

BOOK SHELF

Trieste Adventure

By Sister Margaret Teresa, Nazareth College

March The Ninth, by R. C. Hutchinson. Binehart '55. 271 pp. \$4.50.

A story of Trieste, an adventure story, fast-moving and full of peril, that moves behind the Iron Curtain and ends truly, that is, in outward tragedy, in inward victory.

The first fine novel to reach us as World War II opened was "The Fire And The World" by R. C. Hutchinson, the story of a young Jewish doctor in Nazi-land of 1938. Nobody that read it ever forgot it. Maybe the author was somewhat forgotten; events grew so terrible as to furnish a brutal and compelling substitute for reading-pleasure.

Hutchinson has gone on writing, however, and the connoisseurs have supported him.

THIS TIME his hero is a naturalized American serving his country in Trieste, and he is also all that he was, a skillful Viennese surgeon who loves his pre-war Bavaria with a reasoned nostalgia.

The heroine and her father are Bavarian Catholics of simple charm, deep faith, noblesse.

The villain is a Neuremberg defendant, a Prussian escapee mortally wounded, guilty of a war atrocity suggested in the suspenseful title.

Eugen, the hero, declares him secretly — but you know how it is about "secrets." The villain has enemies who keep good track of him.

Here is Eugen talking to Franziska, the escapee's wife:

"A debt to be paid, yes," I said. "But it's his, it's Siegfried's." "It's mine as well."

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

THE SEMINARIANS in the United States have over two months vacation from their philosophical and theological studies every summer. In a six year course this represents more than a year's vacation.

IN MISSION LANDS, such as Vietnam, the seminarians go out to the poor villages in teams, several in each team, with a professor as their guide. These live in a Christian community organizing Christian life. Others live among pagans, in the most difficult circumstances praying and working for conversions. For five hours each day the seminarians teach catechism to both groups. In many instances whole villages are received into the Church.

INASMUCH AS ALL THE seminarians are native, the people no longer fear Christianity as a Western religion. Inasmuch as these seminarians live in the same or worse economic conditions than those they teach, the poor people are immediately convinced of their sincerity and love. Inasmuch as many of them are helping the poor in areas where the Communists destroyed property and life, there is an immediate recognition of the superiority of Christianity.

THE DIFFICULTY is THAT about 10% of all the seminarians who apply for admission in our mission seminaries are turned away because there are no funds to educate them. Our American priests could make no better sacrifice than to educate a priest; and our American Catholics who have no priest in the family would have a priest to pray for them for the rest of their lives, if by their sacrifices they would help to pay for his education.

ABOUT \$250 A YEAR would pay for the education of a priest in a mission land. Your sacrifice will be sent to the Holy Father and he, in his superior wisdom, will make the allocation of your money. If these seminarians do so much for the glory of God, should not we who have so many material blessings make sacrifices each day for the spread of His Love. Send your sacrifices to the Holy Father through his Society for the Propagation of the Faith and let him distribute it to those he knows are most in need.

GOD LOVE YOU TO Miss R.H. for \$11.70 "I started to go to beauty school in October 1957 to become a beautician. I finished yesterday. This is all the money I received in tips while I was there." . . . to W.S. for \$15. "Here is fifteen dollars I have saved from sacrifices during my first three months in the army." . . . to J.L.C. for \$10. . . to Miss J.V. for \$1 "I am 80 years old and I have a patch of strawberries. The crop has been much larger than expected so here's a little sacrifice in thanksgiving."

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\$39,000 Reported

As Mission Gifts Of School Children

Parochial school children in the Diocese of Rochester gave a total of \$39,100 to the Missions of the World during the past school year, according to a report released this week by Rev. George S. Wood, diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith.

Father Wood said that the children gave \$10,800 for pagan adoptions, \$23,200 for Charitans seal donations, \$1,500 in designated donations and \$3,600 in Holy Childhood dues from September, 1957 to June, 1958.

The report also indicated that 2,160 pagan children were ransomed for the church by the Catholic children of the diocese. Father Wood reported that there are 84 secondary schools active in this missionary program.

"Because we are all responsible, whoever suffers?"

"No, because Siegfried is my responsibility."

"You were far away from him when it happened?"

"I was still his wife. The failure must have been partly mine, that he was totally inhuman . . . I will make a difference for him to have me watching. It's like with a child — in a way he has never grown further than boyhood — children do things better than themselves when they know you're watching them . . . If I stand and watch, he'll feel he's making a retribution."

"But does that matter, in the end?"

"In the end, yes — I think so. The way we die, it's surely something God notices."

One character, Balthus, the aesthetist, has a loose tongue. The story is for adults.

Funds Asked For New Churches

Warsaw — (RNS) — Tygodnik Powstanczy, leading Catholic weekly published in Warsaw, has appealed to Polish Catholics to contribute to a fund for the construction of badly needed new churches in this country.

Latin America Theme For Women's Meet

Washington — (NC) — A discussion of United States relations with Latin America will be a highlight of the 20th national convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, from September 20 to 24, in St. Louis. Mrs. Robert H. Mahoney, NCCW president has announced.

THE U.S. delegate and vice president of the Inter-American Commission of Women and a St. Louis University specialist in Latin American history are scheduled to address convention sessions in St. Louis' Kiel auditorium.

Mrs. Floyd W. Lee, San Mateo, N.M., delegate to the Inter-American Commission of Women, will discuss women's service to the world community. Long-time member of the University of New Mexico board of regents, Mrs. Lee has been U.S. representative at commission assemblies since her appointment as delegate by President Eisenhower in 1952.

Father John F. Bannon, S.J., St. Louis University history professor, will discuss U.S.-Latin American relations, their current situation and their future. Father Bannon is director of the university's history department.

The five-day convention, at which 10,000 delegates are expected, has been planned to focus on current issues of concern to Catholics in the American and world community, Mrs. Mahoney said.

Funeral Held For Texas Prelate

Amarillo — (NC) — Pontifical Requiem Mass for Bishop Laurence Julius FitzSimons, 63, who died here (July 2), was offered in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Tuesday, July 8.

Bishop FitzSimons, who had been in ill health since 1954 when he suffered a stroke, was born in San Antonio on January 31, 1895. He made his studies for the priesthood at St. Meinrad (Ind.) Seminary and at the North American College in Rome. He was ordained at St. Meinrad on May 17, 1921.

During World War I, the Bishop served as a pharmacist's mate in the Navy aboard the USS Heron, a minesweeper.

On August 5, 1941, he was named by Pope Pius XII as the third Bishop of Amarillo.



'Father of The Year' and His Family

Indianapolis — (NC) — Lieut. Robert N. Bell, a member of the Indianapolis Police Department and of Our Lady of Lourdes parish there, has been named Indiana's "Father of the Year," by the Apparel Club of Indiana. He is shown with his wife and their 11 children and the family of five brothers and sisters whom they are rearing in addition to their own family.

Ohio Citizens Battle Smut Sales

Ashland — (NC) — Citizens for Decent Literature from all over Ohio met here to form a statewide unit of the civic organization and lay plans for a national group.

In an all-day meeting the 60 C.D.L. representatives adopted a resolution citing the extent of the pornography trade and calling for the banding together of organizations which oppose its spread.

THE RESOLUTION pointed out that in recent years there has been "an ever-increasing number of lewd, base and pornographic magazines on our newsstands." Estimates of the number of indecent publications issued in this country run as high as 10 million copies monthly, it said.

The resolution added that the "principal theme of these magazines is sex, with no restrictions or limitations" and asserted that most of them find their way into the hands of college-age or younger youths.

"We believe in and cherish the freedom of the press," the resolution declared, "but believe the material to which we have referred . . . falls outside of the

privilege of this freedom." The resolution concluded by urging all Ohio organizations engaged in the fight on obscenity to band together and give their wholehearted support and encouragement to a statewide organization to be known as Citizens for Decent Literature, Inc."

Altoona Cathedral To Be Completed

Altoona — (NC) — Work will begin in the fall to complete the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament here, left unfinished 27 years ago, Bishop Howard J. Carroll of Altoona-Johnstown has announced.

The cathedral, as it now stands, was dedicated in 1931. Construction was halted with considerable work left to be done on both the exterior and interior of the building.

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