

Textbooks For Atheists

Vienna — (RNS) — Government publishers in Communist Czechoslovakia have begun printing a whole series of anti-religious books intended to "help freethinkers and atheists in their campaigns," the Prague Radio announced.

It said the first of the series was a book by Heinrich Fuchs entitled "In The Bible True" which "illustrates the anti-progressive attitude of the Catholics by extensively analyzing Biblical documents."

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Catholics Told

Bolster Faith Of U.S. Visitors

St. Benedict — (NC) — A priest-editor has called for an apostolate to bolster the faith of Catholic foreign students in the U.S.

"An alarming number of Catholic foreign students attending secular or Protestant schools either lose their faith or have it seriously weakened," said Father Albert J. Nivens, M.S.L., editor of Maryknoll Magazine and president of the Catholic Press Association.

Writing in the July issue of St. Joseph's Magazine, published here, the Maryknoll priest said that "a surprisingly large number of foreign students have completely false ideas about the United States, the American home and the position of the Catholic Church in the United States."

Italy Pilgrims Visit U.S. Parish

Cleveland — (RNS) — Reversing the usual procedure, a group of 31 pilgrims from the Italian town of Ronzero Sanatico arrived here to close a year-long 18th

centennial observance of the martyrdom of St. Marcellin.

Their destination was St. Marcellin's Church where on August 2 Bishop Pio Auguste Cardinal of Trivento, Italy, will preside at ceremonies closing the observance.

The 31 pilgrims, who will stay in the Cleveland diocese on St. Marcellin's, are the first to enter the Cleveland diocese on pilgrim's visas and may well be the first such in the United States.

They were accompanied by the Rev. Antonio Florita, pastor of St. Marcellin's Church in Ronzero Sanatico. Father Florita brought with him a relic

of the saint who, according to Catholic tradition, was martyred in Ronzero Sanatico during one of the persecutions in the early days of the Church.

Among the parishioners who turned out to greet the pilgrims were many immigrants from Ronzero Sanatico, some of whom were among the original founders of the Cleveland parish in 1906.

Mgr. Francis A. Cacciarre, the pastor, said the idea for the pilgrims to the U.S. came from members of his parish who went to Ronzero Sanatico last year for the opening of the centennial observance.

"They were warmly," Mgr. Cacciarre said, "that they asked their hosts to come to Cleveland for the close of the observance. So they came, and we are proud to welcome them."

Religion Study For Colleges

Albany — (RNS) — Plans for a four-year program of religion education for Catholic students attending secular colleges were outlined here by the Roman Catholic League of Albany.

The program, which its sponsors hope to have certified for college credit, will be conducted through the 19 Newman Clubs of the diocese.

Courses will be offered in philosophy, the sociology of American Catholicism, theology, modern moral problems, scripture, church history, apologetics and church history.

Public School Board Rejects Federal Aid

Pittsburgh — (RNS) — The Pittsburgh Catholic, official newspaper of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Pittsburgh has praised a Pennsylvania public school board for its stand against federal aid to education.

In an editorial, the paper noted that the Fox Chapel Area School District, in Allegheny County, had written to its commissioners saying:

"(1) that Federal grants to schools 'would be one more step in the increasing abdication by local governments . . . of their responsibility . . . for the proper supervision of the communities in which they live, and

(2) that 'the money granted from the Federal Treasury is not free but comes from each citizen either directly or indirectly. Disbursement of funds from Washington unavailably means . . . loss returns in improved education that if the

same tax money is collected and distributed locally."

Pointing out that the Fox Chapel board's position was "akin" to its own, the editorial declared:

"The Fox Chapel school board's statement might sound old-fashioned in a day when local governmental responsibility has shifted to spotty and splintered by vicariousness, and when the tendency seems to be in Washington to do the job."

"However, old-fashioned as the statement might sound, it is chock full of common sense and deserves the careful attention of all who treasure the blessings of local government, particularly in the all-important determination of school policies and procedures."

Los Angeles Surgeon Heads AMA

Los Angeles — (RNS) — Dr. E. Vincent Askey, a member of the medical staff at St. Vincent's Hospital here since 1924, is shown with Sister Fidella, administrator of the hospital, after he was named president of the American Medical Association. A longtime Southern California resident, Dr. Askey resides in West Los Angeles with his wife, Marina. They have a daughter, two sons and five grandchildren. Dr. Askey, a surgeon, is a former president of both the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California Medical Association.

Little Words Most Powerful

Pittsburgh — (RNS) — The world is ruled by words, and the smallest ones are the most powerful, Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh declared here.

He told delegates to the 23rd biennial convention of the Catholic Daughters of America to use simple words when writing resolutions or speaking at civic and church affairs.

"All the big things in life have little names, such as life and death, peace and war, dawn and day and night, hope and love and home," he said.

"Birth is a little word 'contraction' is a big word. Birth signifies the origin of life; contraction signifies something we do not talk about and we hope our children do not understand."

"War is a simple and terrible word. The politicians call it 'incidents,' and it is many years before you know what they are talking about."

Bishop Waters, the CDA's national chaplain, said the real cause of conflict or disunity in the world was sin — "the only evil." "The removal of sin," he added, "could bring about a wonderful unity on earth."

For the first time in national convention history, CDA delegates also attended a Byzantine Rite Mass. It was celebrated by Bishop Nicholas T. Elko of the Pittsburgh-Byzantine Rite Diocese.

How To Spend Sunday

New York — A group of Catholic lay men and women in the business world in this city have begun a nationwide campaign to maintain Sunday as a day of worship and rest.

Proponents of the movement are distributing a printed "Sunday Code for Catholics" to each Catholic pastor in the United States, urging businessmen, congressmen and various Catholic lay groups.

The code was drawn up by members of the New York Professional Sodality, a group of lay persons representing scientific, artistic, business and learned professions in the city.

It pledges Catholics to avoid "any unnecessary buying, selling, or shopping on Sunday." It calls for "deeper family unity through Sunday family worship."

The code resulted from a study made by the Professional Sodality in 1958 when the New York State Legislature was considering a proposal to relax New York City Sabbath observance laws. The proposal was later defeated.

In its present printed form, the code has been distributed since February in the states of New York and New Jersey, and elsewhere in the archdiocese of San Francisco, Calif.; Chicago, Ill.; Washington, D.C.; and Baltimore, Md.; and the dioceses of Bridgeport, Conn.; Erie, Pa.; and Harrisburg, Pa.

Arthur Manaschek, industrial relations expert who headed the committee which drew up the code, said the mailing has resulted in orders for 125,000 further copies. Several Catholic bishops have written support and encouragement, he said.

Mr. Manaschek said members of the sodality extended an invitation to "all Christians to join with them in working towards the restoration of Sunday as its proper place in their lives."

Text of the code follows:
TO KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY:
I will acknowledge that the essential work of the Lord's Day is the worship of God through the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Therefore:
I will spend Saturday evening in a way that will prepare me worthily for the special blessings of the Lord's Day.
I will arrive on time for Sunday Mass.

I will devoutly fulfill my role, co-offering the Mass with the priest, by use of the missal, and where possible by joining the congregation in dialogue or sung Mass.
I will adopt as my general practice the reception of the Holy Eucharist each Sunday.
I will attempt to bring deeper family unity through Sunday family worship.
I will join in prayers for peace and the conversion of Russia at the end of Mass.
I will support the Church in every way in which my talents and my resources can advance the cause of Christ.
I will seek that rest and relaxation that befits the Lord's Day. Therefore:
I will not perform any unnecessary buying, selling, or shopping on Sunday.
I will use the leisure of this day to deepen my knowledge of my Faith through mature Catholic reading and meditation.
I will seek to strengthen, within the family circle, the bonds of Christian family life and love.
I will remember that my practice of this Code will lead others to a fitting observance of the Lord's Day.

Students Loan Program Attacked

New York — (NC) — A member of the National Council of Churches committee on religion and public education charged here that the National Defense Education Act violates the principle of separation of Church and State.

The Rev. G. Emanuel Carlson, a Baptist member of the committee, said that loans made under the act to sectarian institutions amounted to support of the institution's program, not the government's.

THE 1958 ACT, which will be up for renewal next year, provides capital to colleges and universities, which they in turn may lend to students on the institution's terms. It limits aid to students of superior academic attainment who plan to become teachers or to study science, mathematics, engineering or a modern foreign language.

Rev. Carlson declared that these and other provisions of the act can be considered as opening wedges on the part of sectarian institutions in their efforts to receive more direct aid. "I wish our denominations were more alert to the possibility that Catholics would benefit far more than Protestants if there were general aid to sectarian institutions," he said.

U.S. Nuns Meet Nehru

New Delhi — (RNS) — Three Benedictine nuns from the U.S. in southeast Asia under a UNESCO program to improve East-West understanding, met with Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru while on a visit to major educational, scientific and medical institutions.

Later the sisters said they had been impressed by the Prime Minister's sincerity and dedication to world peace.

After their stay in New Delhi, the three were scheduled to visit Nepal, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam and Japan.

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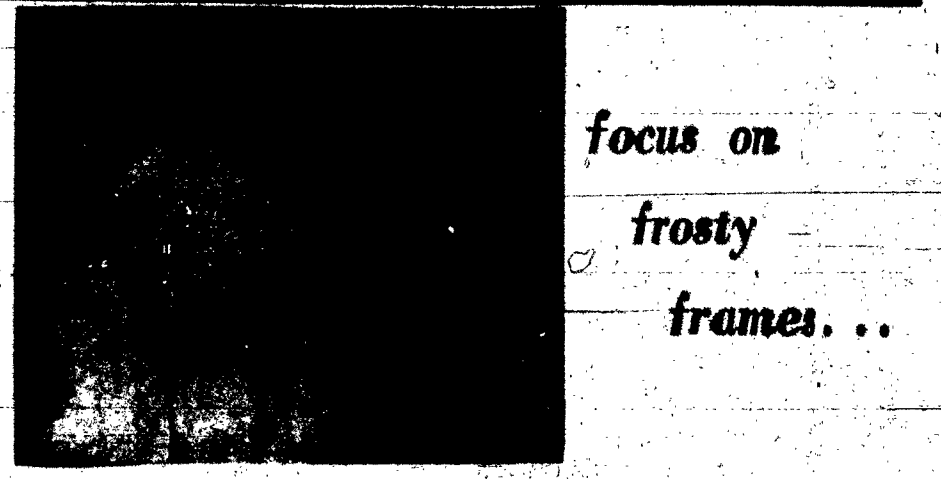
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