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## Fire Guts Church; 15 Below Zero



Montreal firemen battle 15-degree below zero temperatures to save flaming 63-year-old St. Elizabeth du Portugal Church, in Montreal's old St. Henri district. The three alarm blaze completely destroyed the structure.

## Borromean Topics Set; Begin This Sunday

"St. Pius X and the Modern Seminary" will be the opening topic for the Borromean Lecture Series which begins at 8:15 p.m. this Sunday in the Auditorium at St. Charles Seminary, 2010 E. Broad Street.

The Second Annual series, co-sponsored by the Seminary faculty and the Carolan Club, will be opened by Fr. Edward F. Healey, spiritual director of the seminary.

Fr. Healey, who is also lay retreat director for the Diocese, answers questions weekly in the Inquiry Corner on page four of the Catholic Times.

Following Fr. Healey on successive Sundays in the annual series, which was begun last year as an adult education program by the seminary, will be Fr. Thomas A. Sabrey, who will discuss "The Canon of the Mass and the People's Offering," Feb. 10; Msgr. Wolz, whose topic will be "Two Recent Books on the Old Testament," Feb. 17; Fr. John Wolf, who will speak about "Emotions in Modern Living," Feb. 24; and to complete the series Fr. James Krause will explain "Modern European Methods of Teaching Religion," March 3.

All of the lectures are open to the public at no charge, according to Msgr. Paul J. O'Dea, dean of studies, who will moderate the series, and each lecture will be followed by a question and answer period.

Joseph Tritschler is general chairman for the series which is co-sponsored by the faculty and the Carolan Club. Mr. Ralph Lehman is president of the club and Fr. Hugh Murphy is faculty moderator.

## NCCM Head Says Tito Visit Would Be Bad

WASHINGTON — If Marshal Tito visits the U.S. and the Yugoslav Red regime will gain "immense prestige" but the effect "on the people whom he has crushed" will be disastrous.

This opinion was expressed by Albert J. Sattler, president of the National Council of Catholic Men, in a letter sent to Jacob D. Beam, the State Department's Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs.

Mr. Sattler's letter was in reply to one Mr. Beam had sent to the NCCM. The State Department's reasons for "sympathetic consideration of an invitation to Marshal Tito" were set down in Mr. Beam's letter.

The Beam letter stated that "it might well further basic American interests as well as the cause of world peace to discuss prospective developments and possible future policies with Yugoslavia's president..." The letter also said that a visit by Tito would not imply U.S. approval of Yugoslavia's system of government.

Mr. Sattler's letter said: "While it is not intended that the formal visit of the head of a foreign state shall imply approval by the United States of the system of government or political principles prevailing in a foreign country, yet such a visit is an extraordinary honor, indeed a privilege, which can only be construed, even by those untutored in the ways of diplomacy, as a sincere gesture of friendship and a recognition of good deeds or as a commendation or even approval of evil deeds."

## Fr. Staunton Named Papal Chamberlain

Father John C. Staunton, who for more than 11 years was executive secretary of the Ohio Catholic Welfare Conference until forced to leave the post due to ill health last fall, has been raised to the rank of Papal Chamberlain with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor, it was announced this week by Archbishop Karl J. Alter.



Msgr. Staunton

Monsignor Staunton, who while stationed in this Diocese served at many parishes in Columbus was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Loreto parish in Cincinnati earlier this month.

While in Columbus, Monsignor Staunton served at Holy Family, Our Lady of Victory, St. Catherine, Christ the King parishes, all of Columbus, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Buckeye Lake.

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## Catholic Men Hear Fr. Walsh

Fr. Richard Walsh, C.S.P., director of Newman Hall at Ohio State University, will be the guest speaker for the monthly meeting of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club at noon today in the Cavalier Room, Virginia Hotel.

Father Walsh will speak on the "Preparation for a Catholic Tomorrow."

The Luncheon Club which meets on the first Friday of every month is open to any Catholic men. No advance reservation is necessary for the luncheon.

## Press at New High Episcopal Head Says; Lauds Journalists

### Laity Should Write, Read, Support It

By Bishop Thomas K. Gorman  
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Another annual Catholic Press Month gives us a closer look at the printed periodical material and at the books currently coming off our presses in this country. What we see cannot fail to encourage us.

Newspapers, magazines, pamphlets and books combine fine technical skill with excellence of content. Our press has reached another high peak in its march toward perfection. For this indication of continued progress we have reason to feel pleased.

Such constant steady growth in perfection of technique and content does not come automatically. It calls for constant study and effort. It demands frank self-criticism. It requires hard work by competent journalists, authors and publishers. Just such a service do we get from the dedicated men and women who produce our newspapers, magazines and books.

To them be given the honor, to them the credit for the fine Catholic press we now present to the reading public.

To some such praise of our present day Catholic publications may seem excessive. If so they must be living in the distant, almost forgotten past. Today's Catholic press differs from that of even a quarter century ago as day



### On WLW This Sunday

Msgr. John S. Randall, President of the Catholic Press Association, discusses special radio techniques with Jud Holstein, Associate Director of Radio and TV for the National Council of Catholic Men. Occasion was a production meeting for "Report—Catholic Press," which will be broadcast on the Catholic Hour, NBC Radio Network during the four Sundays in February — Catholic Press Month.

from night. If you are one of the skeptics about the worthwhile character of the Catholic press, we suggest that you put yourself right by having a present day look at the new look of our Catholic press.

That certain skills and competences go into the production of a worthwhile Catholic press seems clear. We may easily overlook,

however, the fact that the reader of really worthwhile Catholic publications likewise must bring to his task a certain degree of skill and competence. He can build the structure of knowledge of his Faith only upon firm foundations of religious truth and moral values previously laid. He will for the most part get a re-

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## Pope's Intention For Missions In North Africa

The Holy Father's mission intention for February is "The Church in Northern Africa." The situation of the Church in Northern Africa is quite different from that which is found in the central regions of the African continent.

While Central Africa has been called one of the world's garden spots of missions, Northern Africa is the scene of a "cold war" between Christianity and the forces of Islam, which dominate the countries north of the Sahara Desert and are definitely trying to push the Mohammedan religion down into the central regions.

As the "cold war" for the spread of Islam in Africa continues, the Holy Father asks our prayers for the Church in Northern Africa.

## New Campaign To Promote Clean Ads Gets Results

ALBANY, N.Y. — (NC) — A week after the Communication Arts Guild of the Albany diocese inaugurated a campaign aimed at cleaning up offensive and indecent advertising, it got results.

Richard M. Guilderson, guild president, said the first positive result was an apology from a national advertiser for suggestiveness in one of its recent weekly TV shows. The advertiser gave assurance that the director of the show has been instructed to avoid any repetition of such offensive actions.

Mr. Guilderson is the advertising manager of the EVANGELIST, Albany diocese newspaper. He said that the guild is particularly interested in cleaning up movie advertising and the type of advertising found in some trade publications.

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## On-the-Spot Writer Says Polish Election Was Decided by Tanks

The writer of the following dispatch is a veteran N.C.W.C. News Service correspondent who recently spent a fortnight in Poland to observe the changed political and religious climate there.

By Father Patrick O'Connor  
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(Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Russian tanks in the streets of Budapest last November decided the elections in Poland on January 20.

In Warsaw at Christmas, people were saying: "We fear the fate of Hungary." They knew that if they tried to throw out the communists the West would do nothing to help them while Soviet Russia would stop at nothing to crush them.

Just before the election, Communist party First Secretary Wladyslaw Gomulka warned Poles bluntly that if the party were defeated, Poland would be wiped out. China's Premier Chou En-lai, still an obliging satellite, had apparently

bought a harsh reminder from Moscow.

Some points may need clarification:

The National Front won against no competition. All 721 candidates (two had been disqualified) were listed under the heading: National Front. In each area all candidates were picked and nominated by one election commission.

There was no Catholic party. The only parties allowed to exist were the communist (Polish United Workers) party, Peasants' party and Democratic party, but only a subservient, fellow-traveling form of these. Individual Catholics, not members of any party, were among candidates nominated by the election commissions.

Of the 22 avowedly Catholic candidates, 12 won election to the Sejm, and except in the Warsaw constituency where Mr. Gomulka won the top vote, all of these 12 won more votes than any of the other candidates in their districts.

## Seagoing Convent

HONG KONG — In the Bay of Aberdeen here can be found the first of three reviews. Born in Australia, found one of the strangest looking convents in all the world — a 35 foot Chinese junk.

The junk is the convent of The Little Sisters of Jesus, a counterpart of the Little Brothers of Jesus, a community planned by Charles de Foucauld, a priest who was killed in the deserts of North Africa in 1916.

At the recent launching of the floating convent, Father Paul A. Duchesne, missionary from Coles, N.Y., celebrated the first Mass on board for the Sisters who will work and live among fishing people of Aberdeen Bay.

"Thirty-five feet long, the convent is divided into three parts. One third is the chapel," reports Father Duchesne. "Three pairs of crossed oars form the base of the altar and a replica of the lamps used on launches in Hong Kong harbor is used as a sanctuary lamp."



## Americans at Film Congress

Delegates from the U.S. attending the International Catholic Office of the Film Congress in Havana, Cuba, are from left, John Fitzgerald, Motion Picture critic of Our Sunday Visitor; Mrs. Thomas Farrell, Jr., Executive Board, International Fed-

eration of Catholic Alumnae; Mrs. James F. Looman, National Legion of Decency; Msgr. Thomas F. Little, Executive Secretary, National Legion of Decency; Robert Coker and Arthur DeBra of the Motion Picture Association of America.

## NCCW Head Asks Women To Aid Press

WASHINGTON — Catholic women of the United States have been urged to support the Catholic Press, to their own and the press' advantage.

Recent events in troubled areas of the world, said Mrs. Robert H. Mahoney of Hartford, Conn., president of the National Council of Catholic Women, make us appreciate our privileges and opportunities, one of which is "the right to disseminate the truths of our Faith and to publicize the statements of our Holy Father and our hierarchy."

"Thanks to the foresight and sacrifices of earlier generations," Mrs. Mahoney told affiliated organizations in a message marking February as Catholic Press Month, "the Catholic Press in this country has been established on a firm foundation. But its effectiveness today will be determined by the attitude of the laity."

Noting that the biennial convention of the NCCW last fall in Chicago called upon Catholic women to support the Catholic Press, Mrs. Mahoney said: "In doing so, we help ourselves. And by the support we mean not just to subscribe to our Catholic publications, but to read them, to inform ourselves and to help the Catholic Press achieve its purpose."

Mrs. Mahoney said only an informed laity can discharge the responsibilities of citizenship effectively. "Basic to the formation of a sound judgment on the issue of our times," Mrs. Mahoney added, "is the development of a Christian personality. Many factors, indeed, have a part in this molding — reading is a major one."

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## Bishop Urges All to Read Catholic Press Must Support Free Press To Combat Evil Factions

Catholic Press Month began across the nation and in the Diocese this week as Bishop Riedy urged all out support of the Catholic Press in general and The Catholic Times in particular.

In a letter read at all Masses in the Diocese last Sunday, the Bishop praised the work of the press, "in defending the Church against unjust attacks and vicious misrepresentations."

"But chiefly," the Bishop said, "the Catholic press informs its world audience about events and policies in which the Church is engaged in spreading the Kingdom of God on earth."

"This essential feature is the reason for its great importance to every Catholic," the Bishop reminded. "Our Holy Father Pope Pius XII states that our Catholic papers and magazines are edited to enlighten, nourish and elevate minds and hearts, but the press cannot fulfill its precious duty if we do not support and read it," the Bishop added.

In reminding that February is Catholic press month the Bishop said, "During this time we should emphasize that the Catholic Press is dedicated to the high and important apostolate of keeping God and His Church in proper focus amidst various worldly distractions."

"Nowhere," the Bishop noted, "has the Catholic Press made such strides during the past half century as here in America. This has been due to the zeal and sacrifice of writers and technicians and to the unflinching support of a devoted laity."

The Bishop then turned to the problem of the free press in our society saying "The rights of a free press must be kept inviolable today especially."

"Our Catholic Press," he added, "remains eminently free because it upholds the law of God and endeavors to apply it to the complex problems of the hour. To maintain that free-

dom Catholic editors and journalists have shown heroic courage in the face of bloody tyrants and their pens have frequently been mightier than the swords wielded to suppress brave people.

"Its voice must be stilled," he said, "if evil is to conquer. This in itself is tribute enough for this great apostolate of the printed word."

The Bishop reminded that on the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, patron of the Diocese and of the Catholic Press, celebrated with special Masses throughout the Diocese this past week, the Church prays for the success of the press apostolate.

"It is appropriate, therefore," he said, "that we ask his intercession in behalf of our Catholic Press everywhere and in a special way for continued help to our Diocesan paper, The Catholic Times."

"We express a word of appreciation," he said, "to all who have supported this important agency of our Diocesan work. With deep gratitude we direct attention to the business firms who have added their support through advertising and we ask your patronage of them."

In closing the Bishop asked all families in the Diocese "to perform their duty by seeing to it that they receive and read a number of good Catholic publications, and especially The Catholic Times."

Subscriptions for the Catholic Times are being renewed through the parishes which also have a list of other Catholic publications to which parishioners may wish to subscribe.

## Tenth Annual Critics Forum Opens Feb. 20

The 10th annual Critics Forum, sponsored by the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, Columbus Circle, will open Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 8:15 in the Little Theater at the Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts.

Frank Sheed, Catholic author, lecturer and publisher, will present the first of three reviews. Born in Australia,

## Vatican Daily Lauds Ike's Mid-east Plan

VATICAN CITY—(Radio, NC) —President Eisenhower's Middle East policy is a "... very firm answer to the real or possible attitude of the Soviet Union in the Middle East crisis," said L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily.

An article by Federico Alessandrini, the paper's vice-director, stated that the Suez crisis combined with the resulting decline of Franco-British power had left a void in the Middle East.

This void, he said, "cannot be filled by peoples who have already been colonized because they do not seem to have reached a sufficiently mature stage of economic and political development."

Russia would have liked to make use of this fact, said Mr. Alessandrini, but Mr. Eisenhower's action came just at the right time to blocking the extension of Soviet influence towards the Mediterranean and the Suez Canal.

## Requiem for Circus Clown

GULFPORT, La.—(NC) — Requiem Mass was offered here for Arthur Montaigne, 51, a retired circus clown known professionally as Bozo Lamont. He died of a heart attack. His circus career included work with Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey, Clyde Beatty and other shows.