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Message OF THE Month

The Time Has Come!

NOW IS THE TIME for all true followers of Christ to reassert the power of His Gospel to the fullest. For this, a world on the edge of the precipice is waiting. *"For if our Gospel is hid, it is hid to them that are lost; in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."* (2 Cor. 4:3, 4.)

The ministering of this Gospel to the people has its secret which, if betrayed, nullifies its message and turns it into its opposite, namely, the work of Satan. The twenty centuries of Christian Church history, especially as exemplified in the Church of Rome, bears sad witness to this.

The secret is that *those who preach it cannot exalt themselves or their organization thereby*. If the ministers of this Gospel stand between the sinner and the Saviour and siphon off the power into themselves or their church organizations, they become spiritual "hi-jackers," exploiting the message for their own aggrandizement. *"For though I preach the Gospel,"* says Paul (1 Cor. 9:16), *"I have nothing to glory in; for necessity is laid upon me; Yea, woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel."*

Why ask then, the why and wherefore of Communism today? It is the revolt of the masses. But if the masses of the people revolt they must have a compelling reason for so doing. Many think this revolt is merely because those masses have been deprived of bread and other material needs. But the need for bread is secondary in the heart of man. Deeper still is the more crying need for the meat of the spirit. Communism thrives best where the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been robbed from the masses of the people by grandiose and authoritarian church organizations—in Russia where an authoritarian church-state combination for centuries ground down the people, in Italy and other Catholic-dominated countries where attempts at Evangelical reform were crushed by the rack and the stake. Spain and Portugal would turn violently communistic tomorrow were it not for the iron fist of dictators Franco and Salazar backed by the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

Communism is the weapon that the masses of the people seize upon to revenge the spiritual robbery committed against them through the centuries. These masses, once liberated, violently tear to pieces first the religious symbols that remind them of their spiritual robber barons. In their blind fury they attack cardinals and bishops, priests and even innocent nuns. Although they

do not know in a positive way of what they have been robbed, they sense its need by its lack. For this lack tells them that their priests have intercepted and channeled off a power that belongs among the people.

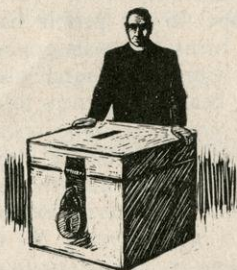
Fascism, which was Vatican-supported and thrust down the people's throats with castor oil and other brutalities, was no substitute for the power of the Christian Gospel. And Fascism's debacle left the same lack of spiritual vigor in the people and turned them instead to the violent overthrow of all that represented the old order in church and state.

Woe indeed unto the minister of the Gospel, be he Catholic or Protestant, who thus exploits the power that comes from Calvary, instead of helping it to flow into the hearts of men.

Now is the time It is not yet too late to loose this healing power of Christ on the people of all nations.

To Drink

or



Not to Drink?

REPEAL OF THE KANSAS STATE Prohibition Law at the polls last November 2 was greatly helped by an appeal a week before Election Day by Bishop Mark K. Carroll from the pulpit of St. Mary's Cathedral in Wichita to all Roman Catholics of his diocese.

In calling upon all Kansas Catholics to vote in favor of repeal, Bishop Carroll condemned Kansas' prohibition law as "an unwarrantable infringement on the reasonable liberty of the mass of the people," "fatal to liberty," "destructive of morality," and "unpopular with the majority of citizens."

Bishop Carroll gave the following official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church on the drinking of alcohol:

"Simply it is this. Alcoholic drinks in themselves are a natural good which man has received from the Creator. When God created the world—'He saw that it was good.' When alcoholic drink is used in moderation it can and does contribute to man's natural happiness and well being."

Bishop Carroll was taken to task a few days later by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, missionary and evangelist, who was conducting a series of meetings in Wichita at the time. He scored a point against the bishop when he declared:

"Bishop Carroll says that you cannot make a man virtuous by legislation and authoritarian methods, and it must be voluntary from within. That is a strange and incongruous argument from the lips of a man who represents an authoritarian system of religion—the most authoritarian the world has ever seen—which tells those under it what they can do and cannot do, with reward of heaven for obedience and the penalty of hell for disobedience and excommunication."

Calling upon Bishop Carroll to be logical, Dr. E. Stanley Jones declared that the bishop "should either abandon the imperious demands on his flock, or should abandon his argument in favor of repeal of prohibition. He cannot hold both." Dr. Jones was referring to the many authoritarian laws of the Roman Catholic Church which have nothing to do with holiness or salvation, for instance, the forced celibacy of the clergy, abstinence from meat on Friday, attendance at Mass on Sunday,

and the host of other laws and regulations which the Roman Catholic Church imposes upon its people under pain of eternal damnation.

Dr. Jones also pointed out that, according to Bishop Carroll's argument that you cannot make a man virtuous by legislation, "you should repeal every law against stealing, rape, arson and murder, because you cannot make a man virtuous by legislation. It is nonsense."

Bishop Carroll himself quoted some facts and figures that would seem to put him to shame in standing up in his pulpit to urge his Catholic people to vote for repeal and to make a defense of drinking liquor. Here are some of the figures that Bishop Carroll gave in his talk:

1) "Half of the people in the United States over the age of eighteen years drink intoxicating beverages;"

2) "More than 750,000 of these people are confirmed alcoholics—people whose lives are physical and moral wrecks;"

3) "Some 2,500,000 in addition drink to such an extent that their physical and mental health is seriously impaired;"

4) "In 1946 Americans spent \$8,700,000,000 for liquor, enough money to build a million modern homes which would be a tremendous blessing today in view of the housing shortage."

Why then does a bishop of the Roman Catholic Church have to get up in his pulpit and praise the drinking of alcoholic beverages?

I WAS A Roman Catholic priest in the diocese of Scranton, Pa. for ten years, but found no peace of soul for myself or those committed to my care in the exercise of the priesthood. I voluntarily resigned the priesthood and eventually joined the work of Christ's Mission.

During the last five years as a worker at Christ's Mission, I have found that peace of soul and assurance of salvation in the finished work of Christ that I did not even know about as a Roman Catholic priest.

I have had the opportunity of preaching this great saving message of Christ to thousands of people in many states throughout this country and Canada. This has supplied me with a more wonderful ministry for the Lord than I ever dreamed of when I became a Roman Catholic priest. I have had the joy of bringing many Roman Catholic lay people to a saving knowledge of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I have had the happiness of being able to strengthen the faith of Protestants. I have been able to prevent much unhappiness among young people, Catholic and Protestant boys and girls, by helping them to avoid mixed marriages. I have arranged many four-day conferences in large churches in the principal cities of this country, where four and five of us converted priests had the opportunity of delivering our message to tens of thousands of people.

I can sincerely give thanks to the Lord for this great opportunity offered to me and other converted priests by the work of Christ's Mission, founded seventy years ago by Father James

My Work and Experience With Christ's Mission

BY WILLIAM E. BURKE



A. O'Connor, himself a converted priest, who was filled with zeal to bring the knowledge of his new-found evangelical faith to his former Catholic people.

My particular aim now is to help other priests into the light of this glorious Gospel teaching, and to help them to go forth likewise and preach

it to their Catholic people. This particular work of helping and finding financial support for other priests who wish to leave the Roman Catholic Church and join us at Christ's Mission, has been allotted to me as a special work by Christ's Mission. I will count the remaining years of my life well spent if I can help other priests like myself to find this peace of soul.

Protestants must admit that there is no better witness to the saving power of Christ, and no better defender of the Protestant cause, than a truly converted Roman Catholic priest. If a sufficient number of truly converted, spiritually consecrated priests were enabled to go forth throughout this country, and preach this Gospel, then not only would there be a counter-measure to the Roman Catholic Church, but also a great revival of the power of the saving grace of Jesus Christ—so sadly needed in this world today.

But many Protestants who are eager to see this done, forget that the former Catholic priest has many problems. First and foremost, he must have some assurance of economic support. We have estimated at Christ's Mission that it takes about \$5,000.00 to sustain a priest while he is being trained for this work. Many priests get married soon after leaving the priesthood, and there is immediately the pressure of economic need for his wife and family.

Very few priests have the ability or experience in business to enable them to earn a living for themselves. They must be given an opportunity to study the Bible or go to some Seminary.

In taking over this project of finding financial support for former priests, I am contacting Protestant pastors and members of their congregations, to ask them to come to our assistance. Several priests now in the priesthood have approached me and asked me for help in this regard. These men are no longer believers in the Roman Catholic doctrine and practices and are very unhappy in their spiritual life. It is almost impossible to expect these men to leave the priesthood unless they have some provision made for their support afterward. Although they are now in a very unhappy state as unbelievers in the Roman Catholic priesthood, there is still offered to them security and reputation of an honored position, which is difficult for human nature to give up.

I will be very happy to call personally on any of our readers and friends who want me to explain this work in more detail. I am not at liberty to publish the names of those priests who are anxious to come and join us at Christ's Mission. But I will be glad to make these known confidentially to those who are sincerely willing to help.

Won't you write in to us and let us know what you can do in this matter?

Would You ADOPT an Ex-Priest?

It costs approximately \$5,000.00 to help and train an ex-priest either as a preacher of our Evangelical message or for other work.

We are looking for individuals or groups of individuals who could contribute \$5,000.00 to *adopt* a particular priest. We could safely promise that for every \$5,000.00 thus contributed, we could secure a priest for such adoption.

A NEWLY CONVERTED priest, Felix A. Tovar, came to Christ's Mission in January. We have undertaken to train this man for our work and committed ourselves to pay his board and tuition for a year at the National Bible Institute in New York.

Another Converted Priest At Christ's Mission



FELIX A. TOVAR

Here is Mr. Tovar's own testimony:

I was born in Madrid, Spain, and made my preparatory studies for the priesthood at Burgos, studied philosophy at Leon and theology at Cuenca. I was ordained a priest on July 3, 1938, at Victoria, Spain, and served as a pastor of several churches in Puerto Rico for seven years. I also served as a priest for the last three years at Holy Agony Church, New York City.

I returned for a visit to my native country early in 1948, but for some time I had become disillusioned with the teachings and practices of the Ro-

man Catholic Church, which offered no real assurance of salvation. Having returned to the U. S. in the fall of last year, I voluntarily resigned from the priesthood and came to Christ's Mission.

I am now studying at National Bible Institute to prepare myself to preach the Evangelical doctrine. I hope to be able to dedicate myself entirely to pastoral work, since I feel that God has called me into this kind of a ministry. I wish to thank Dr. Lehmann, Mr. Burke and other friends who have cared for me, welcomed me into their fellowship,

and given me the opportunity to serve our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I would like to invite all priests who are seeking peace of soul and who would like to clearly see the pure light of the Gospel of Christ, to stop and think for a moment of the great spiritual fruits, as well as material, derived from choosing a life free from bondage and subservience to those who consider themselves demi-gods on earth. According to Paul in his Epistle to the Romans, we are all alike in the sight of God.

I am sure the readers of the Magazine will pray for me that I might use the talents given me to the glory of Christ alone, Who hath redeemed me by His own blood. Pray also that I may be an instrument in His service to give forth the Word of Life, according to what Christ Himself said to the devil: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Mr. Tovar is only one of several priests who has asked our help. Some of them are still in the priesthood, and would voluntarily leave if we could find the means for their support.

It is very expensive these days to support a converted priest while he is preparing for the Evangelical ministry in a Bible Seminary. Christ's Mission

depends entirely upon the generosity of its friends and the readers of its Magazine to supply this money for converted priests.

Won't you enable us to help Mr. Tovar and others like him? We are

building up an ex-priest fund to care for such men.

In contributing, please make all checks and money orders payable to Christ's Mission, Inc., 160 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Coming next month: The story of another former Roman Catholic priest, Angelo L. Lo Vallo, who voluntarily resigned as Assistant Pastor of St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., last January 20.

Pity This Priest In Argentina!

BECAUSE he dared to criticize dictator Perón "four or five times in sermons or letters," Father Jose M. Dunphy was expelled from his parish of the Church of Corpus Domini by Cardinal Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires and Primate of Argentina. This was reported in a special dispatch in the N. Y. *Times* of last January 7.

Father Dunphy was replaced by the Rev. Remo Mariotti, according to another N. Y. *Times*' report, "three months and ten days after Senora (Eva) Perón's newspaper 'Domocracia' had declared that 'the priest Dunphy should be removed from his parish.'" The official order bearing the Archbishop's seal simply stated that Father Dunphy had been "dismissed and prohibited" from his post of vicar and administrator of his parish. "May God protect you!" was written above the signature. Even an ecclesiastical trial was denied him, and it seems doubtful if even an appeal to the Vatican will help.

The Cardinal personally called upon Father Dunphy last October 3, and suggested it would be better if he would "voluntarily resign," and "indicated that a new post with a monastic order here in Buenos Aires would be waiting for him." This is the old trick of railroading a recalcitrant priest into a monastery, after which nothing more would be heard of him.

On December 18, Dunphy was questioned by the "political section of the police," but he insisted that his stand against Perón had been based "exclusively on religious and moral grounds."

Dunphy, born in Argentine, who is a descendant of an Irish family, is 42 years old and has been a priest for 17 years. We converted priests at Christ's Mission can surely thank God for Protestant America, where no dictator's wife or cardinal can jail us in a monastery for speaking the truth.

Our 'Protestant Information' Project

IN ANTICIPATION of a generous response from our readers to our appeal in last month's issue to help us set up an effective "Protestant Information Center" at Christ's Mission as a counter-measure to the Catholic Information Bureau of the Knights of Columbus, we are already going ahead with plans to get this project started. The immediate need for such a counter-organization to save the old foundation of our Protestant faith and culture is obvious.

Floods of deceptive Catholic propaganda, by advertisements, pamphlets and other means, are being sent to Protestants all over the country. Besides weaning Protestants away from the heritage of their faith and culture, there is the alarming fact that hundreds of thousands of Protestants and other non-Catholics are thus being induced to supply the Catholic Church with a list of their names and addresses. *Have you ever thought of this startling fact alone?*

The object of our "Protestant Information Center" is first of all to expand the services we are now rendering to Protestants and to Roman Catholics who write us daily for information on vital matters concerning their souls' salvation. Most of those who write to us are already bewildered by the clever propaganda advertisements and pam-



phlets sent to them by the Knights of Columbus and other Catholic Information Centers. If adequate means are supplied to us, we too plan to set forth boldly in the secular press and magazines the correct teaching and the positive power of Evangelical Christianity as opposed to the errors of Roman Catholicism. It is sad to think that the Catholic Church has been more active than Protestants in making use of the Protestant freedom of the press, of free speech and pamphleteering in an attempt to undermine the very Protestant principles which are the source of these freedoms.

We have arranged that our Mr. Peter J. Doeswyk, a converted Catholic priest and associate editor of our Magazine, will be in charge of our Protestant Information Center. Mr. Doeswyk was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1933 and served as a priest in several parishes of the Archdiocese of Omaha, Nebraska. As a scholar in the Scriptures and early Church History, he became disillusioned with the teachings of Roman Catholicism and resigned in 1938.

With the other converted priests at Christ's Mission, Mr. Doeswyk desires only to strengthen the faith of his Protestant brethren and to bring Roman Catholics into the light of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. He should be well qualified to take charge of our Information Center since he has had several years of experience as a librarian and library research worker.

At present we answer several hundred inquiries through the mail monthly and are happy at the grateful response received from our correspondents. Answers to the questions we receive take much painstaking research, and if we are to expand this work as needed, a much larger staff of converted priests and secretarial help will be needed. We trust that those of our friends who are interested in helping this project will keep this in mind, and do all they can in contributing to make this a success.



REV. P. J. DOESWYK

First Protestants Were All Roman Catholics

PROTESTANTS FORGET that the heritage of their faith which they now possess began with the conversion of priests and people of the Roman Catholic Church in the 16th century.

A famous Roman Catholic historian, Joseph Clayton, Oxford graduate and Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, in his book "*Luther*," page 37, says as follows:

"The Protestant Reformation with its break-up of the unity of Christendom and its repudiation of papal authority was the work of the clergy and the laity brought up in the Roman Catholic Church, educated in the Catholic Church, and knowing nothing of any faith but the Catholic Faith. Not from without—but from within—came this disaster to the unity of the Kingdom of Christ. Catholic bishops and Catholic priests, Catholic princes and Catholic cities revolted from the supremacy of the pope, and rejected the Catholic doctrine of the Mass."

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IMPRISONING CARDINALS and Roman Archbishops will not help the countries behind the 'iron curtain' to obtain the good will of the rest of the world. The power of the Roman Catholic Church in America and elsewhere will see to that. Much sympathy and profitable propaganda in favor of Roman Catholicism has thus resulted from the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary.

Yet some good may come of it. Most startling, for instance, have been the accusations made by the Hungarian Ministry of Information against Cardinal Mindszenty, especially those that implicate Cardinal Spellman of New York.

According to these published accusations, Cardinal Mindszenty conspired with Cardinal Spellman when he visited the latter in New York, according to the N. Y. *Post* of December 29, and informed him of an agreement with Archduke Otto, pretender to the Austro-Hungarian throne, for the establishment of a Catholic kingdom in Central Europe with "*U. S. support after the Third World War.*"

This does not make pleasant reading, for it indicates a return to the old plotting between the Roman Catholic hierarchy and the ancient trouble-makers, the disreputable kings and princes who joined with the Vatican through the centuries to oppress the people and keep them in misery and ignorance. Anti-religious communism is nothing but the violent revolt of the masses of the [Catholic] people in

those countries against this ungodly combination of Church and the old regimes.

The following facts should be kept in mind in forming an opinion about Cardinal Mindszenty's arrest and the actions of the Vatican and the Hungarian Government in the matter:

1. The population of Hungary is 67% Roman Catholic;
2. A section of the archbishops and priests of Hungary are not in favor of Mindszenty's attitude of conspiring with the old Austro-Hungarian dynasty;
3. All Roman Catholic bishops and priests are paid salaries by the present Hungarian government;
4. Protestant denominations have full freedom both to worship and evangelize, and have been allowed to keep their

theological institutions as well as some of their schools and colleges, because they do not interfere in politics;

5. Mindszenty signed a concordat with the Horthy regime which gave the Roman Catholic Church exactly the same kind of privileges and influence as it enjoys today in Spain under Franco. He has bitterly fought the breaking up of all large estates for distribution among the peasants;
6. Before the present Hungarian Government took over, the Roman Catholic Church was the largest landowner in Hungary.

"After The Third World War"

At his trial on February 3 and 4, Cardinal Mindszenty publicly admitted: "*I am guilty in principle and in detail of the accusations made.*"

When asked by the prosecutor: "*Did anyone force you to make your confession?*" he firmly answered, "*No.*"

Leading psychiatrists discount as "nonsense" the charge that Cardinal

Mindszenty was drugged with a 'lie serum' to force him to confess to treason in court. If so drugged, they point out, he would more likely have recited his prayers or the Sermon on the Mount.

We pity Cardinal Mindszenty who, after all, is but the victim of the political intrigues of the Vatican.

THE OLD EVIL MIXTURE



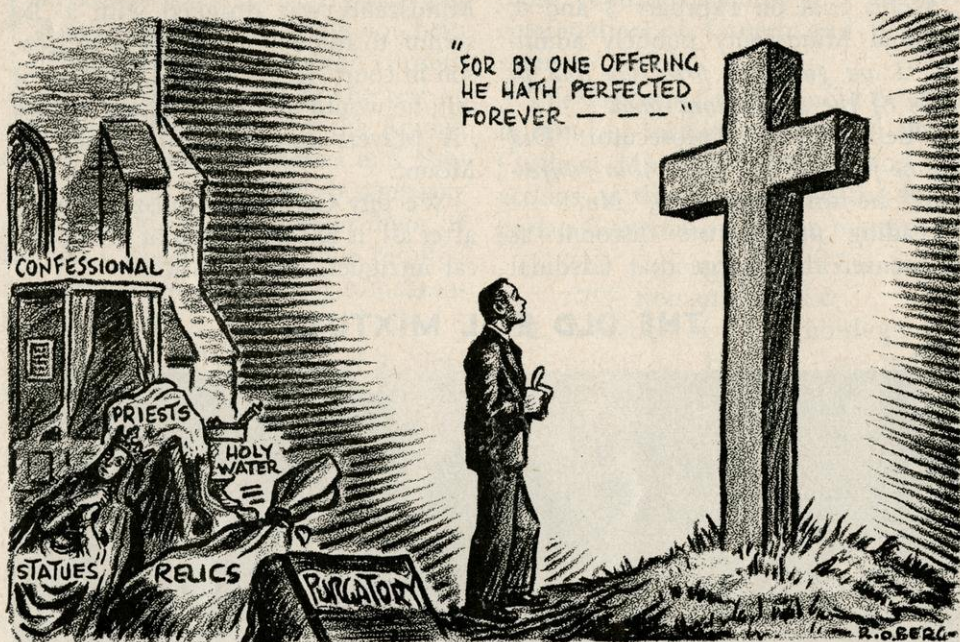
Wide World Photo

The Pope's Legate (seated left) confers with Arab King Abdullah

The immortal Catholic poet Dante saw this evil of mixing Church and State (Rev. 17) long ago and condemned it as follows:

*"The Church of Rome,
Mixing two governments that ill assort,
Hath missed her footing, fallen into the mire,
And there herself the burden much defiled."*

(Purg. Canto XVI.)



YOU ARE A PROTESTANT because of the historic change that came about in the Christian Church at the time of the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century. Catholic propagandists say that event was the greatest tragedy of history, and that you are really a Roman Catholic by blood, a Protestant merely because of mistaken leadership. They say this because the Protestant Reformation revealed the corrupt nature of Roman Catholic teaching, and thereby destroyed a great part of the worldly power and authority of the Roman Catholic Church among the nations of Europe.

As far as you are concerned, however, the Protestant Reformation has brought great blessings which have been passed on to you today in America. If Protestants are misled, as many

Why You Should

are being misled today, by the false claims and clever propaganda being spread amongst them by Roman Catholic campaigns, then these blessings in the spiritual and the social order will not be passed to your children after you.

back to the Roman Catholic teaching on these two vital matters would mean abandonment of the true evangelical way of salvation, and, as a consequence, a return to a social order somewhat similar to what Europe experienced during the Middle Ages. This is the issue at stake in the struggle today between the forces of the Roman Catholic Church and those of Protestantism. This is what is behind the great drive of Roman Catholic propagandists today to induce Protestants to become Roman Catholics and to make America Catholic.

It is therefore necessary, first of all, to understand what your Protestant faith means to you. If Protestants are not convinced of the vital importance of what they believe about salvation, then the culture which flows from that belief is not important either.

Martin Luther, more than 400 years ago, clearly understood and strenuously fought for these social liberties that resulted from his reassertion of the Gospel teaching of salvation by grace through faith. In his famous treatise, *On the Babylonian Captivity of the Church*, published in October, 1520, Luther explained it in this way: "I cry aloud on behalf of liberty and conscience, and I proclaim with confidence that no kind of law can with any justice be imposed on Christians, whether by men or by angels, except so far as they themselves will; for we are free from all."

[This important article is a sequel to two others in our January and February issues, entitled "OUGHT I BECOME A ROMAN CATHOLIC?"]

By L. H. LEHMANN

Remain A Protestant

FAITH AND FREEDOM

The two main changes that came about as a result of the Protestant Reformation concerned: 1) *the reassertion of the true faith in Christ and His saving work*; 2) *a new culture of freedom in the social order*. A change

March, 1949

UNIQUE TEACHING OF SALVATION

As a Protestant, you know and believe in a salvation that is quite different to that taught to Roman Catholic people. What Roman Catholics have to believe about salvation is the old, pagan anti-Christian way, by which men are *not* changed from a state of slavery to God and to other men. The "newness" of the Christian Gospel teaching about salvation consists in the almost incredible proclamation that man's status has been changed, *not only from slavery to other men, but also from a state of slavery to God Himself, into one of divine sonship with God. "And if children then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ."* (Rom. 8:17.)

No other religion ever dared to offer such a great salvation. And any church organization that proclaims and teaches this great salvation cannot make use of that teaching as a weapon of power over its followers. It is for this reason that Protestant countries tend to ever-increasing liberty and social betterment, while Roman Catholic-dominated countries remain in a backward state morally and socially.

As a believer in this great salvation, you can claim this double liberation. Your Protestant concept of salvation in the spiritual order is synonymous with freedom and liberation in the social order. For it stands to reason, that if you are saved from sin in such a way that your status is changed from that of a slave into one of sonship with God, you can never allow other men to tyrannize over you in your social and community life. With Luther above quoted, you can cry aloud on behalf

of liberty of conscience, and joyfully proclaim with confidence that no dictatorship of men, either in church or state, can be imposed upon you.

FAITH STANDS ALONE

All men crave liberty and freedom but not all men are willing to submit themselves to the power that will make them free. Believing Protestants will always therefore be in the minority. You may be overwhelmed at the thought of the huge masses of people who belong to the Roman Catholic Church, as well as by the magnificence of its ritual and its spectacular political power. Yet *the faith and freedom you enjoy today was won for you by men who dared to stand up and separate themselves from that huge organization in order to assert the freedom that is to be found in Christ.*

Membership in the Roman Catholic Church will give you the comfort of a crowd, but will rob you of the personal liberties which belong with the individual acceptance of Christ as your full and perfect Saviour.

HERE'S YOUR SCORE!

AS A PROTESTANT:

1. *You are assured, on the Word of God, of complete salvation without the intermediary of a priesthood.*

Your salvation is "to the uttermost." It is "perfected" by the one, unrepeatable sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, offered "once for all," and "forever."

2. *You have no fear of condemnation after death.*

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." (Rom. 8:1.)

3. *Your sins are completely forgiven—both the 'guilt' and the 'punishment' are taken away.*

As a Catholic, you would have to depend on a half-forgiveness by a priest in confession; you would have to believe that a priest's absolution (all other regulations being complied with) can take away only the *guilt* of your sins, that you yourself would have to suffer the *punishment* for them, both in this life and the next.

4. *You can dispense with Purgatory, since "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from ALL sin." (1 Jn. 1:7.)*

You need not be deceived by a recent Knights of Columbus advertisement headed: "*Not Quite Good Enough . . .*" and which goes on to say: "That's the way most of us feel: not quite good enough for heaven, not quite bad enough for hell."

5. *Your soul's destiny is not in the hands of priests, bishops and popes, but in the hands of your true Saviour Jesus Christ, pierced for your sake.*

These are the only hands that can save. The hands of men are powerless to save your soul.

6. *Your final authority is the Word of God Himself.*

You must have a secure authority on which to rest your hope of salvation. No man can be such a final infallible authority. The 'Rock' on which all your hopes and aspirations rest is *Christ*.

7. *The pastor of your church acts as the 'minister of God's Word.'*

He does not rob you of the power of Christ and use it for the aggrand-

izement of his church organization or of himself. He does not pretend to be able to offer a sacrifice to appease God (partially) for your sins and to be able to forgive you your sins (partially) in confession. He puts you in touch with your only Saviour, Who accomplished for you a "perfect" work of salvation and forgiveness. When God "perfects" something, how can a man come along and say he can make up for a deficiency in it or add to it?

8. *You enjoy a two-fold liberation: from sin and from the dictatorial power of men in Church and State.*

As a Christian saved completely from the power of sin, your whole status toward God and man is changed. From being a slave to God you become a son of God. It is obvious, therefore, that you can never be a slave of any man or organization in Church or State. This is where your Protestant culture of freedom comes from.

9. *The power of authority resides in you, not in any dictator or institution outside of you.*

Those who rule you in Church and State are merely delegated by you to act for you in the public forum. You, together with others in your community, can withdraw that delegated power whenever there is danger of its being abused and appoint others pledged not to do so. This is the root of Christian freedom as you know it in your democratic, representative form of government, in spiritual things as well as in things pertaining to the social and political order.

10. *Your marriage, education of your children, your charitable institutions such as hospitals, orphanages,*

medical science, recreation, theatres and other amusements, what you may read, write and speak in public, as well as the conduct of things in your town or community, are not arranged for you by Roman Catholic law and practice, as they would be if Protestants in your community or country declined in number to the extent that would enable Catholic Church authorities to assume power.

The freedom now enjoyed by Catholics in your Protestant community life would then be denied you and your church by the dominant Catholic power. As in Spain today, you would have no legal status as a Protestant; there would be no tax exemption for your church, and Protestant schools would be forbidden.

WOULD YOU SWEAR TO THIS OATH?

Protestants who become Roman Catholics are obliged to take the following oath on the Bible:

OATH FOR PROTESTANTS

[Following is the complete official text of the solemn oath which Protestants must take before being baptized and received into the Catholic Church]:

"I, (Name), having before my eyes the holy Gospels, which I touch with my hand, and knowing that no one can be saved without that faith which the Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Roman Church holds, believes, and teaches, against which I have greatly erred, inasmuch as I have held and believed doctrines opposed to her teaching:

"I now, with grief and contrition for my past errors, profess that I believe the Holy, Catholic, Apostolic

Roman Church to be the only true Church established on earth by Jesus Christ, to which I submit myself with my whole heart. I believe all the articles that she proposes for my belief, and I reject and condemn all that she rejects and condemns, and I am ready to observe all that she commands me. And especially I profess that I believe:

"One only God in three divine persons, distinct from, and equal to, each other—that is to say, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

"The Catholic doctrine of the Incarnation, Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the personal union of the two natures, the divine and the human, the divine Maternity of the most holy Mary, together with her most spotless Virginity;

"The true, real, and substantial presence of the Body and Blood, together with the Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist;

"The seven sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ for the salvation of mankind, that is to say, Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Order, Matrimony;

"Purgatory, the Resurrection of the dead, Everlasting life;

"The Primacy, not only of honor, but also of jurisdiction of the Roman Pontiff, successor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, Vicar of Jesus Christ;

"The veneration of the saints and their images;

"The authority of the Apostolic and Ecclesiastical Traditions, and of the Holy Scriptures, which we must interpret and understand only in the sense which our holy mother the Catholic Church has held, and does hold;

"And everything else that has been defined and declared by the sacred Canons, and by the General Councils, and particularly by the holy Council of Trent, and delivered, defined and declared by the General Council of the Vatican, especially concerning the Primacy of the Roman Pontiff, and his infallible teaching authority.

"With a sincere heart, therefore, and with unfeigned faith, I detest and abjure every error, heresy, and sect opposed to the said Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Roman Church.

"So help me God, and these His holy Gospels, which I touch with my hand."

Note that you would here swear, on the Word of God Himself in the Bible, not to take God at His Word, but to take the word of a man instead!

IS ROMAN CATHOLICISM MORE ATTRACTIVE?

I have already fully explained all the so-called advantages and attractions to be enjoyed by becoming a Roman Catholic. To many these are most appealing, and they are made even more appealing by the way in which Roman Catholic propagandists advertise them. In the K-of-C ad about Purgatory quoted above, for instance, you are told: *"Purgatory is one of the most*

human and comforting of our Catholic beliefs."

Although Catholics are made to think so, and many Protestants are also deceived by it, this is downright falsehood. *"It gives us a place for squaring our lesser obligations with God,"* this ad says, *"should death overtake us before we have reached perfection."*

In the first place, by our own works we can never "square ourselves with God" (atone for our sins); and secondly, we, by our own works or sufferings, can never reach "perfection." Jesus Christ, our Saviour, has "squared" things with God for us, and He has "perfected forever those that are sanctified." Besides, it is no comfort to have to believe that, after all that has been suffered by Christ and by ourselves, after all the sacrifices of the Mass, confessions, penances, novenas, money contributions, etc., we still have to descend into a lake of fire after we die, and remain there at the mercy of priests and others on earth.

Are drinking, gambling and other indulgences allowed to Catholics but frowned on by Protestants as attractive as they are said to be? It must be admitted that they do appeal to weak human nature, but they are a source of shame and remorse to the spiritual man. There is great joy in not yielding to those things; headaches, heartaches and stark tragedy result from indulgence in them. The fruits of the spirit, on the other hand are: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. (*Gal. 5:22.*)

Do you want to be *sure* of your salvation?

Do you want to have Christ as your own personal Saviour, without a priest between you and God, the Pope between you and your Government?

Do you want the Word of God in place of the word of man as your infallible guide?

Do you want to have a clean, decent community in which to live and bring up your children?

Do you want the culture and institutions of your country and community to remain free of Roman ecclesiastical control?

Do you want to be sure to pass on the heritage of these blessings to your children and your children's children?

Then remain a Protestant! Cooperate with your pastor and church so that your community will remain Protestant. Live your Christian life, "*not in word only, but in power.*" Resist the blandishments and clever inducements offered you by radio, by books and pamphlets, and by misleading advertisements of Roman Catholic propagandists. And since they are flooding the country with this false propaganda to change the traditional Protestant faith and culture of America and make it Catholic, you must help spread the truth and the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to which you owe all the blessings you now enjoy.

Listen to Paul's warning (Col. 2:8):

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Protestantism In England

SPEAKING on Bible Sunday last Dec. 12, after returning from his nine-week evangelistic tour of the British Isles, Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in New York, described the strong Protestant faith of the English people as evidenced by an open-air meeting in Trafalgar Square in London as follows:

"When prayer was offered, every head was bowed," he said, "and when an ancient hymn was sung we heard the nasal voice of the shabbily dressed 'Cockney' mingled with the aristocratic voices of the cultured Londoner as they sang their praises. One felt the deep religious consciousness of the people, and as Americans we realized that the situation could not be duplicated in polyglot New York nor in other large cities of our nation. It was the influence of a religious life that has been laid at the foundation of the British nation for more than a millennium."

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Nazis and Catholic DP'S

ALARM HAS BEEN VOICED that among those entering America as DP's from Europe are many Nazis or Nazi supporters. And since the majority of the DP's coming into the country are Roman Catholics, the accusations have disturbed the Roman Catholic Church authorities. A resolution was adopted by the National Catholic Resettlement Council last November 30th in Washington, D. C. defending the Catholic DP's who have so far come into the country.

How true this accusation may be that many of these Catholic DP's from Europe are Nazis, Fascists and traitors, we cannot say. We shudder to think that any of these people who are being so blessed with a home in America should not be thoroughly imbued with love and gratitude for our American Protestant culture in America. If such should be in any way the case, the Roman Catholic Church, of course, would be placed in a rather difficult position, since the first two groups of DP's arriving totaled 1,600 people, more than 1,000 of which were Roman Catholics, sponsored by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and guaranteed homes and jobs by the National Catholic Resettlement Council.

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► **POPE PIUS XII** "Intervened to save the lives of Gen. Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese leaders before their execution as war criminals," according to a Rome dispatch in the N. Y. 'Times' of last Dec. 25. Vatican sources disclaimed any "political significance" in connection with the Pope's plea.

► **ACCORDING TO** Dr. George B. Howard, Argentine correspondent for the *Christian Century*, Argentine's President Perón is making a big profit by selling farm produce to the starving people of Europe. "Farmers can sell only to the Government," he says, "but they get 18 pesos for what the Government sells to Europe for 46."

Dr. Howard significantly remarks: "And the Pope recently decorated Sr. Perón for his humanitarian services to hungry Europe!"

► **THE CITY OF MIZU** in Japan (pop. 9,000), according to the [Catholic] 'Register' of last December 19, has appealed to Catholic priests to "come and convert it," although there is not a single Roman Catholic there.

► **JAPANESE** are returning to worship at Shinto shrines, according to the N. Y. *Times* of last Jan. 8. More than one million Japanese visited Shinto shrines in the first five days of the new year and contributed 1,500,000 yen in collections. It was at first thought that Shinto worship would disappear after Japan's defeat.

► **IN HIS** Christmas address to the College of Cardinals last Dec. 24, Pope Pius XII urged "armed force" if needed to stop communist Russia.

► **ROMAN CATHOLIC** forces in Germany are fighting to have the Concordat signed by Hitler and the Vatican in 1933 retained in the new constitution for Western Germany. The 'Leftists' (Socialists, Liberals and Communists) on the Parliamentary Council, which is drafting the new constitution, have refused to accept it.

► **AN EX-PRIEST IN GERMANY**, who styles himself Bishop Claus Sommerfield, formerly a member of the Cistercian Order, has founded a new church in Germany, according to a recent RNS report from Berlin. Sommerfield states that the aim of his movement is to gather together former Catholic priests and laymen who have become separated from the Roman Church "for any reason whatever." The only requirements for membership in his organization, he stated, are "belief in a single deity and in an after life." His movement has been licensed by the British occupation government and he added that he hopes to be able to attract most of the half-million ex-Catholics in Germany within the next twelve months.

► **THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES** (15 Park Row, New York 7, N. Y.) has undertaken a program to help 1,000 Protestant DP's to find work and homes in the United States. Many of these DP's are sincere Christians, especially those from the Protestant countries of Estonia and Latvia, and this American Council of Christian Churches is seeking to obtain sponsors through churches and other organizations to place these deserving DP's in proper surroundings. The number of Protestants who have arrived among the DP's so far is very small compared to the percentage of Roman Catholics and Jews.

► **PROTESTANTS** were defined as "Apostate Catholics who rebelled against the [Catholic] Church and called themselves reformers," from the pulpit of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York last Dec. 12 by Father Anselm Leahy, as reported in the N. Y. *Times* the following day.

► **HERE** is a sample headline from the [Catholic] Brooklyn *Tablet* of last January 1: "WIPE OUT CLERGY IN EAST RUSSIA—REDS FOLLOW U. S. PATTERN BANNING GOD FROM ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS."

► **SIR ALFRED BOWER**, the only Roman Catholic to become Lord Mayor of London since the Reformation, died recently at the age of 90. He held office in 1924 and 1925.

► **IN BRAZIL**, one Latin American country known for its religious tolerance, attacks against Protestants are increasing. According to the 'Christian Century's' correspondent in Brazil, a mob of 2,000 attacked two Protestant ministers recently who had gone to Sao Joao del Rey in the state of Minas Gerses to give addresses in the Protestant church there.

► **THE HUDSON COUNTY (N. J.) Holy Name Federation**, representing approximately 93,000 members, adopted a resolution last December 13, calling upon the state of New Jersey to legalize bingo. Delegates from 53 Roman Catholic parishes in Hudson County were present, according to the 'Jersey Journal' of that date. A committee was appointed to coordinate all the activities of other organizations throughout New Jersey in order to have the issue placed before the voters at the next election.

► **IN AUSTRIA** the Austrian People's Party (the Catholic Party) has the majority in the Legislature, and is fighting for new government-supported parochial schools. The Socialist Party is next in strength to the Catholics, and is divided on the issue of state support for Catholic schools. Communists are not represented in the government, and in the legislature their strength is almost negligible.

► **IN BRAZIL** the Roman Catholic hierarchy persuaded the government to forbid a public ceremony in Sao Paulo last September by the Brazilian Catholic Church—which was founded some time ago by former Roman Catholic Bishop Carlos Duarte. The objection was raised by the Catholic authorities that the holding of the Mass in a public place by this non-Roman Catholic Church would operate against the "freedom" of the Roman Catholic Church since the new church "imitates" Roman Catholic rites and symbols. According to the 'Christian Century' of last November 17, Protestants in Brazil have protested the banning of this public ceremony, and pointed out that under the same argument the freedom of Catholics in Protestant countries might be imperiled, since they "imitate" many symbols used by Protestants.

► **THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** in Czechoslovakia is meeting resistance from its own followers, according to a dispatch from Prague in the N. Y. 'Times' of last Dec. 5. The leader is the priest Josef Plojhar, Minister of Health in the Communist-dominated government of Premier Gottwald. The Czech Resistance Movement is reported as giving a "last warning" that although religious freedom exists in Czechoslovakia, "no church must become a shelter for those who defend the old order and Mammon."

► **PRIESTS IN FRANCE** are being accused of failing to pay Government taxes on benefit performances. Four bishops and a large number of priests and nuns were present in court last Dec. 9, according to a report in N. Y. 'Times,' at a hearing in Poitiers when 24 persons including several priests went on trial.



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Glorious Prophetic Faith

[Review of "THE PROPHETIC FAITH OF OUR FATHERS," Vol. 2, by LeRoy Edwin Froom; 862 pp. Review and Herald Publishing Co., Price \$5.00]

THIS is the second of four projected volumes of Dr. Froom's monumental work under this general title. It is also the second to be published, having been preceded by volume three, and is to be followed soon by volumes one and four now in preparation. Each volume represents an enormous amount of research and financial outlay hardly possible if undertaken as a commercial venture.

This volume alone contains fifty-five rare illustrations, pictures and graphic charts gathered from the best libraries all over the world.

Though prophetic interpretation is a highly controversial subject, the author's strictly objective method in these volumes precludes personal opinions and affords the student unbiased and undeniable historical evidence from which each may form his own views. Interpretations of the future development of God's plan (because still hidden from us) leave a wide scope for

disagreement. But what has already been revealed of the plan of God through tested historic events leaves little or no area for such disagreement. The facts of history unerringly speak to us of that part of God's plan that has already unrolled itself on the film of time. From that, its future development may be fairly well guessed at. The thoroughly documented evidence of past historic events, graphically illustrated by such an abundance of pictures and charts as offered us in these volumes of Dr. Froom's, is to me, not only instructive and fascinating, but amazing.

'CLOUD OF WITNESSES'

This second volume is of particular interest to us converted Catholic priests. For it deals exclusively with prophetic witnesses of the pre-Reformation and Reformation period of Christian Church history.

What amazes me is that almost all of the great cloud of witnesses whose

Witnesses of the and Evangelical of Protestants

positive testimony is recorded and pictured on page after page of this huge volume, were once priests like us of the Roman Catholic Church. More amazing still, some of them were highly placed prelates—bishops and cardinals—of the Church of Rome. Some of these never separated from that Church, either because there was no other Church to which they could belong before the Protestant Reformation, or because they chose to remain, in the hope that they could reform their Church by remaining within it, and still continue to bear witness against its satanic frustration of the saving work of Christ.

Many of these courageous priests sealed their testimony against the Church of Rome as the Antichrist by their blood, after torture and imprisonment. They rejected inducements of lucrative positions and special favors as the price of the retraction of their testimony. What noted men have suffered and died for in this way surely merits serious consideration by complacent, easy-going Protestants today

whose freedoms and blessings were purchased for them by those prophetic martyrs in the past.

EVANGELICAL AND PROPHETIC

As the author significantly proves by objective evidence, the whole Protestant Reformation movement rests on not one, but *two* main reform incentives: one *Evangelical*, the other *Prophetic*. The two were inseparably joined, and jointly guided the Reformers in their break with Rome. In fact, the Prophetic witness to the Antichrist character of Roman Church doctrine and practice preceded the Evangelical, and the latter may be said to have been possible only as a result of the former. In other words, *if the great priest-reformers, from the 14th century on, had not become convinced of the fulfillment of the historic role of Antichrist in their Church, their Evangelical reform would never have succeeded.*

There being incontrovertible evidence to substantiate this fact, it is obvious that Protestants today are

"missing the bus," if they continue to focus all their attention solely on the Evangelical aspect of their Protestant position — now being alarmingly threatened with complete annihilation by intensified attacks of their old enemy Rome, on the one hand, and from the new force of communism on the other. Msgr. Sheen, as spokesman for the Roman Catholic forces today, recently proclaimed that soon there will be but two governments in the world — Rome and Moscow.

The prime motive-power of the entire Protestant movement was its Prophetic witness against the Church of Rome (and all others who partake with her in frustrating Christ's saving work). In order to save Protestantism today and preserve its blessings for future generations, it must revive this Prophetic witness against the still present Antichrist.

WHO OR WHAT IS THE ANTICHRIST?

The hesitancy of Protestants today to boldly proclaim the Roman Papacy as the Antichrist, as their ancestors did in the past, is due to the mistaken idea that by doing so they must label an individual pope now living as more or less a devil. Let us see how Luther viewed this difficulty. No one shouted more loudly against the Papacy in Rome as the Antichrist than Martin Luther, the greatest of all the Protestant reformers. His courageous defiance before the Emperor at the Diet of Worms: "*Here I stand; God help me!*" was rooted in his conviction that the whole issue of the Reformation was one of *Christ versus Antichrist*. Yet he wrote to Pope Leo X (a corrupt pope if ever there was one):

"Therefore, most Holy Father Leo, pray

accept my apology, and be assured I never attacked your person . . . although I confess to have spoken against the Roman See, the Court of Rome, which not even thyself nor anybody on earth can deny is in a worse and more corrupt condition than Sodom, Gomorrah and Babylon have ever been." (p. 258)

To his friends on August 18, 1520, he wrote the following statement:

"We are here of the conviction that the Papacy is the seat of Antichrist, the true and real Antichrist, against whose deceit and vileness all is permitted for the salvation of souls. . ."

What Luther and the other priest-reformers protested against was *that body of corrupt teaching and practice embodied in the Church of Rome, and which was opposite to what they proclaimed as the reasserted, true teaching and practice of Evangelical Christianity*. They were forced to protest against the former in order to reassert the latter.

What they saw, as we today can see looking back on the history of the Christian Church, was *that ever-present apostate body of Satan running parallel with the mystic body of the true Church of Christ—corrupting it, corroding it like an acid, and sapping away its spiritual power*. The truth of the pure Evangelical teaching of the true church could only be made manifest to the people by holding up to the light the apostate body of Satan at the same time. What made it difficult then (even more so today) was the deceit created by Satan who has always confused, even the elect, by *dressing himself up in a clever imitation of the likeness of Christ and His church*. Without this great deceit, he could never have succeeded in almost completely



LUTHER PRESSES THE CHARGES OF PROPHECY AT WITTENBERG

Inseparably tied to his preaching of Christ, was Luther's exposure of the identity of Antichrist as the great Roman apostasy. Upon great congregations and before simple private audiences he pressed the basic issue of the conflict between Christ and Antichrist.



HUSS FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

John Huss, the converted priest, burned at the stake for his stand against the prophesied Antichrist.

hiding and frustrating the saving power of the Gospel teaching through the centuries.

THE TURKS THEN, THE 'REDS' NOW

Luther and others had to correct the mistaken idea of some, that the Antichrist in their day was the Turks—just as today many are deceived into thinking that the “Reds,” not the Roman Papacy, are the Antichrist. In a letter dated December 11, 1518, Luther wrote to Wenseslaus Link as follows:

“I will send you these compositions of mine, that you may judge whether I am right in my divination when I assert that the true Antichrist mentioned by St. Paul reigns in the court of Rome and is, as I think I can prove, a greater pest than the Turks.” (p. 253)

Luther enshrined his conviction of the Papacy as the continuing Antichrist in his great hymn, *A Mighty Fortress*, which all Protestants sing so lustily today:

*“For still our ancient foe,
Doth seek to work us woe;
Strong mail of craft and power
He weareth in this hour;
On earth is not his equal.”*

Nothing, however, that Luther and his associate reformers believed and taught about this ever-present Antichrist was intended to deny the reality of the future Antichrist who will be finally revealed at the time of the Great Tribulation.

LIST OF GLORIOUS WITNESSES

Dr. Froom begins his listing of the Prophetic witnesses of the pre-Reformation and Reformation period with the immortal [Catholic] poet Dante, who was followed by Petrarch. Roman Catholics today cannot believe that the great Dante denounced their Church in such scathing terms—especially because of its trafficking with the kings of the nations by its insistence on union of church and state:

*“The Church of Rome,
Mixing two governments that ill as-
sort,
Hath missed her footing, fallen into
the mire,
And there herself the burden much
defiled.”*

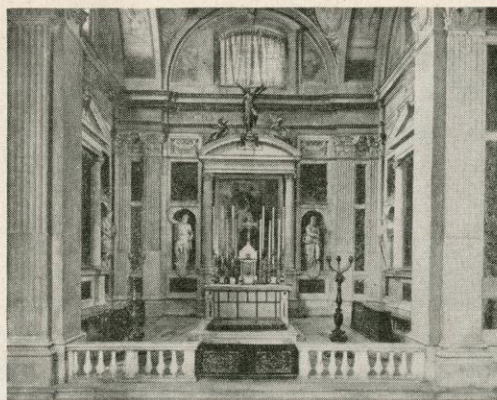
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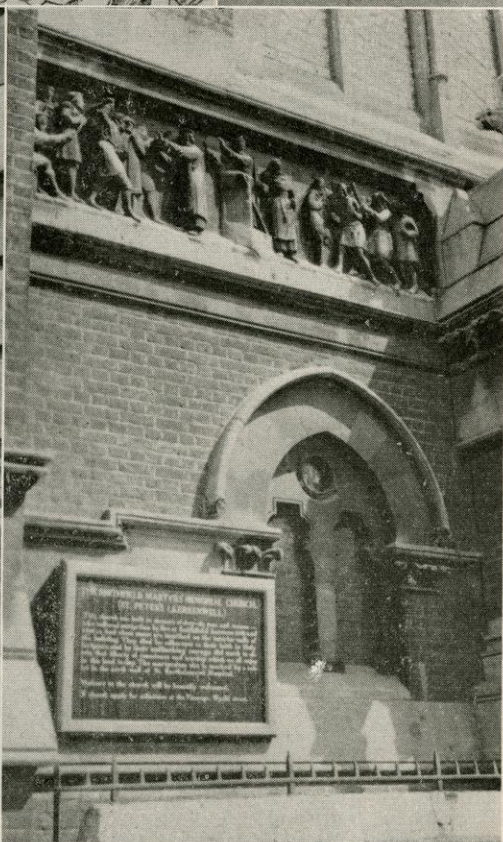
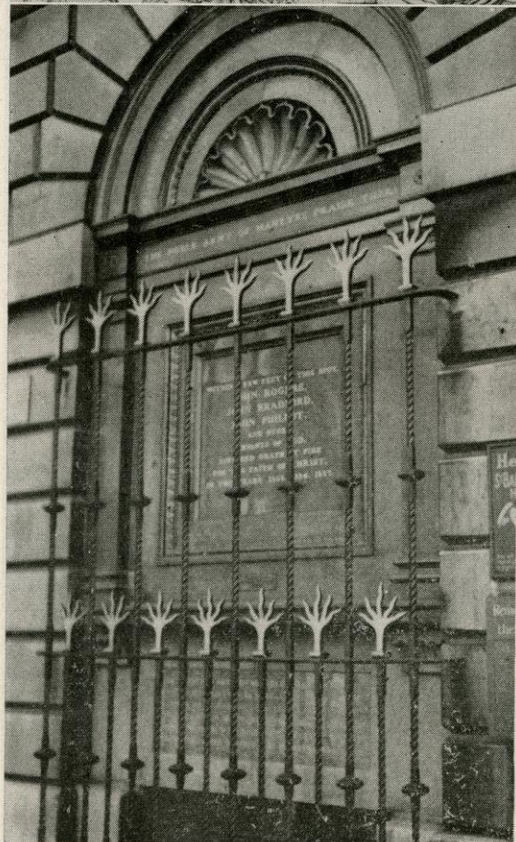
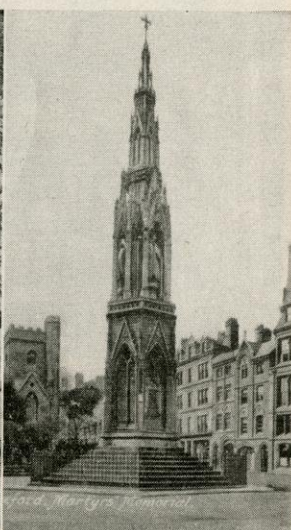
Then follows: Wycliff, Huss, Columbus, Savonarola, Luther, Melancthon, Osiander, Nicholas von Armsdorf, Heinrich Bullinger — and the great English priest-reformers: Latimer, Ridley, Philpot, Cranmer, Hooper and a host of others, many of whom gave their lives and protested with their last breath against the Papacy as the Antichrist.

The Smithfield martyrs also—more than 200 of them—perished at the stake rather than surrender their Protestant faith based on the Evangelical and Prophetic scriptures. Among them

SAVONAROLA MARTYRED FOR IDENTIFYING ANTICHRIST

Interior of St. Mark's Church at Florence, where Savonarola was preacher (upper left); Savonarola's cell in St. Mark's Convent, with his desk, chair and books, where he wrote his indictments of papal corruption (upper right); Exterior of Florence Cathedral, where he also preached occasionally (center left); Well-known profile of Savonarola by Fra Bartolommeo (center right); Historic painting of the burning of Savonarola at Florence (lower).





were John Rogers and John Bradford, prebendaries of St. Paul's, and John Philpot, Archdeacon of Winchester.

CRANMER'S DYING TESTIMONY

Archbishop Cranmer, so sensitive to physical pain, when led to the fire stretched out his hand with which he had in a weak moment previously signed a recantation of his reformed faith. "*Forasmuch as my hand offended, writing contrary to my heart,*" he declared, "*my hand shall first be punished therefore; for, may I come to the fire, it shall be first burned.*" Then, before the fire consumed him, he cried out:

"And as for the pope, I refuse him as Christ's enemy and Antichrist, with all his false doctrine."

In his *Defense of the True and Catholic Doctrine* (1550), Cranmer boldly asserted that the whole purpose of his high position as Archbishop of Canterbury "in which office God hath pleased to place me," was to call upon all "*to flee far from Babylon.*" He further declared:

"I know how Antichrist hath obscured the glory of God, and the true knowledge of His word, overcasting the same with mists and clouds of error and ignorance through false glosses and interpretations. It pitieth me to see the simple and hungry flock of Christ led into corrupt pastures, to be carried blindfold they know not whither, and to be fed with poisons instead of wholesome meats."

In this simple declaration, Cranmer epitomizes the collective effort of all

the great priest-reformers of the Reformation period—to *save the simple and hungry flock of Christ from the deep deceptions of Satan hidden under the scarlet robes of popes, bishops and cardinals, and even under the very Cross of Christ, in the Church of Rome.* They knew, and many of them gave their lives in testimony of, the need for this Prophetic witness as necessary if the people were to be taught the Evangelical way of salvation.

Shall this two-fold witness cease in our time—just because Protestants are squeamish about offending their good-neighbor policy with their Roman Catholic friends? A full, positive reassertion of the truth of Christ is needed today more than ever before. This can best be accomplished by upholding that truth against the background of error—that corrupt body of Satan that works all the time to corrode the truth and frustrate Christ's saving work—wherever it is found.

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● **THE ACCUSATION** of the Hungarian Government against Cardinal Mindszenty that he had conspired with Cardinal Spellman in New York to set up Archduke Otto of Hapsburg as Emperor of a Catholic Kingdom in the center of Europe "after the Third World War" reminds us of the protection and privileges secured for Otto of Hapsburg by Cardinal Spellman during the war years.

It was through the influence of Cardinal Spellman and other high-placed prelates that Otto of Hapsburg was exempted from the draft as a soldier in the war. On May 28, 1944, Cardinal Spellman sat on his throne in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York during a pontifical high mass. Seated on smaller thrones opposite the archbishop, where priests and nobility alone are allowed to enter, were Archduke Otto and his brother Archduke Felix of Austria.

Probably resenting this enthronement of the pretender to the old Austro-Hungarian throne, Frank Hahnl, a native of Czechoslovakia, hurled three eggs at Archbishop Spellman as he sat on his throne.

It was no small insult to the Catholic people whose ancestors had suffered from the oppression of the old Austro-Hungarian dynasty to see this Archduke in the sanctuary of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, and to know that the ordinary people will never be allowed inside this part of a Roman Catholic Church. It is this die-hard, reactionary policy of the Roman Catholic hierarchy that has aroused the masses of the people in Europe to the violent extremes of Communism.



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—W. J. Ford

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Dear Dr. Lehmann:

I am in receipt of your Agora Book Catalogue and it prompts me to write and suggest that you do not fail to read the Dec. 4 issue of the Jesuit Review "America" in which a signed article that is captioned: "Pray for Stray Shepherds" appears under the signature of E. Boyd Barrett.

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Bernard Gregory Stone
18 Blossom Street,
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[There is no parallel between Dr. Barrett and the converted priests at Christ's Mission. It cannot be said that he has returned to the Roman Catholic Church, since he really never left it. The article referred to (which appears in the Jesuit magazine *America*) is proof of this. There he confesses that all the time he was out of the priesthood he acted as a priest by absolving dying people whenever he came across them, and gives no indication in the article of any kind of a spiritual change, either at the time he left the priesthood or now when he returns to it. Dr. Barrett was personally known to us and we can testify that he never lost that awful sense of fear that the Roman Catholic Church has the power to condemn him to hell. That craven fear remained in his soul, because he never trusted the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted his full assurance that "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus."]

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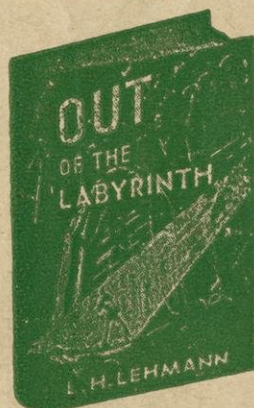
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Jim Schlough