

### Layman Named To Race Group

Chicago — (NC) — Edward A. Marchionni, 42, has taken on the job of directing a staff of 23 in the field of dealing with intergroup tensions and bettering interracial relations in Chicago.

He has been active in intergroup relations since 1939. He is a founder of the Catholic Interracial Council of Chicago and in 1948 was given a Chicago Commission on Human Relations Award. He formerly was an instructor in sociology at Loyola University here and has been active in the labor movement.

He also has served as editor of Work, magazine of the Catholic Council on Working Life.

### Nuns Day At Fenway

Boston — (NC) — July 28 will be "Nuns' Day" at Fenway Park when the Boston Red Sox play the Chicago White Sox.

Nuns of the Boston archdiocese will be special guests at the game, thanks to the management of the Boston Red Sox, which suggested the "Nuns' Day" to Cardinal Cushing of Boston.

### Idea and Life

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The Idea of Catholicism: An Introduction to the Thought and Worship of the Church, edited by W. J. Burghardt, S.J., and W. F. Lynch, S.J. Meridian Books '60. 160 pp. \$4.95.

Cross Upon Cross: Life of Jesus Christ, by Rev. Francis X. Thornton, Benziger '55. 263 pp. \$3.75.

In the Catholic Book Club, newsletter for May, the editors of The Idea of Catholicism are quoted as follows: "This book wishes to say that Christ and the Church are religion; they are not parts of it but dominate and define it as God sees it."

That is why this solid little compendium of our Faith has such impact; the writers who appear in it are voices of Christ. They are of such stature that Barry Ulanow, reviewing it, can call their combined discussions "a 479-page distillation of the substance of the Church, its dogmas and disciplines, its motivating philosophy, its inspiring vision."

There is so much in it that it must come to rest as your permanent shelf, and he lends to your friends, with some sort of visible or invisible chain attached. The price is small — a tactic worth following, that all these riches might be fitted into one handy text.

It was satisfying to come on Pius XII's advocacy of the "Open Skies" policy (his Christmas Message of '56). One sentence is certainly apropos: "In the face of an enemy determined to impose on all peoples in one way or another, a species and intolerable way of life, only the unanimous and courageous behavior of all who live the truth and the good can preserve peace and will preserve it."

Here are Cardinal Suhard, Newman, Karl Adam, Edward Leen, Alban Goodier, Yves Congar, M. D'Arcy, G. Vanni, and a goodly number of other experts, including the editor. And besides their splendid expositions, there are nearly 150 pages of accompanying documents.

Twelve Confessions and Creeds, from St. Peter's to the Council of Trent; the Christmas Mass; the texts of the rites for each Sacrament liturgical prayer of East and West; counsel from Paul, Basil, Benedict, Augustine, Bernard, a Kenosis, Ignatius, the two Terezas, John of the Cross and Francis de Sales; and 12 modern Papal Pronouncements.

For a fast-paced bit of reading both easy and profitable, there can be too many books.

### Top Of The World

## Natives Plead For Missioner

Puno, Peru — (NC) — They came by open sailboat from the twin islands of Amantani and Taquile, five hours across top of the world Lake Titicaca, in search of "the American priests."

There were five of them, all grizzled elders of the community of a thousand Indian families living on the islands. They walked barefoot into the mission house, wearing black homespun trousers, striped ponchos for protection against the winds of the lake two miles high in the Andes, and stocking caps of wool.

In their Quechua dialect they said they had brought a dying man for the Last Sacraments. He was lying in their boat down by the pier, waiting for a priest to anoint him.

Father Robert Kearns, M.M., hurried to the waterfront. Then the anointing over, the missioner from New York listened to a plea that has resulted in one of the most successful experiments in catechesis in the region.

The Indians told him that the old priest from the other

side of the lake had died. He used to visit them every few months, but now they had no one to give them the Sacraments.

There were babies to be baptized, and many couples who wanted to be married. Hundreds wanted to go to confession, and everyone wanted to go to Mass. A number of their old people had asked to receive the Last Sacraments. The old man in the boat had come because he was feared he would not live until a priest could get to the islands.

Father Kearns made a pact with the elders. First, the mission parish would send its catechists to the islands. Second, the islands would send to Puno young men who could read and write Spanish. They would be trained as catechists. Finally, the priests would go to the islands to administer the sacraments and offer Mass.

## Russian Church Excommunicates Atheist Priest

Paris — (NC) — The Russian Orthodox Church has excommunicated a former professor of Holy Scripture in Leningrad who publicly embraced atheism, it is reported here.

A decree of the Sacred Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church, published in the "Review of the Patriarchate" of Moscow, publicly excommunicated the apostate priest Aleksander Osoipov, two other priests and a layman.

It also declared excommunicate all clergymen and laymen who publicly blaspheme the name of God after having abjured their faith.

THIS WAS reported by Father Antoine Wenger, A.A., editor of the national Catholic daily newspaper, La Croix.

Of the excommunications, Father Wenger wrote:

"This act bears witness to great courage on the part of the Orthodox Church. It seems to us to be one of the most important acts of its public life in relation to the government and the party, at least since 1945."

The Assumptionist priest, an expert on affairs of the separated churches, remarked that circumstances of recent defections from the Russian Orthodox church lead one to believe the church has been infiltrated by communists.

He said that phrases used by Osoipov and his fellow apostates indicate that "the small number of priests who are today leading the anti-religious fight entered the church and took holy orders like wolves disguised as shepherds."

Father Wenger reproduced a letter written by Professor Mikolajewski of the Leningrad University to his former colleague, Osoipov. It read, in part:

"The contribution, the same as last year's, was announced by Father Henri de Riedmatten, O.P., the Holy See's observer at the general assembly of the United Nations health group here."

### Vatican Asks Aid To Chile

Rome — (NC) — The International Conference of Catholic Charities has appealed to all its affiliated national relief organizations to help victims of Chile's onslaught of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, avalanches and tidal waves.

It instructed all national organizations to send aid directly to the competent agencies in Chile itself, in view of the great distances and the urgency involved.

Pope John XXIII called for prayers for victims of the disaster.

### Vatican Gives Funds To WHO

Geneva — (NC) — The Holy See has again contributed \$1,000 to the World Health Organization's Malaria Eradication Special Account.

The contribution, the same as last year's, was announced by Father Henri de Riedmatten, O.P., the Holy See's observer at the general assembly of the United Nations health group here.



SOMEDAY ???

### Carmelite Warns

## S. America In For Trouble

Chicago — (RNS) — South throughout South America, field, tailor-made for Communism, already a "fertile field" for Communism, is in for serious trouble within five years, a Catholic prelate warned here.

And the tragedy of it is, said Mgr. Nevin Hayes, O. C. M., prefect of the diocese of Cincinnati, Peru. "We stand by practically helpless."

Mgr. Hayes, a native of Chicago, told members of the Little Flower Council, a Catholic laymen's group here:

"Communists do have agents

### Newman Home

#### Made Shrine

London — (RNS) — The cottage where John Henry Cardinal Newman lived and where he was received into the Catholic Church in 1845 was blessed by Archbishop Francis J. Grimshaw of Birmingham to signal its opening as a new historic spot for English Catholics.

He said a Communist drive to get followers is directed particularly toward students and people who resent their low social status.

"Native propagandists are being sought by Communist agents and are being prepared for work in their own countries as agitators among the underprivileged," Mgr. Hayes said. "They come back technically prepared, but without power of discrimination. They work like machines. They are ruthless."

The 38-year-old church leader predicted an ominous future.

"Within the next five years," he said, "we're in for a lot of trouble in South America if we don't have enough priests and lay people. We don't have enough hands to hold the trouble back."

Cardinal Newman's time.

## Auto Smog Threatens Cathedral

Cologne — (NC) — Corrosion born of smog is threatening Cologne's famed 13th-century cathedral, a maintenance expert has warned.

Professor Franz Weyres, cathedral architect, declared that unless considerable funds are spent on restoration "a catastrophe might ensue in a few years."

Professor Weyres blames smog spawned by the city's many automobiles for damage to the cathedral's stone. He said it forms a deposit on the stone that prevents it from "breathing" properly and thus weakens it.

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