

BOOK SHELF
Saint Dominic

By Sister Margaret Teresa, Nazareth College

Saint Dominic: Pilgrim of Light, by Gerard K. Brady, Kennedy 388, 100pp., Illustrated, Preface by Cardinal Lercaro, \$3.95

This life of Saint Dominic is a straightforward, serious historical work. The gifted author intends not to amuse us but to shape out of the present data of two Mediterranean worlds, the Arab and the Christian, a true picture of a saint's greatness and great failures, of his expectations and unmet ones.

Gerard Brady was poet before he was historian; perhaps this accounts for the appeal of the many fine photographs he himself made for the book, as it certainly does for the glowing chapters, "Bastions of Error," "Years of the Leunt," "Battle to the Strong," "Power Made Perfect."

His Dominican life is the fatherly spirit of the first and foremost of the orders of the Middle Ages, the little group of his Augustinian converts who became a ceaselessly working dynasty for the two hundred years he outlived.

And what a field of work the Pope committed him to! Harder far than the heathen lands he conquered.

The Albigenses had defied the saints. Saint Bernard had abandoned the struggle in complete helplessness sixty years before Dominic's coming. When one speaks of Catholic "persecution of the Albigenses" it is like saying "American persecution of the Al Capone gang" or "persecution of the Communists by the Hungarians." They were not Christians; they were hardly human.

DOMINIC IN THIS troubled wasteland preached like a fire of love, shining in his poverty and holiness like a pillar of light.



ST. DOMINIC footsore preacher

but always the whole man lived; so that his long-lasting friendships with Simon de Montfort the crusader and with Falk, Bishop of Toulouse, his daily care for the little congregation of nuns at Prouille, his priestly interest in every soul that came to him, all have story value. The later years in Italy are especially well done — the winning over of the university world to Dominic's preaching scholars. And the Albigenses? No, he did not rid France of them completely — bloody, devastating war did that, with treachery and horror on both sides. And the Rosary? None of his companions who testified in the canonization process seemed to know of it. Yet he converted his thousands of heretics, he worked always through Mary, he began the Order of Preachers, and he began and finished the career of a saint.



ARLENE BRENT

Rochester Girl Wins Prize

Arlene Brent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brent of 19 Lawrence St., and a member of St. Ambrose Parish, won second prize in the National Scientific Honor Society of the Catholic Women's College, Kappa Gamma Phi, 1938 national short story contest.

A graduate of Mercy High School and Nazareth College, Mrs. Brent is now attending Colby College University, 1 America Square, Sumner, La. story, "Land of the South," placed her second among 112 entries from 34 colleges.

Tertiaries Plan Congress in Rome

Rome (RNS) — Over 7500 delegates from all parts of the world are expected to attend the International Congress of the Third Order Secular of St. Dominic which takes place here Aug. 25-30.

Theme of the congress will be: "The Continuation of the Dominican Third Order with Catholic Action." Speakers will stress the role of the lay apostle especially as set forth by Pope Pius XII in his message to the Second World Congress for the Lay Apostolate held in Rome last October.

Third order seculars are laymen who strive for Christian perfection in association with various religious orders. Members of the order are called tertiaries.

Biting The Hand That Blesses 'Em

Musoma, East Africa — The bishop of this newly erected diocese appreciates the enthusiasm of his new Christians, but hopes they will become a little less vigorous with time.

After receiving a class of 250 newly baptized Christians into the Rosary Sodality here, Bishop John J. Rudin, Maryknoll Missioner of Pittsfield, Mass., walked among the group, blessing and greeting them.

The new Christians seeing others make a motion of the head toward the bishop's ring decided to do likewise.

Some rubbed their heads on the ring. One old lady rubbed her nose on it. Another licked it. And, holding it up to the light, the bishop revealed that some of his more vigorous admirers sank their teeth into it.

shop club of signatures for a 'peace' petition.

"We got seven hundred and four signatures in a little over three days last week."

"Keep at it," the organizer responded. "Get more signature campaigns going."

"At our plant," another Party leader commented, "we started a committee to protect freedom of speech. It's a good issue and we've had some fine response. I think we ought to rally, soon, some support for the Smith Act victims. I hope we can get some contributions too."

"Fine," the organizer added, "but always remember that we must stress our white-front campaign. We've got to show the workers in these right-wing unions that the Party stands for peace, higher wages, and better working conditions."

By "right wing," he meant non-Communist unions. He continued: "What if most of the workers don't agree with us on Communism? That doesn't keep them from working with us. We've got to convince them that we must all work together, that we have common aims."

Such a caucus may double that special "deal" will enhance Party influence. The following instance which occurred in Cleveland, Ohio, is revealing:

"Howard," the organizer said, addressing one of the older members, "you've got to give up your job as editor of the union's newspaper."

"Give up . . ." the member said, surprised.

"Your time's running out. You're just about pegged as a Communist. If you try to stay on another year, you'll be thrown out. That'll cause a rumpus and we'll lose ground. Step out now."

"OK," the member replied, accepting the instruction. "I think I can get Elmer — elected in my place. Dick — may want the job, so we've got to stop him."

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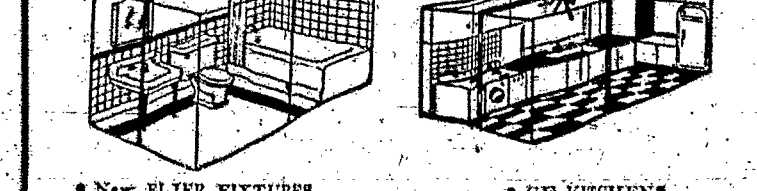
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