

Theologians, Go Home!

Chicago—(RNS)—A Roman Catholic publisher suggested here that "a new set of theologians" abandon the lecture circuit and return home to study and write.

Dan Herr, president of the Thomas More Association and publisher of *The Critic*, also advocated a "moratorium" on public appearances by "new theologians."

Because theologians in recent years "have become celebrities and being a celebrity and a theologian just doesn't mix," Mr. Herr suggested that a return to study and obscurity would be helpful.

"I hate to spoil everyone's fun," he wrote in *The Critic*, "but I would like to timidly suggest that the theological things have gone far enough and that it is time to stop the hysterics and go back to work."

He traced the start of the popularity of lecturing theo-

logians to the 1943 U.S. tour of Father Hans Kueng, famed Roman Catholic scholar, with emphasis on the German priest's Chicago appearance.

"That night," said Mr. Herr, "Father Kueng was supreme. His slightest attempt at humor was greeted by such laughter as Kurt Sahl and Bob Newhart could only dream of and never hope to achieve. . . . Had Father Kueng only hinted to the crowd that a march down the chancery office was desirable, no one in the theater would have held back."

The reception given theologians today differs drastically from the obscurity they faced in pre-Vatican II days, he said. In time gone by, "more progressive publications" had complained that most theologians were irrelevant to the modern world and "were engaged in counting angels on the head of a pin and ignoring the real world about them."

The *Critic's* publisher said the old-time question was: "When will the theologians come out of their hermitages into the market place? . . . No one really expected an answer because for too long theology had been the stuff of scholars; theologians were associated with musty bookshelves, eyes hades and sweaty cassocks."

Now the situation has been reversed, particularly in the field of publishing, Mr. Herr contended. "Publishers learned (usually to their delight, sometimes to their horror) that not only were the old standby authors and spiritual classics finished but that any book sporting the name of one of the 'new theologians' was assured of sales. Theology could be readily translated into cash by editors, publishers, booksellers, university presidents, lecture managers — and theologians."

"The sad result," Mr. Herr claimed, is that "our new jet set of theologians have been so busy jetting about the world from symposium to symposium, from lecture to lecture, from meeting to meeting, that they have had little or no time to practice their craft. In a day when creative thinking on the part of the theologian is needed more than ever before, we find our theologians so occupied with celebrity activities that they have had to all but give up theology."

His solution: a moratorium for one year. "No lecturers, no symposia, no interviews, no master-minding. Let's give the theologians time to think, to study the results of the Council, to write the books that are so urgently needed in the turbulent years ahead."

Index of Banned Books 'A Thing of the Past'

Vatican City—(RNS)—Alfredo Cardinal Ottaviani, in an interview with the Vatican City's weekly newspaper, *L'Osservatore della Domenica*, confirmed that the Vatican Index of Forbidden Books is already a thing of the past.

"The last edition of the Index was published in 1948, and no more will be printed," he said, adding that the 1948 edition would remain simply as "an historic document."

Cardinal Ottaviani said the Index was inadequate for the task of judging the great flood of literature published today. Moreover, he noted, the Second Vatican Council "has recognized in the Catholic laity a greater maturity and a role of greater responsibility in the Church."

The responsibility for evaluating from the standpoint of faith and morals the literature to be read by Catholics now passes to the various national episcopal conferences, Cardinal Ottaviani said.

Golden Jubilee For Mensings

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A. Mensing celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on July 1 with Mass at Holy Family Church. . . . Father Nicholas Arzoli, C.P.S., of Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, officiated at the Mass. Monsignor George J. Schmitt, pastor, participated. A reception and dinner was held July 3 at the home of their son, 69 Lyncrest Dr.

HNS Communion

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church announces a change in time of their Corporate Communion. Corporate Communion will now be held at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Breakfast Held at Conesus Church

Census — Breakfast Sunday was held at St. William's Church on July 3 with serving to 11:30 a.m. in Conesus Town Hall.



Church, State Summit in India

New Delhi—(RNS)—Cardinal Valerian Gracias of Bombay confers with India's Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi at New Delhi. It was reported the Roman Catholic prelate raised the question of the free entry of foreign missionaries into India. The predominantly Hindu nation does not permit "indiscriminate" entry of missionaries from abroad unless they have special qualifications or skills not available in India. Cardinal Gracias reported a promise from Mrs. Gandhi to make a special study of the problem.

'Better World' Jesuit Cites

Values in India Customs

Bombay—(RNS)—India has much in its tradition that can enrich the world, Father Riccardo Lombardi, an Italian Jesuit who heads the Movement for a Better World, said here at a meeting which launched a new branch of the movement in Bombay.

Recalling that the organization was founded in 1952 when Pope Pius XII called for a great crusade for a better world, Father Lombardi stressed that despite the existence of many negative factors, the world and the Church are "in the spring of a new life."

"The development of science and technology and rapid means of communication," he said, "has brought the world closer together and enabled mankind

to share common experiences and make common history. The religious, political, social and economic problems of the world are interrelated and for the first time the whole of mankind is cultivating a common mentality."

The priest, long famous as a preacher in Italy, said this communitarian idea had been endorsed by the Second Vatican Council when it underscored the concept of the people of God, "which implied the notion of many people who must be one."

"The world," he said, "cannot be saved through the action of individuals but that of the whole people of God whose responsibility is to manifest and represent God. They must carry on their various functions in a spirit of sympathy and understanding and respect for whatever is good in others. India, in particular, has a lot in her traditions which could enrich the world."

Seton Groups In Action

25TH BRANCH of Seton Workers of St. Mary's Hospital to be entertained at luncheon by Mrs. Peter Teitelbach of Ambassador Drive, Friday, July 8 at the Country Club of Rochester. A meeting will follow.

15TH BRANCH to be entertained at a garden party Tuesday, July 12 at 12 noon at the home of Mrs. Edward Lorchelder, Washington Rd., Pittsford. Refreshments served by Mrs. Charles Fox and Mrs. Joseph Fox.

73RD BRANCH to meet at home of Mrs. T. Paul Cooke, Monday, July 11, for dinner at 7 p.m.

Makes Service Team

Lance Corporal John A. Bedrin is assigned to the Baseball team, Base Special Services, Hdq. Co., 1st and S. Bn. Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N. C. He is an Aquinas Institute graduate and played with the 209th Veterans at Aquinas prior to enlistment in the Marine Corps.

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Novena

Redemptorist Father William Gaffney of Brooklyn will conduct the annual novena to St. Anne, set for Holy Family Church at Jay and Ames Sts. July 11 - 25. The novena starts Sunday evening at 7:45 p.m., ends on the eve of St. Anne's feast. Monsignor George J. Schmitt, pastor, states that a special purpose of this year's novena will be to pray for "a speedy peace in the world, and the safety of our boys in Vietnam."

Sr. Rose Ellen To Attend Cornell Workshop

Sister Rose Ellen, History Department chairman at Nazareth Academy, will attend a week workshop at Cornell University where instructional materials for the new ninth year curriculum will be prepared by a group of teachers and supervisors from July 11 to Aug. 5. Sister has been consultant to the New York State Education Department for a number of years. In this capacity she was selected to attend a workshop at Syracuse University in 1962, to participate in the travel tour of India and the Philippines in 1964, and to serve as a member of a panel of New York State Teachers at the International Conference of Asian Historians in Hong Kong during that summer.

Currently Sister Rose Ellen is a member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Social Studies Council, first vice president of the Monroe County Chapter and local chairman for the New York State Social Studies Council Convention which will attract some 1100 social studies teachers to Rochester Mar. 10, 11, 12, 1967.

Haps To Meet Montreal Team

The Harps football team will meet Montreal in a double-header on Sunday, July 10, at 3 p.m. in Gehesee Valley Park. The Harps lost to Montreal in a previous away game.

A reception and dance at the Harps Club on Buffalo Rd. will follow the game.

Mechanics Savings Bank of Elmira Reports DIVIDENDS to DEPOSITORS January thru June OVER \$190,000.00

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION	
As of July 1, 1966	
RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Cash on Hand and due from Banks and Trust Companies \$ 257,189.07	Amount due Depositors \$10,391,290.18
U. S. Government Investments 783,234.37	Mortgagor's Deposits 169,573.43
Corporate Bonds 428,785.41	Due Club Accounts 10,918.75
Corporate Stocks 431,434.20	Other Liabilities 16,164.69
Other Investments 224,185.47	Surplus, Reserves and Undivided Profits 1,043,072.09
Bonds and Mortgages 9,406,167.31	
Interest due and Accrued 57,162.61	
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Real Estate Owned	25,000.00
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U. S. Government Agency Bonds	951,573.05
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	327,400.00
Prepaid Share Insurance Premium	160,855.18
Other Investments	234,909.70
Cash	752,885.94
Office Building and Equipment	176,404.81
Accrued Interest Receivable	32,434.90
Other Resources	1,864.66
	\$28,552,446.03

Liabilities

Savings Accounts	\$25,979,813.47
Loans in Process	85,460.00
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