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Devotion to St. Jude

The favor was granted on the eighth day of my novena. — T. G. Ateneo de Manila.

I received through them (Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Jude) a great favor. — Hilarion Masueta, Bangar, La Union.

Several times I had been sick suffering from many ailments. Many times I asked help from this saint and he did not fail me. — M.S.C., Pandacan, Manila.

It was through this magazine that I came to know about St. Jude. Since then I have offered novenas in his honor with the promise to send my thanks through this magazine when the favor I ask is fulfilled. — Carmelita Cruz 2165 Dian, Sta. Ana, Manila.

A million thanks for your priceless help during my exams. — Petal, Malabon, Rizal.

Belated thanksgiving for your most kind help in giving my husband back his moral life and his faithfulness as a husband and a father. Kindly help us in the next operation of my hare-lipped son and let him live, if it be God's will. — M.B.M., Manila.

I made a novena to him and all the difficult problems that I have encountered are being solved. — P.G.D., Marayao, Mt. Province.

I have read the letters of thanks to St. Jude in your magazine and this led me to ask him some favors. — Antipolo, R. General, Medina, Misamis Oriental.

It was impossible for me to pass in Latin and I love my vocation to the holy priesthood more than anything else in the world. I started a novena and promised publication in your magazine if the favor I asked is granted. — A. Grateful One, Quezon City.

Just very recently I received a great favor from St. Jude, the patron of desperate cases. An engineering student, I was afraid I would not pass a very important mathematical subject. Then I thought of making a novena to St. Jude. — R.V., Baguio City.

editorials

Letter from the Publisher

With the authority of Rev. George J. Willmann, S.J., KC Territorial Deputy, I wish to announce that beginning with this issue of July, 1958, **THE CROSS** Magazine becomes the official mouthpiece or organ of the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines. I myself have been a Knight of Columbus for about 40 years and was highly honored and happy to agree when the Knights of Columbus suggested the use of **THE CROSS** as their official organ. It is my hope and prayer that our little magazine will thus be able to increase its field of usefulness for God and Country.

Assisting me in formulating editorial policies in general and on particular issues will be an editorial advisory board headed by Dr. Ramon F. Campos, Master of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus. Its members will be Mr. Alejandro Tanabe, District Deputy of the Manila KC District No. 14 and Grand Knight of Malabon Council No. 3951, Mr. Justo N. Lopez, District Deputy of District No. 15, and Mr. Melquiades Virata, Jr., a veteran member of the Fourth Degree exemplification team.

For many years, these members have been my cherished colleagues in various endeavors, and I am confident that they will be of great service in helping **THE CROSS** to achieve its objectives.

JOSE GALAN y BLANCO
Editor-Publisher-Owner

Wholeheartedly we welcome President Garcia back to the Philippines, after his important mission to the United States, and congratulate him upon the felicitous results of his visit. It seems certain that he was, as he should have been, a worthy representative of our people. He did much to cement our good relations with the United States.

MABUHAY,
PRESIDENT
GARCIA!

In these days of acute international friction, it is extremely important that our young republic maintain its friendship with all the countries professing democratic ideals. In the occidental world, no nations are bound to us by closer ties than our former mother countries, Spain and the United States. From the latter President Garcia has just received the warmest of welcome and, in turn, has worthily exhibited the affection and esteem of our national soul.

Especially for the readers of **THE CROSS**, who know little or nothing about the Knights of Columbus, it seems well to pen a few paragraphs about this organization, news of which until further notice, will fill many pages of our magazine.

WHO ARE THE
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS?

The Knights of Columbus are a fraternal organization of Catholic men dedicated to participation in religious, patriotic, charitable and fraternal activities. Founded in 1882, this organization is a good example of how good men have made a noble dream come true.

At the time of founding 76 years ago, the Catholic men of the United States were beset by many difficulties. Catholics were still only a small minority of the American population and

often found it hard to provide a living for themselves and their families. In addition, there were some bitterly bigoted anti-Catholic organizations. Resembling in virulence the more recent Klu Klux Klan, they scoffed at and persecuted the Catholic minority, even accused them of being inferior Americans.

And so a young priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, and a handful of Catholic laymen dreamed their dream. They envisioned a group of Catholic men, who, united together, would protect Catholic interests; prove their impugned patriotism to a doubting public and group their strength to help their families in any needs that might arise.

Their dream, their vision has come true. The organization founded by this single priest and handful of laymen built its foundations carefully and well. The organization now numbers over a million members in all the countries of North America, in Panama, Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines. It has been invited also to extend branches into other continents and other countries. But it has refused this expansion for fear of becoming so widely extended that good administration would be impossible.

(It is asked why outside of North America, the Knights of Columbus has extended into Panama, Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines, the answer is that these countries have all been so closely associated with the United States of America that continued good relationship with an American organization could be hopefully expected.)

THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS IN THE
PHILIPPINES

First established in Manila in 1905, the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines remained a comparatively small organization until 1948. In that year additional councils began to form. Since then, the growth has been fairly rapid, so much so that the organization now numbers about 11,000 members scattered in almost every province of our beloved archipelago.

There are about 140 basic units called councils, numbering from 20 to 200 members each. These, in turn, are supervised by 34 District Deputies with the overall administration headed by the Territorial Deputy and the Master of the Fourth Degree.

Many further details about this organization obviously will appear in the present and future pages of THE CROSS, which is now becoming the national organ and mouthpiece of the Knights of Columbus. For those interested, please turn to the articles, "What Makes a KC Council Tick?" on page 13 of this issue and "The Rural Arm of the Knights of Columbus" on page 11.

JUVENILE
DELINQUENCY

To all our readers and specially to Knights of Columbus who in so many places have been outstanding in youth work, we recommend careful perusal of the article, "Juvenile Delinquency and You" on page 6 by Atty. Feliciano Jover Ledesma, the distinguished dean of the San Beda College of Law.

This article is a copy of Dean Ledesma's recent speech to the Rotary Club of Manila. Although we may disagree with one or two very minor points in his presentation, nevertheless we heartily recommend it in general to all who are interested in the problems, which are besetting our youth — the fair hope of the Fatherland.

Commander William T. Sutherland, outgoing executive officer at Sangley Point Naval Station, left with his family last May 28 for a new assignment at the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington. Bro. Sutherland is a member of Porta Vaga Council 4072 of Cavite City. The naval commander was honored at a public testimonial on May 24: He was the recipient of the Legion of Honor award from the Department of National Defense, an Honor Award from the municipal board of Cavite City and has been adopted son of the province.

The appointment of Bro. Florencio M. Garcia as Governor of the Rehabilitation Finance Corporation was confirmed during the last session of Congress by the Commission on Appointments. Bro. Garcia was one of those who was conferred the Fourth Degree at the exemplification in Cebu City in April. He is the Deputy Grand Knight of Council 4491 of Kalibo, Aklan. Also conferred the Fourth Degree in Cebu was Gov. Romulo Garovillo of Zamboanga del Norte.

Recently installed as President of the new Araneta University in Polo, Bulacan, was Bro. Salvador Araneta of Manila Council 1000. The new university is pioneering in technological courses.

Bro. Enrico Palomar, also of Manila Council, is now the Director of Posts, vice Felipe Cuaderno who retired a while ago.

Executive Secretary Juan C. Pajo practically ran the national administration while President Garcia was away in the United States. The newspapers dubbed him "caretaker" of Malacañan. Bro. Pajo is a past Grand Knight of Tagbilaran Council 3290 of Bohol.

The Columbian Farmers' Aid Association recently lost the services of Bro. Faustino Reyes. He has accepted the position of assistant coordinator at the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. However, he still continues to serve the Order actively by attending provincial activities for the Territorial Deputy. He is from Archbishop Reyes Council 3696 of Mandaluyong, Rizal.

Bro. Jaime V. Dy Buncio has been elected to the board of directors of the Manila Junior Chamber of Commerce for the term 1958-59. He is a fourth degree member of Archbishop Reyes Council 3696 of Mandaluyong, Rizal and is vice-president and director of Dy Buncio and Company.

The Philippine Cancer Society recently awarded plaques and certificates of appreciation to a number of civic-spirited citizens who volunteered their services to the association. Among the awardees

Knights in the NEWS

were Bros. H. B. Reyes, Fernando E. V. Sison, Francisco Delgado, Tomas E. Testa, Guillermo Dy Buncio, Victor Lim, Romeo Villonco, and Benigno Aldana.

Senator Fernando Lopez, Senate President Pro-tempore, and Senator Francisco Soc Rodrigo were recipients of special citations from the Senate Press Club at the close of the recent session. Bro. Rodrigo was bestowed the award for braving unkind aspersions in order to offer a solution to the problem of overstaying Chinese refugees. Both Bros. Lopez and Rodrigo belong to Manila Council 1000.

Although the session has ended, Senator Mariano Jesus Cuenco continues to work fullblast as chairman of the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee. The probing group is currently investigating the G.S.I.S.

This year's chairman of the Third Advanced Management Program in the Far East which will be held in Baguio soon is Bro. Ramon V. del Rosario. The two-month course for business executives is conducted by professors from the Harvard University graduate school of business administration.

Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Juan Alcazar heads the foreign service board which is reviewing the records of the department's personnel in preparation for a reshuffle in assignments.

Bro. H. B. Reyes, past Grand Knight of Manila Council 1000, was recently elected Supreme Commander of the Knights of Rizal. He is also the general campaign chairman of the current Elks Cerebral Palsy Education and Fund Drive.

Five Knights recently received promotions in the judiciary department. Bro. Edmundo Piccio of Cebu Council 3106 was elevated to the Court of Appeals. He was formerly judge of the Cebu Court of First Instance. Bro. Feliciano S. Gonzales, Grand Knight of Sorsogon Council 3654, was recently confirmed by the Commission on Appointments as judge of the Court of First Instance of Catanduanes. Bro. Manuel Estipona of Virgin of (Continued on page 25)

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND YOU

By FELICIANO JOVER LEDESMA

We cannot just cross our arms and close our eyes to the problem.

THE PROBLEM

Of late, Manila newspapers have dedicated to our teenage problem considerable space in the form of editorials and comments by columnists. There is indeed reason for public alarm over the rise of misdemeanor and criminality among our youth.

The following cases of juvenile delinquency picked at random from the pages of our newspapers during the first four-and-a-half months of this year will give us a little insight into the situation:

January 11 — A boy was mauled by teen-age hooligans near Ricafort and Sande Streets in Tondo.

January 13 — Eight teen-agers were caught red-handed while escaping with stolen groceries in Cavite City. The boys' ages ranged from fifteen to nineteen.

February 7 — Two teen-age boys held up a taxi-driver in Makati, Rizal, and robbed him of cash and valuables. In Caloocan, Rizal, a teen-ager was wounded in a stabbing affray with other young boys. In Kamuning, Quezon City, five teen-agers assaulted a student residing in Project 6.

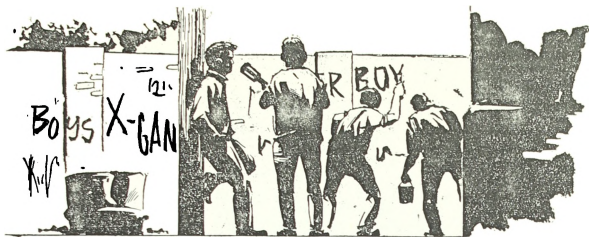
April 12 — Seven youths disrupted Easter Sunday rites in Pinalabanan Church in San Juan, Rizal. They made fun of and mocked a statue of the Sacred Heart.

April 28 — Twenty teen-agers, mostly university students and sons of prominent families in Manila and Quezon City, were arrested by the police in Malolos, Bulacan, after they reportedly robbed a gasoline station in Hagonoy, Bulacan.

These are only a few of the cases that have found their way into newspaper columns. More appear in police blotters, and still many more have not been reported to the police.

Last year some four hundred boys were committed to the Welfareville Institution in Mandaluyong of whom more than one third had been found guilty of theft and robbery, sixteen had been found guilty of homicide and murder, and about the same number had been found

*From a speech delivered by the author before the
Manila Rotary Club on May 22, 1958.*



guilty of rape and other crimes against chastity. All of them were below sixteen years of age when they committed those offenses.

Police records show that out of the 18,874 criminal cases handled by the Manila Police from July 1 to September 30, 1957, almost two thirds were committed by teenagers.

Ladies and Gentlemen, these are facts culled from news reports and police records. Let us now assess the youth as we see them with our own eyes. On walls of public as well as private property in Manila and suburbs, we see painted in one-foot letters the names of teen-age gangs such as "Stalag Boys," "Invictus," "Texas Rangers," "Hellhounds," "Tisoy Kids," and similar names taken from the titles of American and Filipino movies. These names are painted on the outside of garden walls, on gates and fences of private homes, and on NAWA-SA pipes, in some cases only a few yards from police precincts, as if to taunt and mock the arms of the law.

What of our teen-agers in society? We hear them talk and we are shocked and scandalized. Courteous conversation is not theirs. They talk in "Filipinized" English or in "Americanized" Filipino. Even in the presence of elders and ladies their speech is interspersed with rude and obscene expletives usually beginning with "p" or "h". Seldom if ever do they say "Good morning," "Good afternoon," or "Good evening," even to old people and ladies. The usual greeting is merely "Hi." In dances, the boys do not usually ask the girls to dance. They merely signal or beckon to them with

a wave of the hand or a crook of the finger. Or probably they just grab the girls' hands and drag them away from their seats.

Now I have been generalizing. The inference is that there are exceptions. There are probably more of the well-behaved than the ill-mannered among the youth. But in the nature of things, they are those that go wrong who attract attention and give the rest a bad name.

THE CAUSES

We have acquainted ourselves with the problem. Now we shall cite what in our considered opinion are the causes of juvenile misbehavior.

This speech might well have been entitled "Juvenile Delinquents vs. the People of the Philippines" because of the following charges the youth could well prefer against their elders:

First Cause of Action: We are feeding our youth with the wrong kind of movies. Eight out of every ten movies shown in Manila theaters depict gangsterism, teen-age misadventures, outlawry, and all sorts of violence.

You must have noticed in your own kids how they love to imitate characters in the movies. When a boy sees a Tarzan film, he is Tarzan when he goes home. When he sees a cowboy film, he is a cowboy when he goes home. When he sees a war film, he is a soldier when he goes home. This tendency to imitate is carried by the young child

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The author is seated (middle, front row) with a class of judo students at the Manila KC Council gymnasium. He was judo gold medal winner in the III Asian Games this year.

How I Won My Gold Medal in the 3rd Asian Games

By PETER CALIBO

TEN years ago, when I first developed an interest in the sport of judo, the thought that one day I would participate in an Asian Games tournament and win a gold medal for my country would have appeared utterly fantastic.

Like many other judo enthusiasts, the idea of enjoying a sport which could be used for self-defense when needed appealed to me and I was fortunate to have as my instructors Mr. George Abelardo, 2nd Dan Black Belt, (till he left for the States in 1955) and later Mr. Yulchi Hirose, 6th Dan, two of the best instructors available in Manila at the time. To these two gentlemen must go the credit for whatever achievement I have attained through their patient and careful instructions.

My first participation in a judo tournament was in August 1955, when an open judo tournament was held at the Philippine Judo Club and I was awarded the medal for good form and technique.

In February 1956, I passed the exami-

ation for 1st Dan Black Belt given by the Philippine Amateur Judo Association. At this time, the Filipino judo players here were very fortunate in having with them Mr. Hirose, 6th Dan Black Belt, who was giving judo instructions to all interested players. Mr. Hirose is an engineer and a businessman from Japan, who was giving up his spare time to judo because of his great interest and love of this sport.

In order to propagate judo, the Knights Judo Club was organized and has been slowly but steadily gaining popularity, with one of its members having been promoted to 1st Dan Black Belt and four others to Brown Belt.

By early 1958, I had obtained my 2nd Dan and was selected as one of the 7-men team for the III Asian Games. We left for Tokyo a few days before the tournament and found the climate there cool and fresh. Ambassador Neri and Prince Akihito each gave a garden party which we attended.

The Judo tournament was held on the
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THE LAST couple of years I've observed the year's ordination class as they file out of classrooms, have heard them in discussions while on walks around the campus, have seen their eager faces in intimate communion with God.

I have long wondered: what are the thoughts of men like these? How do they feel as they come within breathing distance of ordination?

I have never dared ask any of them for fear of intrusion. But this year, as I find myself treading the last weeks of my own ordination, I've decided to break into print my own inner feelings, my own overriding thoughts.

And this I found out: More than anything else I'm haunted by the presence of an abyss. The abyss between my own littleness and the monumental greatness of the priesthood. My inadequacy and the Powers of God's anointed.

Anyone I think who has examined himself, as he approaches the threshold of his ordination, will bear out this experience.

Often I have asked: Why me, Lord? Why instead of all the brilliant minds in the world, and of all the pious young men in school, have you chosen me?

But I dare not push the question too far. I know that Jeramias argued thus with You So did Moises. And they lost. And who am I anyway to question Your judgement, O God?

Indeed, this is my one comforting thought: It was not I who have chosen You; it was You who have chosen me. This is no longer a mere pietistic thought; it is the very visceral reality.

For as I look back I see your Hand that contrived the events that led me to the altar.

I recall my schoolboy days in Manila: how barren my taste for the things of God. How excitedly we ran from home to school to thrilling experiences. And then the War came, with the mysticism of fear that it engendered and the change of habits that it forced on us, particularly the habits of thought.

How my first close contact with a priest was forced on me by circumstances. How the things I began to read, and that

THOUGHTS

BEFORE

ORDINATION

By B. AGUINALDO CARREON, O.M.L.

This is no longer a mere pietistic sentiment.

"chanced" meeting with an American chaplain had aroused a new hunger within me. And later, that great inner distress at the graduation dance: in the weird lights of the crowded ballroom I felt all alone! How I almost shouted before the grinning microphone the vanity of all human rejoicings without God!

The first years of seminary life opened up more doors to God's grace and I saw the blind alley of religious indifferentism to which our system of education was leading us.

How I almost cried with St. Augustine: "O Ancient Beauty too late have I known thee...!"

But these, I see now though darkly as through a glass, have all been planned out for me... that all the while, God was there, pulling the strings behind the scenes...

And so now, looking at the tangled skein of events that led me to the seminary and is now leading me to the altar, I can truly say: "This is Your idea, Lord: You have chosen me out of the countless millions of young men to be Your Ambassador... and I submit. But this I pray: Make me a priest according to Your own heart!"

Do You Wish To Quit SMOKING ?

BY ISAGANI V. TOLENTINO

A FATHER promised his three children cash reward if they would refrain from smoking until they were 21 years old. The two older kids readily agreed. However, the youngest, a boy of 7, looking depressed, exclaimed truthfully, "Oh, Dad, why didn't you tell me sooner."

The story illustrates the easiness with which one can succumb to the temptation to start smoking. But stopping the habit is another story. It is an undertaking which many want but find hard to do.

This practice of burning tobacco and inhaling the resulting smoke is impossible to discard entirely, because it is part of civilization. In the beginning, young people smoke cigarettes just for show. It is part of the yearning to be identified with the adults. It is a sign of manliness. But when the habit catches on, when the hook has taken a hold, it becomes a part of their lives. A thinker finds it impossible to produce thoughts without a white burning stick between his lips. A laborer has no pep for his chores until he has inhaled several puffs of tobacco smoke down his lungs.

The introduction of the use of tobacco forms a singular chapter in the history of mankind. According to some authorities smoking was practised by the Chinese at a very early date. At the time of the discovery of America, tobacco was in frequent use among the Indians, and the practice of smoking, which had with them a religious character, was common to almost all the tribes.

Some persons at present smoke not as a part of their worship, but they do smoke religiously. And if they practise smoking as faithfully as they practise their religion, this will certainly be a better world.

The name tobacco was either derived from the term used in Haiti to designate the pipe, or from Tabaca in Santo Domingo, whence it was introduced into Spain and Portugal in 1559 by a Spaniard. It soon found its way to Paris and Rome, and was first used in the shape of snuff. Smoking is generally supposed to have been introduced into England by Sir Walter Raleigh, but Camden says the practice was introduced by Drake and his companions on their return from Virginia in 1585.

It was strongly opposed by both priests and rulers. Popes Urban VIII and Innocent IX issued bulls excommunicating such as used snuff in church, and in Turkey smoking was made a capital offense. Some religious sects included the ban on the use of tobacco in their commandments, together with the prohibition of adultery. All prohibitions, however, regal or priestly, were of no avail, and tobacco is now the most

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BARRIO Sapang Bato is a small village sprawled at the foot of a mountain. Although quite distant from its mother town, a dirt road lay between the two places.

The dust-filled road has not been passed on by a motor vehicle since the village was visited by a stumping politician before the last election. But one Sunday morning, the people curiously watched a rising column of dust smoke as two jeeps sped to their village.

When the jeeps arrived, some of the village people, who went to the town sometimes, recognized two physicians, a dentist, a lawyer and a few other respected members of the town community. They also greeted the parish priest of the town. What important business brought these prominent people to their insignificant little barrio, they wondered.

Soon, everything became clear as the *teniente del barrio* announced that the group were Knights of Columbus from the town, who would like to give the people free medical and dental treatment and free legal advice, after holy Mass was celebrated by the priest.

At the end of the visit, the people were very thankful for the material help. But they were specially grateful for the Sunday services, which before took place in their barrio only during special feast days. The priest could not come every Sunday, because of lack of transportation.

This story of charity is now repeated every week-end in many barrios, thanks to the Columbian Farmers' Aid Association.

The CFAA is an auxiliary organization of the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines dedicated to rural amelioration work. For its membership, it counts with the Knights of Columbus throughout the country. It depends on the various KC councils for the implementation of its objectives.

Fortunately, the projects promoted by the CFAA have been found suitable by many KC councils. Every KC council which chooses to adopt the CFAA organizes a special committee to take charge of implementing the association's objectives.

The CFAA has geared its projects for farmers to a self-help policy. When necessary, it has extended outright assistance. But as much as possible, it undertakes projects by which the farmers will be taught

The RURAL ARM of the Knights of Columbus

It undertakes projects for the farmer's economic, social and spiritual well-being.

how to use the resources at his disposal, to improve his life economically, socially and spiritually. Thus the farmer is taught how to obtain better yield from the soil. He is taught how profitably to utilize his idle hours with cottage industries. He is taught how to form a cooperative together with his fellow farmers, in order to protect their interest. He is taught rules of hygiene and sanitation, in order to reduce disease and death in his family.

The "traveling free clinic" is the project that has made a hit among many KC councils. And as shown in the story about Barrio Sapang Bato, it is a project that has also made a hit among the barrio folk. Easy to organize, CFAA committees in the various KC councils have found that it is very helpful to the farmers not only materially but psychologically. To see the prominent members of the town coming to visit and help them is a great boost to their spirits. No doubt, it helps them better to resist Communist propaganda.

Seven years ago, Communist influence was still very strong especially in the rural areas. With their little initiative suppressed by the abuses of unscrupulous landlords, many farmers were unable to climb out of their miserable rut of bondage and poverty. They began to turn their heads when the Huks painted on their imagination the fabled classless society where every farmer owned the land he tilled.

With this state of affairs, the Columbian
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HE CAME BACK TO LIFE

A Modern-Day Glory of Mary

By **Δ**: V. STA. MARIA

STRANGE are the ways of God in bringing back the lost sheep back to the fold; but however mysterious the means of conversion may be, He always has and uses some strange instruments to accomplish the triumph of His love and mercy.

"I was the unworthy and very frail instrument God used," the narrator of this true story tells us, "in bringing back to salvation a bitter persecutor of the Church."

In his own words I will now pick up the rest of the story:

He was a neighbor of mine in Vigan, Ilocos Sur — an old man of some seventy years, who had not thought that very soon he would die; and although he still believed in God's power, he had the diabolical conviction that the greatest enemy of his country was the Catholic Church. This unfortunate misconception is not astonishing: he has thoroughly a very militant part and member of a secret society, whose main concern is to destroy the Church. His house was the meeting-place of many secret sessions.

Since he lived in the brick house across the street from mine, I was greatly disturbed interiorly by these secret meetings; and during one such session, I was suddenly inspired to toss my St. Benedict medal — my own scapular one — up on the roof of this meeting-place. I said a prayer to the Blessed Mother and asked St. Benedict to cause the removal of this depressing rendezvous from the neighborhood and the conversion of the old man.

Little did I guess that what I had done was to be the cause of the initial spark of grace that God would fan to raise the fire of His divine love in the ashes of the temple of God wrecked by sin and stubbornness in the soul of this old man—a divine grace that he would not have the power to shatter.

Strangely, indeed, the old fellow seemed to have sensed that I had done him something *wrong*, taking a sudden change of attitude: he would stare long at me and take

to sudden spitting on certain occasions when we met in the street. And I strongly suspected that he might have spied me in the act of throwing over a small mysterious object up on the top of his newly-reconstructed house. But my fears were soon lost in the news that he was suddenly taken seriously ill.

Being a Knight of Columbus and an active jenginary of Mary, I thought it was my obligation to pay him a neighborly visit. It was unwanted: I was not entertained nor was I allowed to express words of consolation. This denied, I could do still a better thing for him: I prayed for his conversion — not for his health to be restored. On the contrary, I begged God, if it was in conformity with His will, to give him more of the ailment that had struck and had him bedridden. I turned to the Blessed Mother who soon enough heard me: the sick man now groaned in pain. His affliction was not merely physical and corporal: he intensely felt the presence of a legion of devils surrounding and oppressing his spirit. In the middle of a night, he shouted and woke up his gentle and patient wife.

"Quick! Wake up! They all want to carry me away. No, my God, please don't let them take me away — these monsters!"

He wept like a child.

The following day, after a Sunday Legion-of-Mary meeting, I asked the Blessed Mother to accompany me in order that my visit would be acceptable to him this time: I begged of Our Lady to save the soul of this old man. I don't now remember what I promised (if I promised anything) in payment for his conversion. But I must say that I paid dearly for the special favor granted—a price that I will tell later.

"Thank God you have come," the sick man told me. "Son, I am slowly dying and I don't want to die yet." He wept again like a little child. "My heart, the doctors tell me, has become very much enlarged and my spleen is swollen. I am being choked to death. What shall I do? Oh, please pray for me."

As I come to think of it now, the Lord must have spoken through my lips; for I

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On July 4th, you may behold a group of Knights of Columbus in the traditional civic parade in your town. Or you may attend a civic program sponsored by the local KC council.

After a destructive fire or a violent typhoon, you may see the same group distributing food, clothes, medicines and other relief goods to the victims.

At the solemn procession for Christ the King in October, you may also be treated to the sight of colorfully uniformed Fourth Degree Knights marching solemnly with the throng.

Or at Christmas time, you may find them visiting your home to solicit contributions

members and stirs up their desire to join the Order.

The first point in the program is Catholic Activity. As with the other five points, the implementation of the projects in this field falls under the charge of a group — the Catholic Activity Group. The Group is in turn divided into five committees: Charity, Devotion, Education, Family and Catholic Contact, each charged with undertaking a set of projects and activities pertaining to its scope.

The Catholic Activity Group in its projects and activities aims to furnish the opportunity for members to practice their Catholic duties in the fields of charity, devotion and education and to enable the individual Knight to set constant and worthy

What Makes A KC Council Tick ?

It points up to the soul of the KC apostolate.

for some charity drive or for a yule program which they are arranging for the indigent.

For the most part, these activities that you witness are not the outcome of spontaneous inspirations. They take place as a result of a long established, carefully prepared plan of action, which KC councils all over the world are asked uniformly to carry out in their respective communities.

As in an organism, this action plan, called the Six-Point-Program, is the heart that pumps the vital lifeblood which makes the KC council buzz with activity. It injects coherence into the activity of the members.

As the term suggests, the Six-Point-Program is divided into six distinct fields of endeavor. It is designed to include the widest variety of interests. As a result, it invites and impells action that grips the attention of the members, draws them to meetings, gives them challenging outlets for their energies and makes them proud to belong to their KC council. At the same time, it also captures the interest of prospective

example as an ideal Catholic to his family, his community and his fellow members.

Towards this end, the proper committees sponsor fund drives for charitable causes, conduct annual retreats for the members, organize catechetical classes, promote family devotions such as family rosary, and honor members of the clergy.

The main burden of keeping the members interested in the KC council falls heavily on the Six-Point-Program. Likewise, it is divided into committees for Entertainment, Athletics, Civic Affairs, Cultural Affairs and Social Affairs. These committees separately fulfill the duty of the group to provide a varied program of activities which will furnish enjoyment, entertainment, and benefit to the members of the KC council and their families and friends, at the same time enabling them to contribute the constructive advantages of their many talents and abilities to the program.

Fraternity is frequently in the mind of anyone who hears mention of the Knights

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BULACAN. The five councils comprising District 10 held a conference on May 24 and 25 in Barasoain, Mololos, Bulacan. The councils which participated were Malolos Council 3710, Barasoain Council 3817, Obando Council 4105, Hagonoy Council 4110 and Saint Augustin Council (Baliuag) 4317.

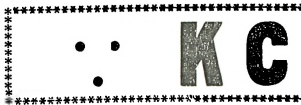
BARASOAIN, MALOLOS. Senator Emmanuel Pelaez spoke before the Barasoain Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella during their recent joint fourth anniversary program recently. The Senator advocated the revamp of the educational system by giving emphasis to science and technological subjects. Senator Pelaez also exhorted school authorities to put more emphasis on morality to help raise the moral values of the youth and reduce juvenile delinquency. A highlight of the program was



the presentation of the Star Council Certificate to Grand Knight Teodosio A. Apdian by District Ceremonials Chairman Fortunato E. Limpo. (Reported by Bro. Constanancio Santiago)

GUIMBA, NUEVA ECIJA. Thanks to Bro. Bienvenido P. Wilwayco and his wife, Mrs. Juana G. Wilwayco, Galvan, a barrio of Guimba, can now boast of a beautiful chapel. The chapel was blessed on June 22, 1958 by Rev. George Hagenburg, M.S.C. and Rev. Henry de Hey, chaplain and assistant chaplain respectively of St. John Council 40-74, of which Bro. Wilwayco is member.

SAMPALOC, MANILA. Our Lady of Loreto Council 4288 has topped fourth place in Division IX of the world-wide membership program of the Order, which concluded on April 21, 1958. The trophy is being engraved and will be shipped from the United States soon. A special presentation ceremony is being arranged. Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart in his letter of congratulations to Grand Knight Francisco G. Tonogbanua said: "I am sure that this accomplishment



will be an inspiration to the incoming officers to try to make a similar record during the coming year."

APARRI, CAGAYAN. In its June meeting Aparri Council 4366 of Cagayan re-elected almost all of its officers. This was a tribute to the splendid showing of the Council during the year, one of the best in the history of the Knights of Columbus of that town.

Grand Knight Cesar Genuino of San Fernando, Pampanga hands the initial sum of P500 to Bishop Emilio Cinense, D.D. of the San Fernando Diocese to help needy seminarians. San Fernando Council 3709 will make the contribution yearly.

SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA. San Fernando Council 3709 has decided to support a deserving seminarian with P500 yearly until he is ordained priest. The initial donation was recently handed to Bishop Emilio Cinense of the San Fernando Diocese by Grand Knight Cesar Genuino. The San Fernando Knights observed that their province, the population of which continues to increase considerably, acutely lacks priests. In starting the project, the Council hopes that other Catholic Action groups will follow.

KALIBO, AKLAN. Kalibo Council 4491 has launched a fund drive for the purchase of a steel tabernacle for the local church. The goal of the campaign is P1,000. As of May 28, it was reported that one-half of the goal has been reached. Collections are undertaken during the Council monthly meetings. The drive is also aided by the Kalibo KC choir.

JOLO, SULU. The Knights in Jolo recently spearheaded a fund drive for the repair of the local convent, it was reported by the

Balita

president of the Center, Bro. Ramon Yanga, Jr. The Center has helped to organize religious processions and other parish activities. It sponsors yearly a Rizal Day oratorical contest.

DAGUPAN CITY. The Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella here recently donated blood to the Red Cross. Those who were unable to donate went around recruiting donors.

CAPITOL, QUEZON CITY. Capitol Council 3695 recently tendered a despedida party for their chaplain, Rev. Ambrosio Manaligod, SVD, who will soon leave for Rome. Father Manaligod is the Faithful Friar of the Padre Gomez General Assembly of the Fourth Degree, National Father Prior of the Columbian Squires, and Father Prior of the Capitol Squires Circle 784.

BAUANG, LA UNION. The local Knights, Archbishop Sancho Council 3714, helped to manage the recent town fiesta celebration. Grand Knight Ireneo Gacad, now District Deputy, was fiesta manager, while Financial Secretary Jesus Floirendo was the municipal council chairman on the celebration. The Bauang members took charge of the printing of souvenir program, benefit ball for the construction of a basketball court, and prepared a float that won a prize during the civic parade.

PUNTO PRINCESA, CEBU. A group of prospective members from this town recently filed an application to establish a council. The application was endorsed to the

Supreme Board of Directors by the Territorial Deputy and District Deputy Ismael Alvarez. The proposed council would be the seventh in the province of Cebu.

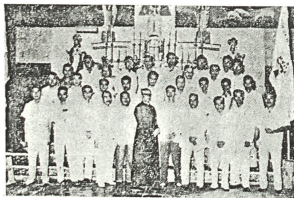
BALINGOAN, MISAMIS ORIENTAL. The new Balingoan Council was inaugurated last May 25. The Territorial Deputy, Rev. George J. Willamnn, S.J., was present.

LICAB, NUEVA ECIIJA. The Licab Center has recently applied for councilhood. The Center is attached at present to Manila Council 1000.

BALANGA, BATAAN. Another inter-council conference of the different Councils in Bataan was held in Balanga on May 25, with the local Council 3887 as host. Some members from nearby council attended with their wives. Mass and Communion and fraternal breakfast preceded the confab. Among the speakers were District Deputy Pablo Salaverria and Balanga Grand Knight Toribio Sioson. The next inter-council meet for the Bataan District is slated for December.

TUGUEGARAO, CAGAYAN. This town was the site of the 3-day conference of District 2 under District Deputy Manuel Aranz from June 13 to 15, 1958. On the first day, the welcome address was given by Grand Knight Gregorio M. Reyes for the host Bishop Jurgens Council 3704. The other KC groups that participated were Council 3705 of Ilagan, Isabela; Council 4275 of Santiago, Isabela; Council 4365 of San Mateo, Isabela; and Council 4366 of Aparri, Cagayan. A Third Degree exemplification was conducted on June 14. At the closing session, Bishop Teodulfo Domingo, D. D. delivered the concluding remarks.

BAGUIO CITY. A movie benefit is being planned by Fr. Carlu Council 3363. The Baguio Knights will use the proceeds from the fund-raising project to finance the pro-



PILAR, BATAAN. Rev. Esteban Camilon of Abucay, Bataan, organizer and former Chaplain of Pilar Council 4352, recently played host to the Pilar Knights on the occasion of their monthly Mass-Communion and Breakfast. Brother Knights from Abucay were present. Fr. Camilon is shown flanked by Deputy Grand Knight Joaquin A. Cornejo and Grand Knight Amando P. Calimbas on his left and right, respectively.



GUIMBA, NUEVA ECIJA. St. John Council 4074 has started the construction of its clubhouse recently. Picture shows two of the members contributing labor. The building will also serve as the parish Catholic center after it is finished.

jects and operations of their Council. The Council recently elected Bro. Laureano Abando, Sr. as Grand Knight.

SOLANO, NUEVA VIZCAYA. Members of Council 3749 here helped to raise funds for the last St. Louis patronal fiesta. The total amount raised was P1,600. The Solano Knights are the organizer of the local chapter of the Holy Name Society.

KIANGAN, MT. PROVINCE. Kiangnan Council 4207 recently undertook an attention-catching project when it helped to finance and arrange an operation on a poor patient suffering from an acute respiratory obstruction. The members themselves contributed financially and solicited contributions from civic-spirited citizens.

SAN JOSE, NUEVA ECIJA. The Knights of Council 4073 here are giving aid to missionary priests and nuns. Recently they bled for the Red Cross blood bank.

PARANAQUE, RIZAL. Some members of the local Council 3713 are doing social

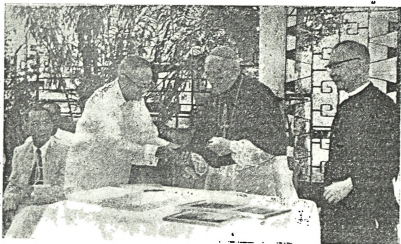
work by visiting and consoling the poor and the sick of the town and giving them material assistance, when possible. The Paranaque Knights are supporting the project of the town to put up a playground for poor kids.

BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA. The "best informed member" receives a prize in Council 3706 here. The winner is decided by the Chaplain who examines participants in religion and current events. Several Bayombong Knights go to the barrios to teach catechism.

BONTOC, MT. PROVINCE. St. Vincent School here received equipment for its gymnasium and 10 bags of cement for the improvement of its campus, all donated by Bontoc Council 4006. Hospitalization and cash assistance are arranged by the Council for its members in times of sickness and death.

CALBAYOG CITY. Bishop Singzon Coun-
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ZAMBOANGA CITY. A testimonial plaque was given by Zamboanga City Council 3362 to His Excellency, Most Rev. Luis del Rosario, S.J., D.D., recently named Archbishop, on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee as a Bishop. Grand Knight Pedro A. Rodriguez hands the plaque to Msgr. Del Rosario as District Deputy Rafael Paredes (left, seated) and Very Rev. Alfredo E. I. Paguia, S.J., KC Chaplain, look on.



SAYONARA

(Warner Bros.)

Classification: A-2 -- Morally unobjectionable for adults and adolescents

MARLON BRANDO, as Major Lloyd Gruver, an American jet ace, is called to a light duty in Japan from a combat assignment in Korea by General Webster (KENT SMITH), who is himself Gruver's prospective father-in-law. By some trick Eileen (PATRICIA OWENS) is secretly flown to Japan to meet her fiance on his arrival. Gruver greatly resents what is thought to be the "special treatment" and the unpleasantness of the meeting develops into breaking their engagement. Gruver now turns to befriend Joe Kelly (RED BUTTONS) a fighting Irishman who has succeeded in getting the help of his Congressman to work for the permission to marry Katsumi (MIYOSHI UMEKI), a Japanese girl.

Gruver meanwhile visits the home of the Matsubayashi, Japan's dedicated all-girl dancer group, and meets the most charming and beautiful premier dancer of Japan, Hana-Ogi (MIKO TAKA). This most popular and beloved of the Matsubayashi dancers turns to reciprocate the special attention of Gruver. They fall in love, although she was not supposed to fall in love ever with any man. Kelly and Katsumi, who have been secretly married, take in the two young lovers in their home. Eileen appears one day on the scene warning Gruver that her father, the General, is singling Kelly out as the veritable example of a soldier deliberately breaking the anti-fraternization ruling of the Army.

In order to break his relationship with Katsumi, Kelly is ordered to return to the United States; and his house is declared *Off Limits*, boarded and guarded by the Military Police. Kelly and Katsumi mysteriously disappear; and Gruver is too late in finding them joined in the *forever-after* suicide. Hana-Ogi has meanwhile been banished to Tokyo by the Matsubayashi, but

:: Cross-pondence ::

Dear Editor,

When I was told of the distinctive new form of THE CROSS, as the official organ of the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines, I was overjoyed to say the least.

As a member of the Order, I would like to say that publication of KC activities shall be beneficial, by its edifying effect, to all KC councils and their respective members. It will be a national eye-opener to what is going on here and there in the way of serving God and country by the conscientious implementation of the KC's Six-Point Program.

I am also particularly glad to learn that besides the KC news of activities, articles of general interest shall continue to delight the magazine's faithful patrons.

But please continue spicing contents with the usual humorous, witty and provoking—at times challenging—fillers.

With my prayerful wishes and God bless you!

Most sincerely yours in the Lord,

A. FIGER VILORIA
Project 6, Quezon City

June 26, 1958

Dear Sir,

On my last visit to your office I was told that THE CROSS will be made the official organ of the Knights of Columbus. But I was also told that our national Catholic monthly will continue to carry wholesome and helpful articles and stories. I have heard about the Knights of Columbus and I am also interested to know about this group and their works. Although I am not a member, I think I will continue my subscription to THE CROSS.

Respectfully,

MATEO DE LEON
Pulilan, Bulacan

June 24, 1958

Gruver follows, proposing marriage, as the government's ruling on *fraternization* is rescinded. Hana-Ogi accepts Gruver's proposal and the two prepare for the wedding.

THE RURAL... (Continued from page 11)

Farmers' Aid Association was propitiously organized by Manila Council 1000 in 1951 to extend practical assistance to small farmers and tenants throughout the country. The CFAA, as envisioned by the organizers, would help to erase the ignorance of the farmers, so that they could better resist the onslaughts of red propaganda. The association would also promote social justice and implement Catholic social doctrines with a program that would redound to the material benefit of the barrio people.

Specifically, the objectives of the association set down by the organizers are as follows:

1. To take such steps as the circumstances may require to further promote the general welfare of the Filipino farmers and tenants.
2. To help elevate the condition of the farmers and tenants throughout the country by increasing their crop yields through instruction and the proper use of fertilizers, lime, treatment of soil, the adoption of modern methods of farming, the use of irrigation and diversification of crops.
3. To solicit and receive donations of real and personal property for the purpose of carrying out the objectives of the association.

HOW I WON... (Continued from page 8)

afternoon of May 25, 1958, and there were many prominent people among the spectators, one of them being Prince Akihito.

The pairings for the tournament were carefully made to provide a good match. All foreigners — Filipinos, Chinese and Koreans — were given Japanese opponents of the same weight class and grade, each winner to be awarded the Asian Games gold medal.

The results for the Filipinos were as follows: — Eduardo Ignacio and I defeated our Japanese opponents. Frank Robles fought his opponent to a draw. Ramon Montes, Chito Gavieres, Ramon Padre and Crisanto Quindoy, Jr., lost. I was able to counter one of my opponent's attacks and pin him for the required time when he fell on his back. Mr. Hirose, our coach and instructor, remarked later that I shortened his life by five years when my struggling opponent almost escaped from my hold!

The general consensus of opinion among the Japanese players was that we had put up a good showing. They appreciated our aggressiveness and the way we played judo.

After the tournament, the foreign judo players were entertained at a dinner recep-

tion; and generally to do and perform all acts and things reasonably necessary and proper for the carrying out of these purposes.

After its initial success, the CFAA ceased to be a local group sponsored by Manila Council 1000. It was incorporated and made a national auxiliary organization of the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines.

The association is ably headed by Senator Oscar Ledesma, who was recently re-elected as president for the eighth term. Senator Ledesma is chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources. This committee is presently gathering data on how the government can better develop the country agriculturally with the cooperation of the people themselves. Following an established practice where the CFAA coordinates its activities with those of government and other agencies engaged in rural amelioration work, Senator Ledesma has asked the help of the Knights through the CFAA to help his Committee gather information.

The CFAA offers a vast field of opportunity for service to our rural masses. It is hoped that all KC councils, which have not yet done so, will lend their cooperation soon by adopting the CFAA as a project.

tioning by Mr. Risei Kano, president of the Kodokan Judo Institute. Through the influence of our coach, Mr. Hirose, who stood high in the good graces of the Kodokan, we were very well received at the Kodokan and given special coaching every afternoon during our stay.

Their best instructors were assigned to answer any questions we had and also instructed us in the latest techniques of sport-judo and of self-defense. It was not all work and study, however, for they also took us on sight-seeing tours, invited us to dinner parties and made certain that we returned to Manila laden with gifts and souvenirs. Our short stay in Tokyo had been an enjoyable and memorable one.

From my observation of judo, I believe that this is a sport ideally suited for our people. It promotes mental alertness as well as physical development and a keen spirit of sportsmanship. With serious training and study, there is no reason why we should not rank among the champions of this game not too many years from now. It was an honor for me to win a gold medal for the Philippines and I felt especially glad that in this field the Knights of Columbus had also been represented.

WHAT MAKES....

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of Columbus. And it is not surprising, because it is one of the essences of our Order. Father Michael J. McGivney had it in mind, when he first conceived the Knights of Columbus.

The third group of the Six-Point-Program, the Fraternal Activity Group, has the task of maintaining a strong brotherly bond among the members. Birthday celebrants among the Knights are greeted and honored. Sick members are visited. The dead are remembered with Masses and spiritual bouquets.

The five committees under this group are the Personal Acknowledgment, Blood Donors, Relief and Welfare, Sick and Memorial committees.

The fourth group is the Membership-Insurance Group. In the Philippines, KC councils so far have only been able to carry out activities concerning membership in this field. Because of dollar restrictions, the KC insurance system in the United States has not been extended here. However, if the proposed operation of a local KC insurance system will be pushed through this group in the various KC councils may soon function completely.

It is the duty of the Membership-Insurance Group to maintain membership in the council at a level which will guarantee the effectiveness of its work and will make Columbianism a potent and worthwhile factor in Catholic, community, and national life. The task is carried out by the Prospects, Admission, Enrollment, Conservation and Readmission committees.

Although it has been almost a tradition among our Knights to work without fanfare, still the need for some publicity exists for the purpose of gaining sympathy for our Order, especially from those who are misinformed about us, and encouraging the members and the other KC groups to activity. The adoption of THE CROSS Magazine as the national organ of our Order affords us a bigger local outlet for publicity. The other media, of course, are the metropolitan and community newspapers and magazines and the national and local radio stations. The Publicity Group with its assisting committees handles this work.

Lately, a lot of rumpus has been raised in several quarters about the widespread delinquency of youth. This issue is not

HE CAME BACK....

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could not have spoken the words that greatly comforted him, the gentle words commending Him to the Blessed Mother. As I spoke of the love and mercy of the heavenly Father in the Sacred Heart of His Son, he cried in repentance for his sins; and he began to confess how wicked a son he was to the heavenly Father, how he worked to help in destroying the Church of the Divine Savior. And that bright Sunday morning, he expressed the desire to give up all connections with "this diabolical secret society fighting the Son of God Himself." While he spoke of abjuring his membership, I still believe that there was a distinct smell of burnt sulphur suffusing the air in the sick-room.

A few days later, before the Christmas of the Marian Year 1954, he confessed to a young priest (a veritable lover of Mary) and a great peace of soul descended upon him. Beholding him thus turned to a new living saint of God, I felt that the brief interior happiness in my soul had turned to a sudden interior desolation. Little did I guess that I

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bandied about emptily. The problem is real, starkly real in some places. This currency of the problem may be seized upon by our KC councils to step up their youth work.

The last group in the KC Six-Point-Program is the Youth Activity Group. Many KC councils are active in this field. They sponsor Boy Scouts troops, organize summer athletic leagues, make available to the youth attractive recreational facilities, and conduct catechetical classes.

Our Order has its own youth organization in the Columbian Squires. The Squires are recruited usually from among the sons of members and the children of other Catholic middle class families. For the less privileged children, the KC councils may form other groups such as the Catholic Youth Organization.

The committees under this group are Columbian Squires, Leadership-Services, Religious, Social-Recreation and Welfare.

The Six-Point-Program is a well-balanced and extensive action plan. It is what makes a KC council tick. But it also requires the right leaders (group and committee chairmen) and careful and thorough planning and implementation to keep it ticking.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY....

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into his teens. When we therefore show pictures depicting gangsters and young hoodlums, our teen-agers eat them up and ape them too well. It is not only American films that are showing teen-age gangsterism. Filipino movie producers are now also turning out this type of movies.

Second Cause of Action: We countenance the sale of immoral publications. We see in bookstores and on newspaper stands all kinds of cheap novels and magazines on sex and crime. Then there are the peddlers of pornographic materials of the worst kind who sell their moral poison in the vicinity of our schools. These come in booklet form printed mostly in the Philippines. They contain the most obscene pictures and the most immoral stories.

TOO LIGHT PUNISHMENT

I was a member of a committee that campaigned against this traffic in pornographic materials. We discovered that these booklets had found their way even into exclusive girls' institutions of Manila. We tried to have the peddlers of these booklets prosecuted. Some were acquitted for lack of evidence. Those who were convicted were fined two hundred pesos and a little more and/or imprisoned for thirty days and a little more. Only that! After the time we gave and the risk we took! We gave up, discouraged and licked.

Third Cause of Action: Many of our government officials have shown very little or no concern at all for the moral welfare of our youth. Before the war, we had a law which prohibited the operation of bars, cabarets and similar establishments within a radius of eight hundred meters from schools. Municipal officials realized that because of that law they were losing government income so pressure was put to bear upon our legislators and the law was amended. Under the law as amended the matter was left to municipal officials. Later on the law was re-amended by specifying a radius of 500 meters as the prohibited zone. This amendment notwithstanding, we have bars on Azcarraga, Lizarda, Gastañeda and others streets only within a sick man's stone's throw from colleges and universities. The whole proceedings, from the amendments to the non-implementation of this law, are clear evidence that in the mind of many government officials, government revenue is far more important than the morality of our youth.

Fourth Cause of Action: Parents are neglecting the education of their children in the home. It is tragic to modern Philippine life when most fathers think that their obligation to their children consists of nothing more than to provide them with food, clothing and shelter, plus an education of sorts. As for the mothers many of them are too busy with social engagements including bridge and mahjong sessions. "Let the school," they say "take care of our children's education." But do our schools provide our children with moral training? They do not, and this constitutes the next charge.

Fifth Cause of Action: Our constitution provides that "All schools shall aim to develop moral character, personal discipline, civic conscience, and vocational efficiency, and to teach the duties of citizenship." Note that the development of moral character is first in that enumeration. But if we look at our school curricula, or what some educators term as the minimum requirements but which actually contain the maximum load that students could reasonably carry, we shall find that moral training is definitely not a specific part of education. Before the war we had a particular subject known as "Good Manners and Right Conduct." Later on, this was changed to "Character Education." Now, that subject has been taken out of our curricula. Where is character education? Where is moral training? Some educators say they are integrated with Social Studies and with English and Literature. But is that the kind of importance we are giving to moral training and character building — making them merely an innominate and nebulous portion of other subjects? The Board of National Education has approved a resolution to return "Character Education" and "Good Manners" to the curricula of schools, but this still remains to be implemented. When will it be implemented?

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Here is that provision in our Constitution regarding optional religious instruction in our public schools: "Optional religious instruction shall be maintained in the public schools as now authorized by law."

The presence of the word "now" before the word "authorized" has been interpreted by some constitutional authorities to mean that religious instruction can not go beyond what was provided for by the law at the time of the promulgation of the Constitution. It so happens that the law then in force to which this constitutional provision

was tacked, is now emasculated to effectuate the constitutional provision regarding religious instruction. The result is that optional religious instruction is a very dead letter. Actually, very few children in the public schools receive any religious instruction.

What then can we expect of our youth if at home we deprive them of our influence and counsel, and in school we deny them God and moral training? On top of all that, we allow them filthy forms of entertainment and pornographic reading matter. Under the circumstances, how can we justly blame our youth for becoming criminals?

THE SUGGESTED REMEDIES

We have seen the problem and the causes of the problem. Allow me now to suggest a few remedies.

First: We must ban from our theaters all films of gangsterism, of crime and violence. How? Leave the matter to the Board of Review For Motion Pictures.

Second: We must increase the penalties for indecent shows and for the sale and distribution of pornographic materials.

Third: We must re-amend the law so as to prohibit the operation of bars, cabarets, dancing schools and similar establishments within a radius of eight hundred meters from any school, and give the law more teeth. Persons below eighteen years of age should also be prohibited from entering bars, cabarets, and similar establishments.

Fourth: Parents must be educated in their duties relative to the moral training of their children. For this purpose, parents' clubs, seminars and symposia should be organized. This is a proper, worthwhile project for parent-teacher associations.

Fifth: "Character Education" must be made a separate and definite subject in the curricula of our schools.

Sixth: Our Constitution should be amended to allow a more effective implementation of its provisions regarding optional religious instruction. We ought to admit God in our schools.

Seventh: The scouting movement in the Philippines must be given more impetus. It is noteworthy that according to the records of the Bureau of Prisons, not a single Boy Scout past or present has ever been committed to the national penitentiary, which proves beyond doubt the salutary influence of scouting on the character of the youth.

SCREAM

A householder who was subject to nightmares advertised in the local newspaper:

"Room and board offered a couple who would not object to screaming in the night."

Before the crack of dawn the following morning, the telephone rang and a woman's desperate voice came over the wire:

"I have just read your ad in the morning paper. Tell me, just how often would you require us to scream?"

Eighth: We must organize youth athletic clubs and have more playgrounds and gymnasia. The experience of Precinct 3 of the Manila Police Department in Tondo where they organized a youth club and furnished the children an ample playground, shows the importance of those clubs and playgrounds in preventing juvenile delinquency. The organization of these clubs would be a worthwhile project for a highly civic-minded entity like the Rotary Club.

CONCLUSION

Only a few days ago (on May 16, 1958) Carlos Cabrera, a teen-age son of the Managing Editor of the Manila Chronicle, was stabbed seven times, as a result of which he died. While the alleged assailants are no longer teen-agers, there is evidence tending to prove that teen-aged gangsters were behind the murder.

Some of us may have dismissed the newspaper account of Carlos Cabrera's death as just one of those crimes that happen daily. When teen-agers rape or are raped; when teen-agers kill or are killed, we can dismiss each tragedy as just another crime as long as it is not our sons and daughters who are affected. But have we ever thought of the horrifying possibility that those teen-aged gangsters or their victims could have been or could be our own children?

Carlos Cabrera could have been my own son. Carlos Cabrera could have been your own son. We can not just cross our arms and close our eyes to this problem of juvenile delinquency. We must do something about it, if not just on general principles, if not just for humanitarian reasons, then for the sake of our own children.

DO YOU...

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extensively used luxury on the face of the earth. And, as we said, one of the hardest to do away with.

But with such a distinct place in civilization, why should one wish to discard smoking? Why should one quit enjoying the immense pleasure of inhaling and exhaling languorously those luxurious smoke?

Austerity might be bit stale to cite as a reason, considering the farcical situation brought about by our leaders' espousal of the virtue. But the preservation of one's health is certainly sufficient cause to quit the habit.

A number of months ago, the members of the tobacco cult, were jolted in their complacent state of enjoyment when some medical authorities made the startling announcement that continuous long smoking induces lung cancer. After the disturbing news, I knew several friends who made an attempt immediately to cut short their smoking. Unfortunately, news leaked out that even the doctors who made the depreciating disclosure about tobacco were continuing to smoke. They explained their disregard for their own announcement by saying that cancer due to nicotine, the poisonous alkaloid present in tobacco, develops only after a long period of indulging in the habit and that there was no certainty at that. The pleasure is worth the risk, in other words. After hearing the explanatory note, my friends found themselves once more dashing back to their favorite (because of elastic credit) cigarette stores.

But aside from preventing a possible cancer, one considering the difficult possibility of quitting smoking should also take into account the good healthful effects afterwards, if he should succeed. For instance, persons who have triumphantly conquered the habit say that they can now eat more heartily as a result of a more stimulated appetite (which may nullify the economic reason for stopping to smoke), sleep more soundly, and work with added vim and vigor.

Despite these pleasant rewards, the difficulty confronting anyone who entertains the plan of deserting the tobacco cult does not seem to diminish. But hardy souls willing to brave the obstacle are never lacking, and they can profit from the experiences of those who before them had emerg-

REFUGEE

Judge: "You are accused of deserting your wife. What have you to say for yourself?"

Plaintiff: "Your honor, if you knew my wife, you would understand that I am not a deserter, I'm a refugee."

ed from the battle and survived the ordeal with flying colors.

When a habitual smoker quits smoking, he may experience some restlessness. His mouth may become watery. To check this overactive functioning of the salivary glands, the most common advice is to turn to candy. I offer an alternative — shift to a new occupation such as that of a politician or a salesman where your saliva will not go to waste. For people threatened or actually afflicted with obesity, the latter choice is advised. I remember a friend who decided to utilize candy to discard his smoking habit which the doctor told him was bad for his heart. So he was able to do away with his cigars, but the sweet meats proved helpful to his expansion and harmful to his poor little tired heart.

If the smoker is used to inhaling expensive fags, another suggestion is to switch to a cheaper brand, which is disagreeable to his fine luxurious taste. The principle behind this is that after the distasteful experience with the cheaper cigarettes, smoking altogether may not seem pleasant.

Others find chewing a toothpick or gum helpful.

But all these helpful suggestions would come to naught if you lack that one important virtue — strong will power. It is the ability to make your mind prevail over your sensual craving. If you have it in sufficient quantity, perhaps you would not even need to follow the suggestions given above.

The writer, by the way, has never been a smoker. But maybe this does not matter because he suspects that only non-smokers like himself will read this; the habitual smokers like smoking too much to continue reading after glancing at the title.

HE CAME BACK....

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was being asked by God to pay an initial part of the price: during the days that followed I felt vividly how a powerful unseen enemy was oppressing my soul with a terrible sadness. This terrible sadness — an interior desolation of the soul — hung on for some long months: a sadness that was coupled with a strange fear of an eternal darkness, which grew worse as the darkness of night approached. Yet, strangely, the terrible feeling did not affect the performance of my daily duties: there was, on the contrary, a deeper calm and tranquility possessing the central portion of my soul. Before this interior agony invaded my soul, I would hear terrible unearthly noises — at times, in the form of maddening blows from unseen hands on the walls of my room. At first I was seized with the fear of being made directly the physical object of such violence, but God had not permitted the Unseen Enemy to harm me physically.

I visited the sick man daily, prayed the rosary with him and his family; and later, a young lawyer joined me in the daily visits.

One night I was suddenly summoned to his bedside: he was dying. The wife sent for his confessor to give him the last Sacraments; but the boy requested to make the call seemed to have taken this job unpleasant and went directly home to sleep. So I did what I thought was the best I could do: I asked the dying man to follow my reading of the Prayers of the Dying. He prayerfully followed but when he reached the point of commending his soul to God, he lacked courage to die: "No, please, God, please, dearest Mother, don't take me home yet," and he begged me to stop commending his soul to God.

"Well, then, ask your Blessed Mother," I told him, "to ask her Son to give you a little more time to make up for the years lost forever—if it is God's will."

"I beg of you, dear mother," he prayed, "to ask your Son to give me only some three years more to plant the seeds I have never planted."

It took him a good while of time, stealing breath, to say his own prayer, although I did not quite understand what he meant by the seeds still unsown. The next day, after he was administered the Extreme Unction, he recovered miraculously.

But something happened: I was desperately persecuted exteriorly and interiorly — by natural and praeternatural means—

PROTESTANT CONFSSIONALS

News stories tell of the increasing use of confessions in the German Lutheran and Evangelical churches.

Catholics, of course, believe that the pastors who hear such confessions will not have the power truly to absolve from sin. Nevertheless, we believe that the move is a good one.

Such confessions, non-sacramental though they are, will bring consolation and guidance to troubled souls. They will also make the Catholic Church seem less strange and more acceptable.

Some of our non-Catholic fellow citizens still have a strong prejudice against the confessional. Now we can tell them that Protestants in Germany, the cradle of Protestantism, have not only rejected their bias against the confessional but have actually adopted it for their own use. (The Witness)

to such an extent that in my human frailty, I brought my family of three children to another section of the town. Nevertheless, I continued visiting him two or three times a week. Some weeks later the man had a relapse. It happened when I had to make a necessary trip to Manila.

Some days later he died — that is, for some long minutes, I was told later by the wife. During all this time of death, the wife was heating water with which to bathe the corpse of her husband; messengers were sent to inform the dead man's nearest relatives in town. When the youngest sister arrived, she was greatly astonished to find her "dead brother" sitting on his death bed — praying!

"It seems to me," the dead man risen back to life narrated to me some days later, "that I was suddenly taken to a deep sleep, much as I fought against it; and in my deep slumber the Child Jesus came to visit me. He was about five or six years old. He asked me if I would like to live a little longer. I answered: 'please, dear Lord, three more years.' The Child Jesus answered: 'I will tell that to my Mother.' And I woke up."

HE died some months ago after the three years had been granted him to "sow the seeds" he had never sown in the seventy years of his life. He spent his last three years as a real child of Mary.

:: Columbian Squires ::

Progress Notes

A new Circle in Sampaloc, Manila, sponsored by Our Lady of Loreto Council 4288, is in process of organization. National CS Chairman Francisco Tantoco, Jr. and District Chairman Virginio Valle recently visited the group to help in their formation.

Msgr. Guimbaolibot Council 3341 of Guiuan, Samar is taking definite steps to form a Squires Circle.

Ace Reporter

Alfredo Gallardo, Notary Squire of Pinehurst Circle 809 of Baguio City, was elected to the Ace Reporters Club of the Columbian Squires Dept., Supreme Council, for turning in complete, accurate, neat and prompt monthly activities report.

Squire Catechists

Under the direction of Rev. Cornelius Swinkle, M.S.C., Father Prior of their Circle, the Squires of San Jose, Nueva Ecija visit the surrounding barrios teaching catechism to the rural children.

First Communicants

A group of barrio children was prepared by the Squirettes of Mary of Conception, Tarlac for First Communion during their recent investiture ceremony. The Conception Squirettes have also organized themselves into six teams which visit the different barrios of the municipality to teach catechism.

Party for Graduates

Mary Immaculate Circle 1063 of Pasig, Rizal recently tendered an ice cream party in honor of the latest elementary and high school graduates of the Pasig Catholic School. The Pasig Squires have formed a basketball team, and Circles who wish the group to play with their own may contact group to which with their own team may contact Chief Counsellor Anacleto Silva, Tel. 7-90-31, Local 320 (Manila).

Squires Turn Carpenters

Armed with carpenter tools, the members of Capitol Circle 784 of Quezon City re-

cently remodeled the parish basketball court in Cubao. The Capitol Squires donated new goal rings and nets and they themselves did the painting and other manual work. Rev. Benito Rixner, S.V.D., parish priest, thanked the boys for the job.

Publicity Social

The Squires of Pinehurst Circle 809 of Baguio City recently held a "publicity social". The affair, a jam session, was planned to inform prospective candidates about the Squires program. The girls invited were chosen because of their qualifications as future Squirettes of Mary. The party took place at the home of Grand Knight Laureano Abando, Sr. of Fr. Carlu Council 3363.

Recollection Day

A day of recollection was recently held by Immaculate Conception Circle 690 of Iloilo City at the St. Clement's Church. Father Santiago Leon, S.J. assisted during the religious activity.

International Bowling Tilt Winner

Capitol Circle 784 of Quezon City has won the 1958 championship in the Maryland duckpins division of the 29th Annual International Bowling Tournament conducted by the Supreme Council's Columbian Squires Dept., it was learned from a recent communique of the Supreme Knight. An engraved plaque bearing the name of the Quezon City Squires who made up the team has been shipped to Capitol KC Grand Knight Faustino Turla, who will in turn present the same to the Circle. The team was composed of Chief Squire Felix Morales, captain, and Squires Salvador Edralin, Tomas Perlas, Filomeno Abuel and Virgilio Cuesta, members.

Biking Expedition and Gardening

The counsellor staff and the members of Mary Immaculate Circle 1063 of Pasig,

went on a biking expedition to Boystown in Marikina recently. The Pasig Squires have also started background garden projects in conjunction with the food production campaign.

Squires Enter Sem, Turn KC

In recent months several graduates of the Columbian Squires have either entered the seminary or joined the Knights of Columbus. Angel Abaya, Jr., former Deputy Chief Squire of Circle 784 entered the Sacred Heart Novitiate to begin study for priesthood in the Jesuit Order. Luis Angsiapco of Circle 1009 went to the Oblates' San Jose Seminary. Former members of Circle 784, 809 and 7030 have joined the Knights of Columbus through the Councils sponsoring their respective Circles.

Hold Fr. Willmann Investiture:

District No. 7 of Columbian Squires conducted an investiture of members in a class named after Fr. George J. Willmann, S. J. last June 29, birthday anniversary of the KC Territorial Deputy. Mary Immaculate Circle No. 1063 of Pasig, Rizal played as host Circle, and provided the biggest number of candidates. The ceremonies were exemplified by a team from Capitol Circle No. 784 of Quezon City. Installation of Officers of Pasig Circle was held too. Supervising the affair was Chief Counselor Anacleto Silva and Lucas Agbayani of Circle 1063 and 784 respectively with the cooperation of Bro. Virginio Valle, District Chairman for Squires. Invited to the activity were KC officers and members of Mary Immaculate Council No. 3937 and the National Committee for Squires, KC-PI.

More Progress Notes

Inquiries on the Columbian Squires program have been received from Amandiwing Council No. 4326 of Jaro, Leyte; and from Council No. 4491 of Kalibo, Aklan.

NOTICE

All KC Councils and Assemblies are requested to send the results of their elections of officers to the Office of the Territorial Deputy for possible publication in the August issue.

KNIGHTS IN THE...

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Peñafrancia Council 3976 of Naga City was promoted from provincial fiscal of Camarines Norte to judge of the Court of First Instance of Lanao. Irag Numeriano C. Estenzo, Grand Knight of San Nicolas Council 4276, Cebu, and Bro. Vicente N. Cusi, Jr., Past Grand Knight of Cotabato Council 3504, have also received their judgeship in the Court of First Instance recently.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Valentin Reamon, pastor of Legaspi Port in Albay, recently returned from a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. He is a member of Legaspi Council 3610.

Two teen-age boys, found guilty of robbing a 25-year old woman of ₱60 in her house, were meted out with 10 to 12-year jail term by Judge Bienvenido Tan, Sr. Both boys were aged 18. By the stiff penalty, Bro. Tan served a stern warning to other juvenile delinquents.

Special presidential prober, Commander Marcelino Calinawan, has shifted his guns from the Bureau of Customs to the Central Bank. Bro. Calinawan of Mary Immaculate Council 3937 of Pasig, Rizal, is investigating "irregular dollar allocations to firms" in the CB.

Bro. Jaime de la Rosa of Capitol Council 3695 is in Singapore making a picture for the Run Run Shaw film company.

The newly elected Chancellor of Manila Council 1000, Bro. Narciso Peña, has resigned as deputy land registration commissioner, in order to devote his time to law practice. He is also teaching in a number of law colleges.

K. C. BALITA...

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cil 3288 is helping to distribute "Seeds of Democracy" from Catholic Action of the Philippines in this city. The members have replaced the old pews of their church. They are also helping the local Ordinary to pay catechists.

LAOAG, ILOCOS NORTE. Members of Council 3693 here have been active in the Nocturnal Adoration movement since November, 1957. The Council is sponsoring a circle of Columbian Squires under its youth activity group.

LUCENA, QUEZON. The Knights here are actively helping in the fund campaign for the reconstruction of the Cathedral. Lucena Council 3469 also sponsors college scholarship for deserving students.

QUESTION BOX

Must indulgenced prayers be recited word for word without change?

Indulgences wholly cease because of any addition or omission of words which makes the prayer substantially different. The indulgence would not be lost because of slight variations in the wording without a change in sense.

Are there any relics of the Blessed Virgin Mary?

Certainly there are no relics of Our Lady's body on earth, since she was taken up body and soul into heaven shortly after her death. There may be in existence some pieces of clothing or other objects which touched her body while she lived on earth, but we know of none which are authentic.

Why did Our Lord speak in parables and not in plain language so that the people could understand?

He made use of parables because the eastern nations, especially the Jews, were accustomed to them. The Prophets used the same figurative language. The common people would more easily retain these stories, and afterwards, when the Church was established, understand them. They were not ready to accept the New Dispensation, as we see in their resistance to the doctrine of the Eucharist in the sixth chapter of St. John, when Our Lord spoke plainly and without parable. He was always ready to explain His teachings to His disciples, and to those who came to Him in all sincerity, as He did to Nicodemus.

Finally, many of His hearers, especially the leaders of the people, were unworthy to receive the full revelation of the mysteries of God's kingdom, on account of their vices and their obstinate refusal to accept.

CFAA NEWS

PLIGHT OF TOBACCO FARMERS

Government red tape is forcing tobacco farmers to sell their crop to alien merchants at low prices, it was observed by Grand Knight Ireneo Gacad of Bauang Council 3714 of La Union. He said that the Facomas are slow in paying for the tobacco which they purchase.

However, Bro. Gacad said that the farmers are a little bit satisfied now with the way their leaves are being classified. His Council is helping the tobacco farmers in line with the CFAA's objectives.

CAPIZ MEDICAL TEAM

Culasi and Baybay were the targets of the Capiz KC medical aid and relief team recently. Nurses from St. Anthony's Hospi-

tal assisted the free clinic. The ambulance of the hospital was also used. Over 60 persons in Culasi were treated, it was learned, by a team headed by Bro. Beltran Roxas, while in Baybay, Bro. Arturo L. Villanueva was able to examine and treat more than 80 patients. Dr. Gregorio Frial gave free dental treatment. Msgr. Vicente Gonzales, who was with the team, instructed the barrio children and later distributed, bread, rice and milk.

CAPITOL KC CLINICS

The free medical, dental and legal clinics of Capitol Council 3696 of Quezon City continue to give aid to the indigent, it was reported. The Council also gives a daily ration of milk to poor children, utilizing UNICEF powdered cream.

Shall We Risk the RISK ?

Death is inevitable. But when and how much is the loss suffered by the surviving family in terms of economic is a risk everyone takes.

Life insurance system is a device for reducing such a risk by combining a sufficient number to make their individual losses collectively predictable. For the individual member insured, it simply means it is possible for him to substitute a definite small cost (part of the premium) for an uncertain, but potentially larger loss (the amount of insurance) under an arrangement whereby the few who suffer losses are compensated by the many who escape loss.

Insurance is based on mathematics, specifically on that branch of higher mathematics known as the Theory of Probabilities applying the Law of Large Numbers. Under the operation of this law, the impossibility of predicting a loss is made possible. The insured eliminates his own risk entirely by shifting it to the insurance system, where, through combination, the degree of the risk is reduced to the residual risk that the actual loss may not be equal to the predicted loss.

Cooperation of a large number is the basic principle underlying insurance systems. The Knights of Columbus in the Philippines with its 11,000 members pledged to help each other is a cooperation of a large number sufficient to start an insurance system of its own.

Although no actuarial will say definitely what is the minimum number required to form that "large number" necessary for an insurance system to operate efficiently on its own, they do agree the number of 2,000 members (with prospect of more) is a very nice beginning.

To provide for the future is a Catholic gentleman's responsibility. From the replies of our Knights all over the country, we notice that some realize the necessity of insurance and some others have placed their emphasis on low premium. As far as premium is concerned, even if our premium be equal to average commercial life insurance companies, it is still your own. Remember this is a non-profit organization, wherein any surplus will be shared by members participating in the system. We can truly say that this is the cheapest insurance available anywhere.

A brief description of the different types of policies we will have at the beginning are as follows:

1) Whole Life policy is a contract which offers financial protection against death for the whole life regardless of how many years premiums are to be paid. Therefore, such a contract matures only at the death of the insured. Premiums may be paid over a limited period, such as 10, 20, or 30 years, in which case we use such terms as 10 payment life, 20 payment life, or 30 payment life.

2) Term policy is a contract which offers financial protection against the occurrence of death within the given period of time stated in the policy. It offers no protection or values in case of survival beyond the specified period.

3) Annuity policy is a contract which offers a series of payments for as long as the annuitant lives; some contracts provide continued payments to a surviving beneficiary.

Shall we risk the risk? — or —
SHALL WE INSURE THE RISK?

SOME OF OUR KNIGHTS SAY —

Bro. Teofilo Cruz Santos—Batuan
Council No. 3417

"Hope for its (system) early realization."

Bro. Mariano Bognot—Baliuag Co.
No. 4317

"This is a very sound fraternal benefit for the members of the Knights of Columbus. It should be started as soon as possible."

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