Catholic Statesman

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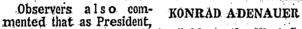
Bonn, Germany - West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who has announced he would seek the presidency of West Germany, is known throughout the world as Extrope's senior Catholic statesman,

His decision to run for president was regarded by observers here as signaling the retirement from active politics of the 83-year-old statesman who, more than any other individual, has raised West Germany from the rubble of defeated nazism to the status of a prosperous bastion of democracy.

Today, 14 years after the end of World War II; the Chancellor can look back on a record of constructive achievement in rebuilding his nation matched by few other statesmen in history.

Chancellor Adenauer will retire from active politics next July, when he will seek to succ e e d retiring President Theodor Heuss. The West Germany presidency is largely a figurehead posi-

It was pointed out here that the July date will be well beyond the spring East - West negotiations over the Berlin crisis and related problems, in which the West German leader is expected to play a major



Dr. Adenauer will remain available to the West Ger-Dr. Adenauer will remain available to the West Ger-one of faith will know that man government as consultant on national and inter-this unexplainable "divinity" national policies.

There was unanimous agreement that it will be well for Germany if he does, for in the past decade, and a half Dr. Adenauer has proved himself both a remarkably astute politician and a Christian statesman of unmatched vision and unflagging idealism.

One of his greatest achievements in this period has been organizing and directing the Christian Demo cratic Union, a political party based on Catholic. Protestant collaboration to put Christian principles to work in the political arenar-

The CDU was set up in Berlin in September, 1945, within months after the final collapse of Hitler's war machine. Dr. Adenauer, a charter member, has continued to be active in the party ever since as a guide

As one commentator wrote in 1955: "Even though a devout Catholic who never hides his deep ic convictions, he enjoys the respect and confidence of the Protestant members of his party, who know by experience that the party leader will always think in terms of Christian solidarity."

Dr. Adenauer was born in Cologne, Germany, on January 5, 1876. He studied at the Universities of Freiburg, Munich and Bonn. After receiving his law degree, he began the practice of law in Cologne, while at the same time participating in local politics. In 1917 he was elected Lord High Mayor of Cologne. He was also in this period a member of the Provincial Diet of the Rhine Province and the Prussian State Council; and held executive positions in the German Center,

When Hitler and the nazis came to power in 1933, Dr. Adenauer was forced to leave his various offices and in 1934 he was imprisoned for a time by the

His second imprisonment by the nazi secret police came 10 years later, in 1944, on his silver wedding anniversary—which he and his wife cele-, brated in an SS. prison at Brauweiler, near Cologne.

In 1948 Dr. Adenauer was elected president of a Parliamentary Council set up to draft a constitution. for West Germany. The constitution was approved in May, 1949. In August of the same year Dr. Adenauer's CDU won a victory in elections for West German Parliament and on September 15, 1949, the newly elected Bundestag chose him Chancellor. He and the CDU polled new victories in general elections in 1953.

One of the most honored men of his time, Dr. Adenauer has received literally hundreds of citations and decorations from the Church, governments, universities and other institutions. In January, 1956, on his 80th birthday he was awarded the Order of the Golden Spur, one of the highest papal honors, by Pope

Among honors accorded him in the United States have been honorary degrees from Georgetown Univer-- sity, Washington, D. C. and Marquette University,

Dr. Adenauer accepted the Georgetown degree in person and in a memorable 1953 address summed up much of the political philosophy which has guided him in his perilous task of rebuilding and rejuvenating Germany.

"We may have failed and wandered in the past," he said, "but matured by bitter experience, we have reached the inexorable decision to stand on the side of



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Montserrat Shrine In Spain

BY FATHER JAMES I. TUCEK

Barcelona — (NC) — The distance from Mont-serrat to heaven cannot be very far.

This is what the Spanish pilgrims devoutly believe and this is what you feel on this holy mountain of Catalonia from which the "Moreneta" the little dark Madonna of Montserrat, has reigned for over

Montserrat is a bare stone mountain of sawtoothed peaks, and so it takes its name - serrated mountain, it rises strangely from the Catalonian plains as though the God of nature had intended it as a place from which He should be given special Draise.

Legend tells of the holy that great army of men known uses of the mountain since as the Society of Jesus. as the Society of Jesus. shortly after apostolle times when men climbed its fright-ening heights to escape per-secution and to find seclusion To this place St. Peter Claver came before becoming a missionary to the Negroes. St. Anthony Maria Claret found his inspiration at the for contemplation in which they might work out theirfee. of the "Moreneta" and while at Montserrat founded

History gives the first rec-ord of religious life on Mont-serrat in the year 888 when red Heart of Mary. To list the names of pilthe abbot of nearby Ripoll grims to this mountain is to chose certain hermits for his tell the history of the Church. community who had been liv-The popes who have honored Montserrat begin with Boni-face IX and include His Holiing in the hermitage of Santa : Maria on the mountain. But long before this, since ages unknown, Montserrat was ness Pope John XXIII, who crowned by five hermitages, as Cardinal Patriarch of Venice visited here only a few months before he was raised whose ruins the mountain still holds. to the papacy.

Montserrat is not without its miracles, Numerous wonders have been verified here. But this is not the mountain's

The great wonders of Montserrat are in the spiritual order and not so much in the material order. The classic expression of this fact is quoted in the words of the Emperor Charles V, who said that "a certain divinity which cannot explain" emanated from the temple of Montserrat all over the mountain. is the grace worked through the intercession of the Lady in the souls of all those who come humbly to her feet to

Those who have come to pray include some of the greatest names of Christen-

It was here that Ignatius of Loyola gave his fine clothes to a poor man and offered his aword to the Virgin From Montserrat St. Ignatius went to Manresa, where he wrote his "Spiritual Exercises," and from Manresa to Barcelona, from Barcelona to Paris, from Paris to Rome and from Rome through the world to build mountain.

The liturgical chant and som from the rock of the



Boys of tamed choir

was from Napoleon's armies, and the last-violence it knew was when 23 of its members were murdered during the Spanish Civil War.

The Beredictine community has returned with greater vigor than ever and, in the of Calasanz, Benedict Labra and John of Mata. Impressed spirit of "Pray and Work" by these and by the devout pilgrims that he saw in his set down by its saintly founder, it is now on its way to a own time, a Spanish poet wrote, "The saints of our earth pass over your moungreater development than the Abbey of Montserrat has ever known in its history.

Curators of the shrine and day on Montserrat in a liturgy servants of the Madonna are the Benedictine monks of of exquisite purity and in nung prayer of rare beauty.
The liturgy as celebrated by Montserrat, who have had a the Benedictine monks is known the world over; this der was in its infancy. In spite of a series of acis of fice sung in choir.

chant Mass. Vespers daily at The last destruction it knew Ianja" — choir school unique In the world.

The "pray" part of the Benedictine rule is found to They are chosen for their

the sacred polyphony as executed by the abbey's "esco-

The "escolania" is a boys'

choir which has a tradition of about eight centuries. The boys, always about 40 in number, are not seminarians, but they are a group whose primary function is to sing the praise of the Madonna. They enter the basilica three times a day to do this: a High Mass Cally at 6:45 a.m.; the Salve Rogina and the Angolus at Saldday; the Rosary, Vespers and the "Montserrat Salve" at 7:30 p.m.

woices from the cream of Calalonia's telented boys about 10 from among 100 applicants year. Their first year is spent in training. Without singing in public. For their remaining three years they are given an academic and a musical training by the mante which walks by the manks which makes them are elite honored and re-

Not the least of the labors



Thirty-two inch statue of our Lady Rose of April' venerated at Montserrat shrine.

spected throughout Spain.

The "work" part of the Bonedictine rule is practiced with the silence and patience that produce amazing results, world-known figures as Dom Gregorio Sunyol in Gregorian chant, Dom Bonavontura Ubach in Sacred Scripture, and Dom Anselmo Albareda, in history.

The monks have produced in recent years over 100 titles in the sacred sciences and music, printed on their own presses. They are at present engaged in two mammoth projects in Sacred Scripture and, will soon issue the first of a biannual international review entitled Studies."

who come to venerate the Lady of Montserrat. They have created a simil city on the mountain, including hotel, restaurant, garage, postoffice, clinic, apartment houses — everything necessary for the care of those who come to see and pray before the "Moreneta." The life of this "city sea ed on the mountain" is mul

of the monks is their work in

providing for the pilgrims

tiple and varied but it has one inspiration, an inspiration expressed in the song that is sung every evening at the feet of the little dark

"Rose of April, Dark Virgin of the Mountain, Star of Montserrat; shed light over to heavers."

Joseph Breig's Column

Hawaii, Alaska

In the usual meaning of the Lanal, Molokal, Oahu, Kauai, words, I have never been in. Alaska. And I have never been in Hawaii. But how of-ten, in spirit, I have visited both! My mind has adventured where my body could not

It is difficult to describe the vividness of my impres-sions of such distant places. I am an inveterate reader; and what I see on the printed page is almost more real than reality. Certainly it is more romantic

I have shouted "Mush, you malemutes!" as I travelled the Yukon territory with Jack London and Robert W. Service. "And the woman who kissed him-and pinched his poke — was the lady known as Lou." "And the inky smoke, in a greasy cloak, went streak. ing down the sky."

With Charley Chain, I have solved many a mystery under the mysterious moon of

I think of the islands as the land with a language that is music, Molokai — mole oh-kah-ee, Waikiki — wah-ee-keekee. The words are articulated beauty, strangely familiar because of their kinship with American Indian terrol have heard from childhood.

I grow up on a river called the Kiskiminetas. Kiss-kili-MINN-ce-taliss. How it trips off the tongue and sets the nerves of rhythm to tingling!

Nearby were larger rivers, the Monongahela (Monn-ONgah HAY-lah) and the Allegheny (AL-ch-GENN-ee). More than once, I have seen the sun setting in a lake known as Oconomowoc (oh-CONN-oh-mow-wock).

But there is a peerless gentleness, a kind of wooing, a making love with syllables, the Hawaiian blace-names, as those who selected them wished to embrace the very ment. geography.

Mountain; Mauna Loa, the Long Mountain; Kilauca with its great crater. To recite the istands is to litter metry -Hawall, Maul, Kahoolawe, 50.

topher Columbus, Cervantes

and virtually all the heads.

crowned and uncrowned, who

have ruled Spain. It was here

that Charles V received the

news of the conquest of Mexico. It was this place some

say, that gave its name to the

first church built on the

The saints who have pass-

ed over the threshold of the

Lady's temple include Aloysi-

us of Gonzaga, Francis of

Borgia, Peter Nolasco, Joseph

tain on their way to heaven."

monastery here since their or-

suppression and total destruc-

tion, the monastic life has re-

turned repeatedly to blos-

American continent.

Nlihau. ON MOLOKAI, at the base of a sheer cliff overlooking the sea ugliness and beauty met in a titanic, still conflict; and beauty eventually won-because goodness came to its

Christ. Father Damien, the "Leper Priest," towers in history and will tower taller and taller as the centuries pass; and Hawall will tower with him.

filled with the spirit of

I have never been in Alaska with its snows and glaciers and indomitable masculine vigor. I have never been in Hawaii where nature is like : maiden beckoning. But it is as old friends and boon adventurers that I welcome them into the Union as the 49th and 50th of the United States of America.

America, I think, is most astounding work of human minds that the earth has seen. It is the nation made of many nations, many races, many philosophics, many religions, many cultures. And the thing that makes it one is a simple forthright statement

of a theological truth.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are e n d o w, e d by their Creator with certain inalienable rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men."

There stands the greatest and deepest political statement ever placed on paper by a human hand. We are created; we are endowed by our Creator and it is the business of government to treasure and defend that endow-

This is the heart and the Mauna Koa, the White soul of the United States of America: it is for this that the Flag has flown from the time when its stars numbered 13 until now when they are

SERMONETTE

By the REV. RICHARD MADDEN, O.C.D. Thou shall not take the name of the Lord in vain.

Everytime I hear a big Russian blatherskite shooting off his mouth about peace in the world, I get ulcers.

If there's no place for God in Communism (and there isn't,, then there's no place for communistic "peace" in God's world. Communism has used every means possible to blot the name of God right oil the face of Russia and



Over Kere, however, things are a bit different. Oh, we're no angels by a long blast. Well over half the American people have absolutely no connection with any kind of church. We can sing "God Bless America" until we're blue, Kut with so many we can only wonder why God should bless America. The redeeming feature, however, is that although some Americans are Godless, America is

True, God's name is not mentioned in the Constitue but it-is mentioned in the Declaration of Independence and in the Articles of Confederation. Our presidents have been God fearing men who did not hesitate to call upon God in times of chisis. Lincoln in his irramortal: "That this nation under God . . . shall not perish from the earth," set the standard for presidential conduct. The basic culture of America is one that honors the name of God. Should we as individuals do less?

The name of God-is solemnly invoked in our courts of law. And every day at high noon when the Supreme Court convenes, the crier, among other things, chants, "God save the United States." The name of God is found in our Pledge of Allegiance. It is found on coins. And if you are lucky enough to own a dollar bill, you will notice on its back the words, "Annuit coeptis" which translated means, "He has favored our undertakings".

This is the tradition given us by our forelathers, Let's keep it going.

'Better Climate'

Press.

New York -- (RNS)-- Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., expressed the hope here that the forthcoming Ecumenical Council convened by Pope John XXIII would bring about "a better climate in the relations among religious groups,"

But, he warned, it would "too much" to expect that the council would result in Protestant Catholic unity.

He spoke on "Church Unity an dthe Vatican" before Pro-

Three Glorie's

Catholic and Orthodox Churches maintain that they are the one and only true

testant and Orthodox editors

from this country and Canada

attending the 40th annual

meeting of Associated Church

Dr. Blake told the editors

that it would be "foolish" to think that the Catholic, East-

ern Orthodox and Protestant

communions would change

their fundamental principles

He observed that both the

as a result of the council.

Pope John has frequently rether three times daily for quested those attending his Wednesday noon audiences to say the "Glory be to the Fa-

Making Marriage Click

about my marriage. I have no questions to ask about any troubles. My husband and I are as happy as we can be. doing what one thinks is the I would enjoy so much seeing right thing, or from just this thought in your column. But, yes, 'I do have a ques-tion. Are we normal?" Mrs. M. K.

By all means, Mrs. K, you are the rule rather than the

Since Springtime is love. time, since folks now are "gayer than laughter" and "softer than moonlight," is it not a good time for married folk to renew their love?

deed happily married.

Because human beings loved yesterday is no sign that they will love tomorrow. Because they have controlled passions is no sign that they have conquered them. Perseverance in love is no single gift. Love must be renewed daily. Love requires practice just as becoming a priest or a pianist requires practice.

Lovers never ask, "What's in it for me?" A wife will give up a new Spring outfit so that she can help get to gether a down payment on a new home. He postpones a fishing trip because she has her heart set on visiting her folks in the country.

He takes a lunch to the office to save dollars needed for the winter coat he can buy her now on a bargain.

She does her own house cleaning to buy him a "do-it-yourself" chest as his Christmas present. He does not hesitate to give up a career when she falls into a long illness. She will take a lob as an emergency when it is needed to pay his medical

Sufferings come but they manage them without showmanage them without show off or self-pity. Because they Friday, April 17 — St. Anlhave found oneness in marriage, sacrifice poses no bur-

If he is in trouble at the office, she sympathizes if she the success of the coming is too exhausted to respond VR - Votive or Requiem per to his affection, he under

Lovetime

By MSGR. IRVING A. DeBLANC (Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

"I have no complaints stands. Their understanding includes forgiveness. It is forgiveness of love, not a forgiveness that comes. from

being big about it. They need love and affection and give it to each other in a hundred Title ways knowing that otherwise they would dry up. They need en-couragement because even exception. Marriage was in the strongest of us experi-tended as a blessing, not a ence moments of depression. curse. Most people are in No matter what problems come up, neither is alone in

the struggle. They understand that she may hunger for music, he for golf, and that they must never attempt to mold the other into something he is

They understand that their needs may change with the years, that she now prefers television to canasta, that he may prefer a little house to an apartment. They know that when one no longer needs the other, then love is

They shy away from per sons who are in constant marktal troubles, from those of doubtful morals. They now realize that they need quiet and relaxation, that hours are to be enjoyed rather than

Springtime is lovetime renewed, but lovetime is forever,

Daily Mass Calendar

Sunday, April 12 — Second Sunday after Easter (white), Gloria, Creed, Easter Pre-Monday, April 13 — St. Her-monegild, martyr (red), Gloria; V.B.

Tuesday, April 14 - St. Justin, martyr (red), Gloria. ednesday and Thursday — Mass as Sunday except no

as yesterday; VR. Saturday, April 18 — Saturday Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin (white), Gloria; VR.

ceius, martyr (red), or Mass