

Scopes, Center Of Famed Trial Now Catholic

Washington, D.C. — When more than 35 years ago precipitated one of the most famous trials in history by defying a Tennessee state law against the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution, said here that the intervening 35 years have not changed his views at the significance of the trial to religion.

Scopes, who has since become a convert to Catholicism, said, "The central point of it all hasn't changed; Clarence Darrow proved that even William Jennings Bryan couldn't take the Bible literally from cover to cover."

He gave up school teaching after the famous trial in Dayton, Tenn., which found him guilty and resulted in a \$100 fine — subsequently rescinded upon appeal — and went to Venezuela as a geologist.

Mr. Scopes, now a geologist in the oil fields of Shreveport, La., was interviewed by newspapers as he attended the premiere of a movie "Inherit the Wind" which is based on his famous trial. The movie has stirred fresh controversy in religious circles by its depiction of conservative Protestants in the South's Bible Belt in a highly unfavorable light.

'Times Cry' For Faith

Atlantic City — (RNS) — Claims that church colleges are fading out of the American scene were sharply contradicted here by a nuclear physicist who has been named to head such a school.

Dr. Edling M. Jensen of Ames, Iowa, president-elect of Muhlenberg College at Allentown, Pa., asserted that church colleges are of the utmost importance today because "our times cry out for men and women who have been educated in the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The tensions and trials of a world in a "continual state of cold war," he said, emphasize the fact that the Church "more than ever, needs to be in the field of higher education."

"In what other area does the Church have so large an opportunity to play so important a part in the training and guidance of the young people in the years when they are choosing their vocations and laying the groundwork for the rest of their lives?" he asked.

Wheel Chair Priest In Spain

Madrid — Twenty-seven-year-old Father Hortensio Guillermo, newly-ordained priest, was given a special Vatican dispensation to celebrate his first Mass near home, seated in a wheel chair.

The young priest, who was disabled by meningitis and cannot walk, uses a crutches, offset the Mass in the chapel of the seminary in the rural suburb of Pousada de Alarcos six miles from the capital.

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