

Terror Cult

Sydney — (RNS) — A new religious cult whose followers must swear to help kill all Australians, Europeans and Chinese in New Guinea has sprung up in the Australian island territory of New Britain, Radio Australia reported.

It said the cult members venerate Americans but are fanatically bent on assassinating Queen Elizabeth of England in reprisal for the ill-treatment they claim to have received from Australian administrators.

The station's report on the cult, known as "Iliat," was based on information from Father Joseph Reichel, a Catholic missionary stationed at the Tavui mission six miles from Rabaul in the northern part of New Britain.

Father Reichel said native "priests" distribute among their followers a "magic powder" which is said to have been made from the scraped bone of an American soldier's skeleton.

The priests, he reported, tell the natives that Americans and Japanese will soon help them drive the Australians from New Guinea and that an American submarine will come to take them overseas to kill Queen Elizabeth.

Reapings at Random

Racial Responsibility — A Challenge

By GERARD E. SHERRY
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There is much that could be said about the disgraceful happenings in the deep South, where an interracial group of "Freedom Riders" are attempting through peaceful means to point up the problem of racial injustice. However, we would prefer to point out that the situation emphasizes the skirting of a fundamental principle — responsibility. It appears that no one wants it, but that all desire it for someone else.

Thus, white people condemn Negroes for lowering standards of education; for ruining neighborhoods and for committing crimes out of proportion to their numbers, but little is done by white people in the way of expressing interest in and in doing something to help colored people.

Negroes, likewise, while justifiably indignant at being deprived of equal rights in many social and civic areas, nonetheless have not accepted their share of the burden. The educated and skilled Negroes, especially, don't do enough to uplift the ideals of their people; and the great masses of colored people just seem to go along in undisturbed domestic activities.

There is sufficient material in the preceding paragraphs to light a fiery conversation. If that is so, perhaps a greater number of persons will realize that each has a responsibility before God in the administration of His gifts, an obligation that is personal and which cannot be transferred or be set aside unused. All this, therefore, constitutes a particular challenge to the Catholics, to whom much has been given by God and of whom much will be required. Many, many Catholics have shunned their responsibility before Almighty God, largely because the blessings received in the Faith have not been understood.

Difficulties between white and colored people are not of recent origin, nor have white Catholics only lately begun to exhibit irresponsible attitudes in dealing with Catholic or Non-Catholic Negroes. One hundred years ago, an English priest visited our country. He was Father Herbert Vaughan, soon to found an international missionary community and later to be named Cardinal-Archbishop of Westminster. Father Vaughan saw the plight of a still-enslaved Negro population in the United States but his stomach turned especially at the indifference of priests, religious

and lay Catholics who "smiled at the colored as though the latter had no souls."

God's wisdom and His ever varied creative act were overlooked and still are. Even today many Catholics resent colored people. The Catholic, sharing in the divine life of God Himself, gives less of God's love to Negroes than do the non-sharing Non-Catholics. Even Catholics among the Negroes still are slighted or denied care in some Catholic hospitals; they are rarely seen in some Catholic high schools, and while Catholic people still literally run from them when Negro families appear in a new neighborhood.

This avoidance of responsibility — what it means to be a Catholic — is at the core of our local and national difficulties. There are enough Catholic people in Rochester and in the United States to leave the entire population and to make its laws and its customs Christian. But this will never be until the Catholic alerts himself to the obligations of his baptism in the life of God.

When Catholics join in with the spirit of racism, they join also in attacks upon the very roots of the Faith. The heart of Catholicism is love springing from the very being of God and expressed in human terms in the

mystical body of Christ. The late lamented Pope Pius XII, described the loss of understanding of love as the worst error of our time, for it rejects Jesus Christ and the purpose of His coming.

We are commanded indeed by God Himself to love Him with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind. Further, that we love our neighbor as we love ourselves. There is no room in God, nor can there be in the Catholic, an area wherein pride of race may flourish. As so fittingly described by St. Paul, referring to the baptized, "Here there is no more Gentile and Jew, no more circumcized and uncircumcized, no one is barbarian, or Scythian, no one is slave or free man; there is nothing but Christ in any of us."

The law of Christ governs the Catholic Church and all of its members. This law has been reduced to two simple terms: love God and love your neighbor. The Catholic, therefore, must strive for the betterment of his neighbor, Negroes included, with the same energy that divine blessings are sought for self. Fortified by a true knowledge of his Faith, the Catholic will find that there is only one answer to questions of this day.

Fathers, Sons Breakfast Set

A Fathers and Sons Communion and breakfast will be held in St. Patrick's Church, Elmira on Sunday.

SPONSORED BY the Holy Name Society, the Fathers and Sons will receive Holy Communion at the 7:30 a.m. Mass and the breakfast will follow in the parish hall.

Richard Lyon, football coach at Ithaca College will be the guest speaker.

Father Otto J. Vogt, society moderator will preside at the breakfast. Leo Krolak is in charge of arrangements.

Blessed Sacrament Mass Schedule

Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, will begin its summer schedule of Masses this Sunday, June 4. Masses will be celebrated at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 12 noon.

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Catholic Press Reveals Youthful Vigor

By Rev. E. Vandebussche

Brussels — (NC) — The last-born of Belgium's daily newspapers has just celebrated its 10th anniversary. Its oldest brother is 116 years old and still active. Both are Catholic.

This is symbolic of the Belgian Catholic press's solid tradition on the one hand and its youthful vitality on the other.

The Belgian Catholic press runs through a whole spectrum of publications. There are daily and weekly papers, advertising periodicals and photo magazines, technical and professional reviews, church papers and a broad variety of papers for youth.

Out of 47 daily newspapers 25 are Catholic. Not only have they a Catholic outlook on international and national affairs, but they report abundantly on Catholic events and church activities. They publish or summarize papal encyclicals and the

pastoral letters of Belgium's bishops.

Apart from a few that are still in the hands of the families that founded them, the Catholic daily newspapers are owned by publishing companies or by Christian social organizations.

Those owned by Christian social organizations are the natural champions of the Church's teaching in social matters. Their impact on the working classes is considerable, since many Belgian workers are members of the Christian trade unions.

Whatever may divide Catholic papers in this country, the school question unites them as it always has.

It was a rallying point once again in 1955, when the socialist-liberal coalition introduced a strongly anti-Catholic education law. At the 1958 elections the coalition government was not returned to power, and barely three months after those elections the education act of 1955 was amended to remove its anti-Catholic sting.

A FAVORITE topic of the Catholic press is the so-called school question. In fact, not a few Catholic papers originated in the crucible of the last century's battle over the schools. To them is due the credit for foiling the Liberal party's attempts to throttle Catholic schools.

The aggregate circulation of daily newspapers in Belgium is 2,350,000. That means one copy for every four Belgians, man, woman and child.

Belgium's 47 daily newspapers can be labeled as follows: 25 Catholic, eight liberal, eight socialist, five neutral and one communist. The communist paper's influence is negligible; its circulation does not reach 10,000.

The socialist press makes little attempt to conceal its hostility to religion and matters religious. It seems constitutionally unable to deal with religious issues except in slander and ridicule. The religious origin and meaning of Christmas and Easter is ignored. Every religious activity is interpreted as clerical maneuvering or party politics.

metropolitan, others regional. Some are written in a popular vein, others are aimed at a more cultured readership.

By a striking coincidence that may have roots deep in political and social reality, the Catholic press draws 43 per cent of the nation's newspaper readers and the Social Christian party 43 per cent of the nation's voters.

The vigor of the Catholic press in Belgium has not fostered complacency among those concerned with its spread. Five years ago the Belgian bishops set up an interdiocesan committee to promote the diffusion of Catholic newspapers. Many feel there is need for still further action. Yet the interdiocesan committee is a sign of a dynamic vigilance that should ensure the growth of the Catholic press in Belgium.

The liberal and neutral press can be lumped together from the point of view of their attitude toward religion, which is far more tolerant than the socialist press. They are also alike in their social outlook, which is rather conservative. Yet it is through them that a virulent Masonry of the continental anti-Catholic variety exerts influence on public opinion when the Church's position in public life is concerned.

The liberal and neutral press has a total circulation of about half a million.

Catholic papers account for nearly half the national press circulation. They circulate through wider range of social classes than any other section of the press. Some Catholic papers are conservative-minded, others progressive. Some are

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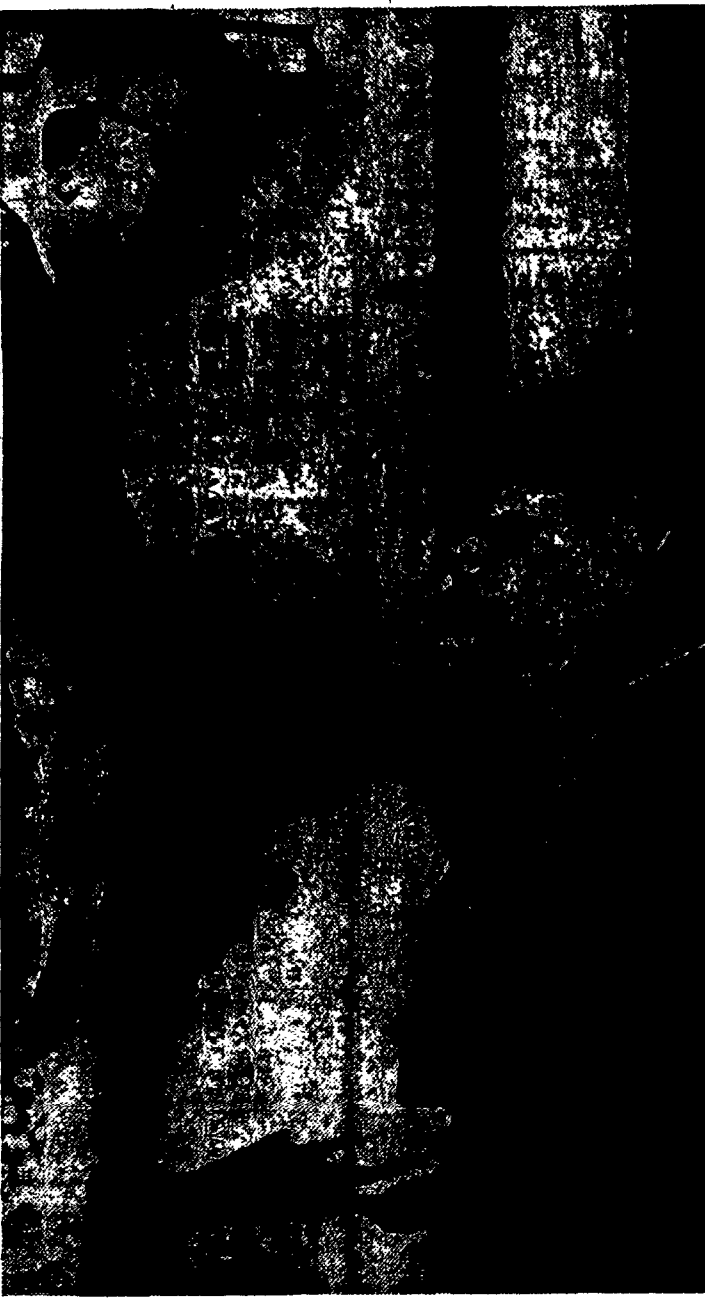
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Son Of Hitler Aide
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