catholic College Critics Disputed

New York — (NC) — The past president of Fordham University characterized as "unfortunate" statements by three Catholic educators whose criticisms of Catholic higher education have attracted wide publicity.

FATHER ROBERT I. Gannon, S.J., now pastor of St. Ignace Loyola Church here, told the Manhattan College Alumni Association that "excessive self-abasement" among Catholic educators and journalists has been a result of the charges.

The criticism of Catholic Colleges, said the Jesuit, "was based on the supposed existence of a vast complacency in responsible quarters which had to be violently upset."

tave Weigel, theologian at Woodstock (Md.) Jesuit Seminary, and Holy Cross Father John J. Cavanaugh, former president of Notre Dame University.

All three have charged that Catholics are not producing their share of intellectuals and the fault lies in Catholic higher education.

Father Gannon said their talks were unfortunate in varying degrees, particularly since they were written in a crusading fervor which led their authors into verbal indiscretions that made for wide publicity, but left enduring scars and many misunderstandings.

"The secular press opened its columns to all three critics," he continued. "Understandably it was news. The man was biting the dog. Only the caustic and racy paragraphs, however, reached the market place with the result that unwarranted impressions exist this day in many circles."

FATHER GANNON said that Monsignor Ellis' point that "we are not producing our share of research men who published their advances in learned magazines . . . is well made, but the overtones filtering down to the man in the street left him with the unfortunate impression that the education obtained in Catholic colleges was of a distinctly inferior brand."

After Father Gannon's address, Brother Augustine Phillip, president of Manhattan College, which is conducted by the Christian Brothers, said that "all the breathers bewailing the shortcomings of Catholic higher education truly need the perspective that Father Gannon has brought to this issue tonight."

Nun On Board  
Worcester, Mass. — (NC) — Mother Mary Loreto, of the Sisters of Providence, administrator of St. Vincent Hospital here, has been named to the Massachusetts state scholarship board by Gov. Foster Furcolo.



## Life Sentence By Red Court

Charged with taking part in the 1956 Hungarian uprising, Msgr. Egon Turesanyi (right) secretary to Cardinal Mindszenty (left), Primate of Poland, has been sentenced to life imprisonment, by the Hungarian Communist regime. Cardinal Mindszenty is in residence at the U.S. Legation in Budapest. The above photograph is the last taken of the Cardinal and his secretary before return of Communist tyranny in Hungary. (NC Photos)

# Convert Rise Reported In British Army Chief Mission Areas Serves Daily Mass

Taipei, Formosa (NC) Conversion among the Formosans an aborigines is continuing at a phenomenal rate.

Bishop Andrew J. Vermeux, M.E.P., Apostolic Prefect of Hwallien, reports that his prefecture now has over 20,000 baptized Catholics, 80 per cent of whom are aborigines.

In June, 1953, the prefecture had less than 1,000 baptized Catholics. Bishop Vermeux said that another 40,000 catechumens are under instruction, most of them aborigines.

## Korea Area Lists 8,000 Converts

Kwangju, Korea (NC) — During the last six months of 1952 over 8,000 adults were baptized in the Vicariate of Kwangju.

Bishop Harold Henry, S.S.C., Vicar Apostolic of Kwangju has announced that 5,000 of these converts were received into the Church from October 1 through December 31, bringing the total Catholic population of the vicariate to 38,000.

There are still over 18,000 catechumens being instructed by the 74 Columban, seven Korean and three Salesian priests of the vicariate.

## Servicemen Join Hawaii Holy Name

Honolulu, Hawaii (NC) — A total of 342 servicemen were received into the Holy Name Society, largest in the Territory of Hawaii. The number is an increase of 77 over members received last year.

The new members came from Wheeler and Hickman Air Force Bases, Kaneohe Marine Air Station and Barbers Point Naval Air Station. They were received into the society by Auxiliary Bishop John J. Scanlon of Honolulu.

London — (NC) — A British military man who serves Mass practically every day has been appointed to the highest post in his country's army.

Gen. Sir Francis Festing, 55, was appointed Chief of the Imperial General Staff, making him top officer in the British Army.

As reported last week, Arthur G. Trudeau, new head of the U.S. Army's missile development program, attends daily Mass. As commanding general during the past year of the First U.S. Army Corps in Korea, he was present every morning at the seven o'clock Mass.

GEN. FESTING, who is a convert to the Church, will not assume his duties until next September when the present chief, Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, retires.

Born into a non-Catholic family of Dublin, Gen. Festing's father and grandfather were British Army officers. The general was received into the Church while still in his teens, and has long been noted in British army circles for his exemplary life as a Catholic. Part of Gen. Festing's daily activities includes attending Mass, which he usually serves.

DURING WORLD WAR II, when he was one of the country's youngest generals, he distinguished himself during the Burma campaign.

Gen. Festing has four sons, who attend the Benedictine Fathers' school at Ampleforth abbey.

His many international decorations include that of Commander in the U.S. Legion of Merit.

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## Church Building Up In January

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — Church construction got off to a good start in 1953, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported, setting a new January record.

Construction of new religious edifices totaled \$88,000,000 during the month, \$1,000,000 above the previous record set in 1952, the report said.

Building activity by non-public schools and colleges totaled \$42,000,000 in January, which was \$1,000,000 less than in the same month a year ago.

Private hospital and institutional construction, however, continued booming, with \$47,000,000 worth of new construction, put in place in January, an increase of \$11,000,000 over a year ago.

## Boston's 'Lend Lease' Priests Ordained

Boston (NC) — Eleven of 19 newly ordained graduates of St. John's Seminary here have volunteered for the "lend lease" program of Boston's Archbishop Richard J. Cushing.

The program permits Boston archdiocesan priests to volunteer for service in other archdioceses and dioceses where there are shortages of priests.

The "lend lease" priests this year have volunteered for service in the Archdioceses of San Antonio, Tex., and Santa Fe, N.M., and in the Dioceses of Richmond, Va., Raleigh, N.C., St. Augustine, Fla., and Yakima, Wash.



FATHER GANNON 'man bites dog'

"I can only say that if such vast complacency exists, I never encountered it in my 28 years of educational administration," said Jesuit Father Gannon.

THE SPEAKER referred directly to statements in 1953 by Monsignor John Tracy Ellis, professor of history at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and to "recent revivals of his thesis" by Jesuit Father Gus-

## Explorer's Grave Fixed In Cathedral

Quebec, Que. — (NC) — The Quebec Historical Society announced that it believes the remains of French explorer Samuel de Champlain lie in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception here.

The society's announcement about the final resting place of the explorer who founded Quebec in 1608 and who died here in 1635, was made at a general meeting at Laval University.

The society said that 12 years of research indicated that Champlain's body was removed some time between 1600 and 1673 from a chapel which was built to hold it. The society said its evidence shows that remains were taken to a parish church which was to become part of the Quebec Cathedral.

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