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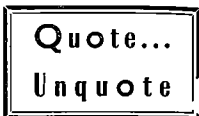
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ON NATIONALISM

Senator Francisco Soc Rodrigo, before the alumni of the U.P. Junior College in Cebu City on February 29, 1959:

Democracy should not resort to compulsion by legislation, unless serious harm to the country is sought to be avoided. But what harm have Catholic schools run by foreign missionaries done to our people? On the contrary, look at the good that they have produced. Look at their products like Rizal, Del Pilar, Mabini, Burgos, Luna, Quezon, Osmeña and a host of other nationalists, heroes and patriots. Look at the hundreds of missionary schools where not even the government has established any public school . . . Can we not be proud of our Filipino heritage without necessarily despising and rejecting the culture of other peoples? Can we not defend and promote our national interests without necessarily denying or invading the rights and susceptibilities of other nationalities? I believe we can, and I believe we should.

Columnist Teodoro Valencia of "The Manila Times":

Is it "Filipino First" or "Filipinos Only"?

What started as a modest claim for Filipinos for a reasonable share of dollars for importation has now snowballed into an unreasoning fever for removing the aliens from every conceivable lucrative enterprise, even from expressing views on contemporary events. With elections nearing, demagogues may use the battle-cry of nationalism to fan racial hatred that we may regret for a long time to come . . . There is a great need for nationalism but still a greater need for sobriety and reason.

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Editorials

ANTI-CHRISTS FIND A SPONSOR

Over the airwaves of a Manila radio station are being heard daily bitter diatribes and attacks against religion. Our Catholic religion is frequently attacked. So are some, if not many, of the Protestant sects. The Knights of Columbus are not overlooked. A spurious Fourth Degree oath is ascribed to the Knights, which is as horrible as it is false, as all of us know.

But what perplexes us most of all is not the existence of such enemies of religion nor their violent attacks. Our Divine Lord himself was reviled and persecuted. Unspeakable epithets were hurled at the early Christians. And so on through the ages. It does not surprise us, as followers of Christ, that we should be opposed and criticized. Like our Divine Lord, we can bow our heads and accept those humiliations.

But what does surprise us, most of all, is that a radio station, possibly owned by Catholics, should permit such attempts to sabotage their religion.

Most amazing, indeed.

HIS LITTLE ONES

The following pitiful note was handed to a Manila priest by a skinny underfed teenager:

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Signature of the kid.

The priest gave what help he could to the poor lad and we are sure that our Knights of Columbus and other readers are doing likewise. In every nook and corner of the Philippines, countless thousands of our boys and girls are underfed some materially, some spiritually.

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I wish to report the following points which were decided upon or discussed during the District Deputies Conferences held in Cebu City on January 24 and 25 and in Manila on January 31 and February 1, 1959:

1. The Territorial Deputy urged that our Councils be extremely careful in the building of clubhouses since in a number of cases, Councils have incurred almost insuperable debts in such construction works. Further, he urged that if clubhouses are built, it would seem better that they be designed to be used not merely as a meeting place of the Knights of Columbus but also for other purposes such as a clinic for the poor, youth work, a meeting place for other parish organizations, etc.

2. Concerning the KC Fraternal Association, Inc., it was noted that the Directors and all the officers including the General Manager have declined to receive any compensation for their services, notwithstanding their very considerable expenditure of time and energy in the interest of our Association.

3. It was urged by the District Deputies that a general catalogue or list of members of all the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines should be printed. It was further suggested that possibly this might be arranged by publishing the catalogue in THE CROSS Magazine. The names of the members of five or ten Councils would be printed in each issue successively. While this is

being most carefully studied, further suggestions about the matter will be welcome.

4. Collection of dues, an always difficult problem, can be facilitated first, if it is made in an orderly and persistent way, and secondly, if the Grand Knight and other officers of the Council personally assist the Financial Secretary by reminding the members of their financial obligations at meetings and other times.

5. By law, we are permitted and directed to suspend members who are delinquent for three months in the payment of their dues. Nevertheless, a serious effort should be made to conserve our members. Here, the personal cooperation of the officers and other members can help very much.

6. The District Deputies noted that Chaplains and Assistant Chaplains are exempt from payment of Council dues. Concerning other priests who are not Chaplains or Assistant Chaplains, it is left to the discretion of the individual Councils to appropriate a sum for the payment of the dues of such priests.

7. By directive of the Supreme Board of Directors, it is compulsory that all Financial Secretaries should receive compensation which shall not exceed ten per cent (10%) of the collected dues and assessments. From this sum, he should pay the expenses of collection and other work of his office.

8. The Territorial Deputy urged that the use of the vernacular should be encouraged according to the wishes of the respective Councils. If your Council wishes that the ritual should be translated into the vernacular for your use, will you kindly communicate to this effect with your District Deputy or with the Territorial Deputy? The use of the vernacular at meetings is warmly recommended.

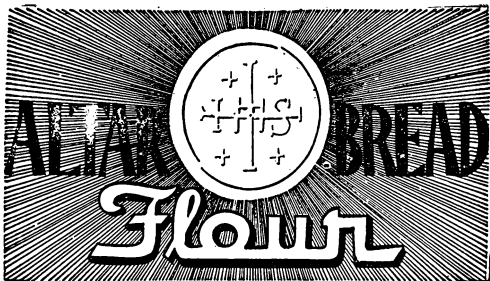
9. All Councils are reminded that when sending applications of newly initiated members to the office of the Supreme Secretary, they may request First Degree Certificates for each member. Similarly, a request for Third Degree Certificates may be sent to the Supreme Secretary, together with a list of the Third Degree class.

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A senator and a cabinet member point out what they think will help the country to solve its economic problems

Christian Principles

By SENATOR PEDRO R. SABIDO

"ECONOMIC life," said His Holiness Pope Pius XI in his *Quadragesimo Anno*, "must be inspired by Christian principles."

On the Church's authority on economic problems, His Holiness Pope Leo XIII laid down the principle that "it is our right and our duty to deal authoritatively with social and economic problems." (Five Great Encyclicals).

The economic problems that beset our country are not new. They are the same problems that other underdeveloped countries are facing, with certain characteristic variations impressed by past influences and the impact of contemporaneous developments.

We know their solutions. They are within our reach. They are, I may say, in our very hands. What renders them, however, sometimes difficult, complicated and almost unattainable, is not the intrinsic difficulty of the problems, neither our want of capacity or competency to cope with them, but the frailties of the human factor upon which in the ultimate analysis, rests the secret of success or failure of any human venture.

Cupidity for the possession of wealth no matter how, excessive love for luxury and comfort, lavish spending proclivities, want of sound and deep-rooted principles in our dealings, want of true love of country, narrow-mindedness, selfishness, greed, over-ambition and worst of all, cheap politics often times darken our perspective of things, leading us to adopt a negative if not an entirely misguided behaviour detrimental to our endeavours to build up a stronger and

healthier Philippines economically.

These human shortcomings have become glaringly manifested in the many hearings that the Senate Committee on Banks, Corporations and Franchises, of which I am the humble chairman, has conducted on important legislative measures related to our economy. I called on the best men, so to speak, of our country in their respective fields of knowledge. *My sad experience is that most, if not all of them could hardly detach themselves in the formulation of their views or opinions from their respective personal or group interests.*

Thus, on the matter of controls, for instance, when the witness is one of the beneficiaries of the system his testimony invariably was for the maintenance of controls, irrespective of their consequences on the general welfare. If the witness is one who failed to secure the approval of his application for dollars, his testimony was not only against controls but he would go to the extent of denouncing real or imaginary evils allegedly arising therefrom; and would not admit any resulting beneficial effect. Again, if the witness happened to be a member of the existing militant political parties, invariably he would condemn everything done or attempted to be done by the party in power.

We know, for instance, that development requires capital formation, and capital formation presupposes savings, and savings implies a certain degree of privation, personal sacrifices.

We know that luxury and the importation of luxury goods will in no way help us build

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Spirit of 'Bayanihan'

By SECRETARY JESUS VARGAS

THE most challenging problems of our times are economic. Until we have sufficiently relieved our people with the economic insecurities which have been weighing oppressively on their lives all these years, we may perhaps continue to remain unstable as a nation. Such a problem, I believe, cannot be solved simply by formulas and mathematical computations.

We may, therefore, have to rely heavily on the strength and character of our people. In other words, we may have to draw from the mainspring of Filipino nationalism the necessary strength and vigor to meet our national problems.

It is my sincere conviction that the greatest national resource of this country is its people. But in this task of utilizing our vast manpower resource, we have to go down to the basic character of our people.

In this respect, I disagree vehemently with those who contend that our people are lazy and deeply immersed in siesta habits. If a man takes to siesta habits, I believe that it is mainly because he has nothing much to do. I feel that it is principally a case of the Filipino unable to locate the opportunity to work and thereby contribute a share in the national productive endeavor. Also, it may be that he has been made an object of handouts, that form of charity and paternalism which has the tendency to make him a dependent rather than an active participant in what clearly is a joint undertaking.

Out there in the rural areas lies untapped a vast manpower resource which when fully harnessed would be a veritable powerhouse that can provide the productive energy with

which we could more vigorously push our economic development efforts toward their objectives.

You are all familiar, perhaps, with barrio life. In the barrios one immediately becomes aware of the beautiful tradition of the people of helping one another. Each time one of them is in need, all the neighbors pitch in to help, without expecting any monetary or material compensation. We are all familiar with this practice and we know it as *Bayanihan*.

Bayanihan is about the only original Filipino spirit that has withstood the pressures of domination through centuries of Philippine history. As it is understood today, it is simply a concept of mutual help and cooperation. But sometime in the past, *Bayanihan* carried a patriotic connotation. Our heroes of the revolution used the word *bayani*. In the sense that it was used by our revolutionary heroes, *Bayanihan* was meant to reflect patriotism during a time of grave national urgency. And even from the strictly etymological point of view, their usage was correct because *bayani* and *Bayanihan* stem from a common root word—*bayán* (country). May I therefore suggest for your reflection the broader connotation of *Bayanihan*, and that is, serving the country without thought of benefits other than the satisfaction that comes from knowing that one has served with and for one's own countrymen.

Bayanihan must then be the true mainspring of Filipino nationalism. Our villages of old were built up through *Bayanihan*.

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A lost umbrella, an unbelieving father, three prayerful kids, and St. Anthony.

St. Anthony's New Umbrella

EVERYTIME I lost or misplaced something and I could not find it, my two boys and my little girl were summoned in to help look in every unlikely nook and cranny for it.

Even the old dull cat is asked to clear out of the way. Tables are upturned; books in the small shelf are disassembled one by one; old and yellowing manuscripts that would have served a better cause in the burning of the effigy of a lost cause, are disinterred; the long clothes-line on hangers are disentangled. All this sorry affair of things for the darn elusive thing that could not be found.

These long-suffering and patient children knew when my patience was about to disintegrate: that is, when they were blamed for the disappearance of the safety-razor, or the lighter, or a lecture notebook, or my toothbrush, or even a needle. And the "Not-I-Daddy" would then be chorused again, and their "Don't-You-Worry-We'll-Find-It" was

deeply comforting and reassuring.

Because, certainly, they could recover anything lost for Daddy's dear sake. It was always nothing short of being miraculous.

"I prayed to St. Anthony," Herman would say.

"Me, to the Blessed Virgin Mother"—this would come from the Marian loving Edwin.

"I prayed to the Child Jesus," the girl would chime in.

And so I could now give a sigh of relief, light a cigarette at long last and forget the little faithful prayers and their concerted prayers for such a darn thing as a lighter found where it should not be found. Right down in one of the pockets of a pair of pants I had on!

How it got there I could never tell. And they would all laugh and crack a joke on their Old Man.

Yes, now I could smoke and forget the little miracle while they debated on whose prayer was answered; and I would put an

end to the argument by saying that mine was. Then they would gang up together and take me for their common enemy. But as soon as each one got his nickel for the miracle prayed for, everyone was happy. At least, they understood it was an implied admission that their prayers were answered and not mine.

BUT I will always remember best the miracle of St. Anthony of Padua to strengthen more and more the children's faith on prayer.

It was a rainy day when the three of us boys went to a Sunday Mass. My new wide-spreading umbrella gave us immense comfort out in the rain. Unfortunately, we rushed out after the Mass was over to enjoy a world suddenly full of sunshine.

The new umbrella was forgotten.

We remembered that we had one when we arrived home. We hurried back for the dear

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Four Filipino members of the Order were recently reappointed Honorary Papal Chamberlains of His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, with cape and sword. The honorees are: Jose Ma. Zaragoza, Dr. Augusto J. D. Cortes and Dr. Jesus M. Tan of Manila Council 1000, and Justo N. Lopez of the Archbishop Reyes Council 3696. The date of their reappointment was January 14, 1959. With this reappointment, our honored Brothers continue as members of the Pontifical Family and are entitled to attend Pontifical ceremonies when in Rome.

Dr. Vicente L. Danguilan, District Deputy of District No. 5, was elected recently president of the Nueva Vizcaya Medical Society. The others elected who are members of the Order are Bros. Gaudencio Valino, Vicente Lumicao, Honorato Mendoza, Amado Lumanlan, Arturo Alejandro, Gaspar Guiab, Fidel Garlitos, Gabino Balbin and Jose Molano. The officers of the medical society were inducted into office by Dr. Honorato Mendoza.

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Knights in the NEWS

Bro. Jose del Castillo (St. Joseph Council 3913 of Gagalangin, Manila), the personnel officer of the Manila City Hall, was one of the principal organizers of the recent second national conference of the Personnel Administration of the Philippines. Bro. Del Castillo is the president of the Personnel Officers Association of the Philippines.

Congressman Ramon D. Bagatsing (Our Lady of Loreto Council 4288 of Sampaloc, Manila) is the overall vice-chairman of the 1959 Red Cross fund drive. He is also chairman of the residential division of the campaign. Grand Knight Francisco Tonogbanua of the same Sampaloc Council was recently elected regional commander for the Visayas of the Order of the Knights of Rizal.

When the Commission on Appointments released the list of its recent confirmations, we noted the names of three Brother Knights: Bro. Gabriel Daza, confirmed as a director of the National Power Corporation, and Bros. Jose Agustines and Alberto Fi-

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Author views with optimism the outcome of the little "lovers' quarrel" between U.S. and P.I.

Uncle Sam Goes A-wooing

By REV. EDWARD DEPERSEO, S.S.C.

THE affaire d'amour between amiable Uncle Sam, usually a quick man with a dollar, and Miss Luzviminda was a many splendored-thing until it suddenly went sour.

The Miss who personifies the Philippines felt that the conduct of Uncle Sam who personifies the United States left something to be desired and she was vexed.

The case history is an interesting one.

When the Philippine Republic was inaugurated in 1946, President Manuel Roxas said, "Our safest course is in the glistening wake of America whose sure advance with mighty prow breaks for smaller craft the waves of fear."

Ahead of the newly launched Republic were stormy seas, and the sensible thing to do was to follow in the wake of the Amer-

ican supply ship.

More concretely, agreements were signed between the two countries. The Philippine Trade Act of 1946 gave Americans equal trading right with Filipinos in the Philippines. The following year, a Military Bases agreement was made whereby Uncle Sam was again generously given control of many hundreds of acres of Philippine soil on a ninety-nine year option.

As conditions in the Islands began to stabilize, Filipinos began to figure out that Uncle Sam got himself a real bargain in the Trade Act and Military Bases agreement and felt that a revision was in order.

Some efforts were made in readjusting

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LAST March 26, in a quiet and unobtrusive house built in the conservative architecture of the early 20th century on Calle Sison, Paco, Manila, a bent and old but still sprightly man passed his 85th birthday anniversary. He is Jose Braulio Sison.

In length of membership, Don Braulio, as he is addressed by his intimates, is one of the handful of oldest Filipino Knights of Columbus, who are still living. He was initiated in the Order in 1918 and is now a life member of Manila Council 1000. In point of age, he is, as far as can be ascertained, the oldest Knight of Columbus hereabouts.

But antiquity is not the only distinction of the octogenarian. For his eight and a half decades of exemplary life as a father, Don Braulio can boast not of any considerable monetary or proprietary wealth but of a closely knit family composed of three sons and four daughters, all distinguished in their chosen callings.

Western civilization taught the Filipino the value of academic achievement. This influence is reflected in the self-sacrificing efforts of countless parents, who do not hesitate to borrow money, sell an only parcel of land or pawn their last precious heirloom to be able to send a child to college. Together with his wife, the former Josefa Ungson, who is also 85 years old and still living, Jose B. Sison gave college education

Oldest Knight Is Father Of Famous Sisons

By ISAGANI V. TOLENTINO

not to one or two or three children but to all of their seven living offsprings on his salary as a minor official of the Manila Railroad Company.

The Sison children, after going through college, set out and have made names for themselves in their respective professions.

Agerico B. M. (Benito Mariano), 61 years old, became a doctor and is now the Dean of the College of Medicine of the University of the Philippines. For some years Agerico was Director of the Philippine General Hospital and has received numerous awards and distinctions locally and from abroad for

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Shunned by relatives and friends, a prisoner needs sympathy and understanding when he leaves the prison walls

THOUGHTS OF AN EX-CONVICT

(The following article was actually written by a former inmate of the National Prison of Manila.—Editor)

I CANNOT even put my name to this informal article; Society in a thousand and one ways has decreed so. Tied to my legs still is that heavy "leg iron" of Inferiority Complex. While Society feigns this should not be so "in words", yet, "in action", it preaches the same in its everyday attitude to people of my "tribe" ("type" may be so mild a word to describe people of my group, EX-CONVICTS). Indeed, Society has a very strange way of asserting its pride and personality over "obviously prideless and obviously personality-less" ex-convicts. Exceptions there are, but they are very rare, per-

haps "as rare as flowers in the Sahara Desert."

An ex-convict has to be a "dumb idiot" if he has to court the sympathy and earn the patience of Society even just "to talk or converse" with him. And, because an ex-con is basically and essentially a human being, he feels the urge to mix, live, or occasionally, ambitiously aspires to "even just converse" intimately with Society. But he must conform to the exacting criterion of Society, namely, that he must be dumb or at least feign to be so at the very moment that he is talking to these "personality-FULL" and "pride-FULL" members of Society... this "Society" which haughtily identifies itself from those poisonous unfortunates who "graduated" from the "cemetery of the living dead". This process which works everyday, could breed only one positive effect, and it is "Inferiority Complex" on the part of the ex-convict. This TOPS the Psychological Problems that confront an alumnus of the Insular Penitentiary.

An ex-convict, viewed from any slant, is "no less" a human being than any member of "decent" Society. And, a Human Being, so the priests and ministers at least preach eloquently on their pulpits, is a CREATURE of God, and what is much more revealing is, "as beautiful as his Creator". Although, from most recent illustrations, as aforementioned, the Ex-Convict is prevailed upon (for convenience's sake perhaps) not to be "this ambitious". The strange "logic" seems to be that "because he is an ex-con, he is not expected to rise an inch higher from his current state in life, and that he must be resigned to swallow the slights Society might choose to inflict on him every now and then"... and any deliberate gesture on his part to the contrary would be mis-

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FROM GARBAGE TO FERTILIZER

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By I. V. TOLENTINO



Architect Panlilio

EVEN a small child will tell you that no one can make "something out of nothing." Unless, of course, that one is God. But when a newly formed corporation called the Malayan Biochemical, Incorporated begins operations in the near future, that is the very thing that it will practically do, namely, produce "something out of nothing."

Upon the approval of its dollar allocation, the Malayan Biochemical, Inc. proposes to bring in machineries from Amsterdam which will produce compost fertilizer out of worthless rubbish.

The men behind the new enterprise are all Knights of Columbus except one. Led by Pablo D. Panlilio, a well known architect, the incorporators are Benigno Toda, Ananias Diokno, Francisco Panlilio and Alfonso Panlilio, all members of the Order, and Dominador Tumang, a businessman.

The new enterprise was a brainstorm of architect Panlilio. And interestingly, it started brewing in his mind while he was doing "nothing."

After a hard stint of work designing the multi-million Veterans Memorial Hospital in Quezon City in 1952, the 45-year old youthful looking architect decided to take a breather. During the following weeks of loafing, he bought a lot of books and magazines to catch up on his reading. In one of the American magazines that he purchased he came across an article written

about how a city in the United States usefully disposed of its garbage by manufacturing it into organic fertilizer. Being a farm owner, Panlilio at once saw that such a project could be very beneficial in this agricultural country. Mentally, he noted down the article and read on.

During another reading session later on he read again another item on the same subject. The idea became more impressed in his mind, so that when he met another enterprising Knight of Columbus, Ananias Diokno, a few days afterwards, he brought up the subject. After some discussion, they became enthusiastic about the great possibilities of introducing the project here. Before long, the two were talking about the project to their friends who could help them to put up the necessary capital.

Panlilio looked up the magazine articles once more to find out the name of the company making the fertilizer machineries. The two wasted no time and wrote the company and the first step in the formation of the Malayan Biochemical, Inc. was taken.

The process involved in making fertilizer out of trash is not so complicated. The garbage is fed to a grinder and dumped into a vat. To speed up decomposition, bacteria is added to the waste. What usually takes nature a few months to decompose takes only ten days to reach the final stage of decomposition under the action of the bacteria.

Bacteria is also added to regulate the strength of the fertilizer.

The Malayan Biochemical, Inc. has already inked a contract with the Quezon City government for the rights to the garbage collected throughout the city. The city administration has agreed to deliver all the trash that its public services department will collect to the firm's plant in San Francisco del Monte. The fertilizer company, on the other hand, has pledged to shoulder some of the expenses in the collection of rubbish as soon as the enterprise proves to be a money-making venture.

"This will be a big step forward in sanitary garbage disposal for the city," says Panlilio. Presently Quezon City, like most municipal administrations, dumps its waste on a certain area to be burned. The dumping grounds naturally attract and breed hordes of flies. According to Panlilio, the dumping vats of their fertilizer plant will not attract flies because after the application of bacteria, the trash will develop a high temperature that will be too hot for the insect.

The far more important and principal boon that the new industry will produce is cheap fertilizer for the poor farmers. Because of the free raw materials, compost fertilizer can be sold at 50 per cent less than the price of chemical fertilizer, which is about the only kind available in the market now. This despite the fact that the soil requires twice the quantity of compost fertilizer than chemical fertilizer.

From compost fertilizer there is no danger of overfertilizing the soil and thus killing the plants as from chemical fertilizer, according to Panlilio. For this reason, the illiterate farmer who has become suspicious of chemical fertilizer as a result of his sad experience from over-application will greet the compost fertilizer with open arms. The farmer's fears will be further assuaged when he finds out that compost fertilizer is made from the familiar rubbish and animal waste which in a crude way he has been using for centuries to enrich his soil.

Considered a necessary and dollar-saving industry, the new enterprise is receiving assistance from the government in the form of an allocation of \$159,000, the cost of the machineries to be imported. The firm is capitalized at P600,000 and its factory is expected to produce 60 tons of fertilizer a day. This will fill only a small portion of the national demand, according to Panlilio.

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ST. ZITA MISSION FOUNDER BEATIFIED

On April 26, 1959, one more name will be added to the list of holy mortals, with the beatification of Sister Elena Guerra. Sister Elena is the foundress of the Missionary Institute of Saint Zita (Sisters Oblates of the Holy Ghost) and was known as the apostle of the devotion to the Holy Ghost.

She was born in Lucca, Italy, on June 23, 1835, from very pious parents. She received a solid Christian education and was instructed in her paternal home by private tutors of great merit.

From her youth, Sister Elena understood the marvelous treasures of Liturgy and was particularly attracted by the Liturgy of Pentecost. In order to enjoy the language of the Church better, she dedicated herself with great intensity and love to the study of the Latin Language. She dedicated a great part of her zeal aiding the work of the Propagation of the Faith.

On November 4, 1882, Sister Elena founded the Congregation of the Sisters Oblates of the Holy Ghost and gave it as Patroness the great saint of Lucca, Saint Zita. Besides the education of youth, the principal purpose of the congregation is the spread of the devotion to the Holy Ghost. It has schools, orphanages, hospitals, clinics, etc. in Italy, Iran, Brazil, Canada and the Philippines.

Sister Elena died on a Holy Saturday, April 11, 1914 at the very moment when the bells were announcing the glorious Resurrection of our Lord, Saint Gemma Galgani, her pupil, also died in Lucca on April 11, Holy Saturday, eleven years before her Holy Teacher.

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NEXT in rank to the Protonotaries Apostolic are the Prelates *di mantelletta*, who are known as Domestic Prelates. This dignity is a title of honor, conferred on deserving clerics. Some are given this title in virtue of the office they hold, viz: the Archbishops and Bishops Assistants at the Throne, the Protonotaries Apostolic Participating and the Protonotaries Apostolic Supernumerary. Some Archbishops, Bishops, and Protonotaries *ad instar* before their promotion were Domestic Prelates, like: Their Excellencies Archbishops Jose Ma. Cuenco and Pedro Santos and Bishops Cesar Ma. Guerrero and the Rt. Rev. Mons. Jose N. Joellanos.

There are also some clerics who are Domestic Prelates *ad instar durante munere*, like: the Canons of the Primatial Church of Pisa, the dignitaries of the Metropolitan Chapter of Catania, and the senior of the Canons of the Basilica of San Lorenzo in Damaso in Rome. By sovereign concession of the late Pope Pius XII, the Arch-priest of the Chapter of Sts. Celsus and Julian in Rome and the Auditors of the Tribunal of the Rota at the Apostolic Nunciature in Madrid, Spain have the same title of honor. Finally there are other clerics who have the title by direct grant thru a Brief of appointment. Their title is personal, and their appointment is for life.

All Domestic Prelates wear for public ceremonies of the Church a purple cassock, sash and *matelletta* over the rochet, but their biretta unlike that of the Bishop's is black with a reddish purple pompon. However, during the vacancy of the Holy See, they wear a penitential dress, which con-

sists of a black choir cassock made from woolen material, a rabbi, a sash with black tassels, a simple rochet without lace, a *mantelletta* of black. For other ceremonies they use the *simar*, which is exactly similar to the *simar* used by Archbishops, Bishops and Protonotaries Apostolic.

According to "Costume of Prelates of the Catholic Church" by John A. Nainfa, S.S., Domestic Prelates or Chamberlains should not act as assistants to a Bishop, as they have been appointed for the exclusive service of the Sovereign Pontiff, and therefore no Cardinal or Bishop has the right to their personal service.

Domestic Prelates are addressed as: Monsignor. On the envelopes the address is as follows: The Right Reverend Monsignor (Rt. Rev. Msgr.) N.N. The salutation is: Right Reverend Monsignor, or Dear Monsignor, and the concluding phrase is: Sincerely and respectfully yours.

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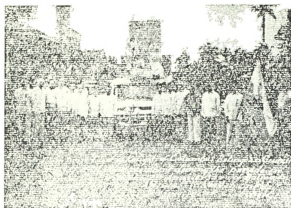
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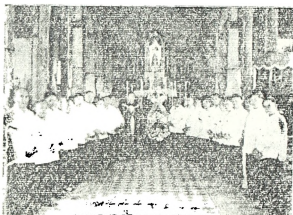
BALINGOAN, MISAMIS ORIENTAL. The picture shows the beautiful float of Balingoan Council 4551 which won first place during the parade marking the 7th Anniversary of the Municipality of Balingoan and the 4th Annual Achievement Day of the Provincial Rural Improvement Club last March 1. Much credit goes to Grand Knight Jose E. Santos who prepared and decorated the float.

DAVAO CITY. Another joint KC-DI project was reported recently here, when the Knights of Columbus of Davao Council 3289 and the Daughters of Isabella, Assumption Circle 891 inaugurated their clubhouse last February 22. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maurice Michaud blessed the building. Judge Vicente Cusi of the Davao Court of First Instance was the guest speaker at the breakfast. Mrs. Purita Jalandoni, DI Regent, cut the ceremonial ribbon, with the help of Grand Knight Joaquin. The speeches were given by Dr. Pedro Morales, Fr. Allary, and Grand Knight Joaquin, while Wilfredo Escudero acted as emcee. The following won the bingo prizes: Epifanio Pansoy, Mrs. V. Salazar, Dra. Edita Tan, Mrs. Purita Jalandoni, Restituto Berdida, Dr. Socorro Belisario, Mrs. B. Tamayo and Mrs. Victoria Atilano.

CABANATUAN CITY. The holy season of Lent was commemorated by Cabanatuan Council 3692 with the holding of a "pabasa" (recitation of Christ's passion) on Holy Thursday. A vigil was also observed by the Cabanatuan Knights on the same day.

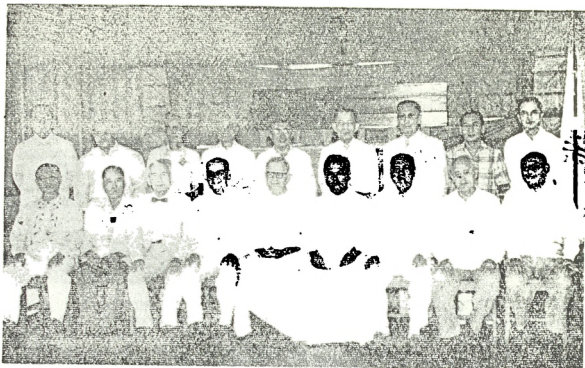
NEW COUNCILS. Three newly approved Councils will be instituted in the near future. The new units will be located in Catarman, Samar; Bais, Negros Oriental and Tayug, Pangasinan.

BATANGAS, BATANGAS. A regional conference of the Councils comprising District 16 was held here last March 15. District Deputy Homobono Gonzalez presided over the conference. The guest speaker at the main program after the workshops was former Secretary Raul Manglapus. Over 100 delegates attended from the Councils in San Pablo City; Santa Cruz, Laguna; Calapan, Mindoro; San Juan, Batangas; Balayan, Batangas and this town. The conference was attended by Rev. George J. Willmann, S.J., Territorial Deputy. Batangas Council 3347, led by Grand Knight Godofredo Rosales, was host of the conference.



BALANGIGA, SAMAR. Pope's Day was celebrated at Balangiga, Samar, on October 18, 1958. The solemn 24-hour celebration began with a special "Holy Hour" at 9 p.m. on October 17, attended by the townspeople in Balangiga church. Early the next morning a Requiem high Mass was celebrated by Rev. Domingo Tome, attended by many people including the town officials. A group of the Knights of St. Lawrence Council 4574 pose above after the Mass inside the church.

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DISTRICT DEPUTIES OF VISAYAS AND MINDANAO

The District Deputies of the Visayas and Mindanao met at the clubhouse of Cebu Council 3106 in Cebu City on January 24 and 25, 1959. Seated, from left: DD Juan G. Regalado, DD Vicente Arenas, DD Ismael Alvarez, Fourth Degree Master Ramon F. Campos, Territorial Deputy Rev. George J. Willmann, S.J., DD Rev. Pedro Yrigau, DD Gerardo Morrero, DD Francisco Eriones, and DD Jose Ma. Lopez Vito, Jr. Standing, same order: Bro. Jose Galan y Blanco, DD Santiago Guanzon, DD Gil Sult, DD Hilarión Ramiro, DD Gerardo Villasin, DD Rafael Paredes, Bro. Jose Kilayko (representing DD Arthur Cooper), DD Damian Aldaba and Bro. Jose Guevara.



DISTRICT DEPUTIES OF LUZON

The District Deputies of Luzon met at the clubhouse of Manila Council 1000 on January 31 and February 1, 1959. Seated, from left: DD Roman Mabanta, DD Alejandro Tanabe, DD Manuel Arranz, Territorial Deputy Rev. George J. Willmann, S.J., DD Hermenegildo E. Reyes, DD Justo N. Lopez, Bro. Antonio Giron. Standing, same order: Bro. Hilarión Tolentino, DD Faustino Reyes, DD Andres Bollinas, Jr., DD Homobono Gonzales, DD Francisco Panlillo, DD Pedro de Jesus, DD Ireneo Gacad, DD Adolfo Flores, DD Fernando Vinsona, DD Gerardo Samson, and DD Francisco Narales.

KC BALITA . . .

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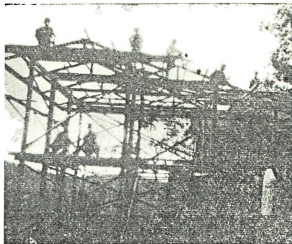
SAN PABLO CITY: The seventh anniversary of their foundation was marked by San Pablo Council 3468 last February 20 and 22. To commemorate the anniversary, the Council conducted First, Second and Third Degree exemplifications. In addition, the Council held a Mass-Communion-Breakfast affair with Rev. Jose Martinez, S.J., as guest speaker. In the evening of February 22, a popular banquet was held at the Ateneo de San Pablo gym with Brig. Gen. Dionisio Ojeda, II MA Commanding Officer, as guest speaker. He was introduced by Bro. Jesus M. Paraiso. Grand Knight Juan H. Paulino gave the closing remarks.

VIGAN, ILOCOS SUR. A Mass in honor of the late President Quirino who was born in this town was recently celebrated here under the auspices of the local Padre Burgos Council 3372. The immediate members of the late President's family attended the Mass. Some 200 persons were present. At the same time, to combat juvenile delinquency, the Council recently sponsored a "combo" contest which drew enthusiastic response from many music-minded youngsters.

BOGO, CEBU. The members of the new San Vicente Council 4717 (inaugurated January 19, 1959) are helping to organize new parishes in neighboring areas. One of the parishes which will soon be started is Kawit parish. Recently, the Council, which promotes the scouting movement, sponsored the awarding of the Ave Maria Cross to a local scoutmaster. These activities were reported by Grand Knight Simeon Miranda during his recent visit to our office in Manila.

GUIMBA, NUEVA ECIIJA. Recently, the Grand Knights and the Financial Secretaries of the Councils of District 7 met in Guimba, Nueva Ecija, with St. John Council 4074 of this town as host. The conference was organized by District Deputy Francisco Narciso, who is also the Grand Knight of Gulmba Council. Invited as one of the speakers was Bro. Roman Mabanta, President of the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Association, Inc.

ORION, BATAAN. A pilgrimage and educational tour were made by the members of Chief Justice Arellano Council 4091 to Baguio last March 6 to 8, reports Bro. Primitivo R. Salaverria, Council Activity Group chairman. The pilgrimage and tour were held to mark the 112th birthday anniversary of Chief Justice Arellano.



BAUANG, LA UNION. Shown above is the partly finished church of Burgos, La Union. The Knights of Columbus of Bauang (Archbishop Sancho Council 3714) are helping Rev. Jacinto Garcia, parish priest of Burgos, to raise funds for the construction. Through THE CROSS, Father Garcia appeals to the Knights in other places for contributions.

BARASOAIN, MALOLOS, BULACAN. The Knights of Columbus of Barasoain Council 3817 and the Daughters of Isabella of Our Lady of Carmel Circle 903 motored to Santa Maria, Bulacan for their monthly joint General Mass and Communion. Breakfast was served to the visiting Knights and Daughters at the residence of Dr. Vicente Luciano in Bagbaguin, Santa Maria.

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Padre Burgos General Assembly
9:00 A.M., Sunday, April 26, 1959
San Juan de Dios Hospital
Dewey Boulevard, Pasay City

ATTENTION: KC COUNCILS

The Welfare Services Survey form sent to you by the Supreme Headquarters must be filled out and returned to New Haven as soon as possible. The data will be used in preparing a report on the work of our Councils in the area of charitable and community contributions which will be read at the coming Supreme Council Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri next August.

FAITH VIA . . .

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When the coupon is dropped in the mailbox, it travels all the way to Number 4422 Lindell Boulevard in St. Louis 8, Missouri, U.S.A. Here is located the KC department in charge of the Catholic information program and known as the Knights of Columbus Religious Information Bureau. A clerk picks up the envelope and opens it. It is handed to another clerk who secures a copy of the pamphlet requested and mails it right away to the sender of the coupon. Together with the pamphlet, the sender also receives an invitation to enroll in the religious correspondence course. If he accepts the invitation and returns the application for enrollment, then the KC religious information program works in full gear on him.

He will soon receive a book entitled "Father Smith Instructs Jackson." Regularly, he will be sent sets of questions about the book. He will be asked to answer and return the questionnaires to St. Louis. If he passes the tests, he will finally receive by mail a certificate attesting to the fact that he has successfully completed the course.

But far more important and valuable than this piece of thick bond paper which he will frame and hang on some wall in his room, he will ultimately acquire the priceless peace of heart and mind which goes with the true Faith. For if he is a non-Catholic, the course may prod him to make further research, if he is not convinced already, to help him to decide on joining the Catholic Church. If he is a nominal Catholic, he will acquire a stronger foundation of his Faith.

Witness the following:

"I feel," says a recent convert, "that my conversion was almost completely accomplished by the work of the Knights of Columbus." This convert took five years to make his decision from the first time he answered the KC advertisement. "Like many others who wish to inquire into the Catholic Faith," he added, "I had a fear of approaching and talking to a Catholic priest. The Knights of Columbus solved that problem for me."

A former non-Catholic who took instructions by mail in 1956 writes now to say that he was baptized eight months ago, that he won his wife to the Faith two months ago, and that he now needs additional "ammunition" to answer the increasing questions of his daughter and son-in-law. "Pray for us," he writes, "that we may be strong and they may see the light."

HOW MUCH FOR GOD

The following is a series of questions once posed by Archbishop John Mark Gannon.

"Suppose God granted you a life of 70 years," the archbishop asked, "how would it be distributed? How would you spend it? Statistics divide these 70 years in this way:

Three years would be spent in education;

Eight years in amusements;

Six years at the dinner table;

Five years in transportation;

Four years in conversation;

Fourteen years in work;

Three years in reading;

Twenty-four years in sleeping.

How much time do you give to God? If you went to Mass every Sunday and prayed for five minutes every morning and evening, you would be giving FIVE MONTHS to God; five months out of 70 years of your life. (The Monitor)

A man from Canada, who started taking the instructions two years ago, now writes in to say that he has not lost interest but has read and re-read the Order's text book, "Father Smith Instructs Jackson." He is also taking personal instructions from a local priest. "There must be many non-Catholics," he says, "who are reached by your commendable efforts, but you may not always know just how effectively."

The influence of the KC advertisements is not confined to non-Catholics. A Deputy Grand Knight of one of the Councils asks if he could take the Order's instruction by mail because "it would be to my benefit to review the instructions that I took so many years ago."

This religious advertising program is made possible by contributions from every member of the Knights of Columbus. The Supreme Knight himself, Bro. Luke E. Hart, heads the Catholic Advertising Committee, under which the KC Religious Information Bureau operates.

Inquiries or requests for free pamphlets as well as applications for enrollment in the correspondence course pour in from different countries all over the world, including Russia, Communist China and other Iron Curtain nations.

From the Philippines come one of the big-

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
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A S S E T S

CURRENT ASSETS

| | | |
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| Petty Cash Fund | | P 208.00 |
| Cash in Bank (including undeposited collections of P675.02) | | 5,129.60 |
| Assessments Receivable - Insurance Contribution | | 10,331.15 |
| Total Current Assets | | 15,668.75 |

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| BONDS - At Cost | | 14,000.00 |
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FIXED ASSETS

| | Cost | Accumulated Depreciation | Net Book Value |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Office Improvement | P1,007.87 | P 50.39 | P 957.48 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 1,516.20 | 75.81 | 1,440.39 |
| Office Equipment | 2,625.00 | 131.25 | 2,493.75 |
| Total Fixed Assets | P5,149.07 | P257.45 | 4,891.62 |

DEFERRED ITEMS

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| Actuarial Service | | 10,000.00 |
| Inventory of Stationery and Office Supplies | | 1,850.80 |
| Organization Expenses | | 1,009.96 |
| Total Deferred Items | | 12,860.55 |

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| TOTAL ASSETS | | P47,412.92 |
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LIABILITIES & NET WORTH

CURRENT LIABILITIES

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| Accrued Expenses | | P 109.20 |
| Claims Payable | | 5,000.00 |
| Accounts Payable - ROA, Inc. | | 5,000.00 |
| Contributions in Advance and Deposits | | 1,144.01 |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 11,253.21 |

NET WORTH

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| Contribution of Fifty (50) Founder-Members at P500 each (Association is nonstock and open for membership) | | 25,000.00 |
| Less Unpaid at December 31, 1958 | | 200.00 |
| Add Net Income for the Period September 9, 1958 to December 31, 1958 (Exhibit B) | | 24,800.00 |
| Total Net Worth | | 36,159.71 |

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| TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH | | P47,412.92 |
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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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STATEMENT OF INCOME
FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 1958 TO
DECEMBER 31, 1958**

| | | |
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| REVENUE | | |
| Contributions Assessed (See note below) | | P31,501.57 |
| Miscellaneous Income | | 5.00 |
| Total Revenue | ..... | 31,506.57 |
| DEDUCTION | | |
| Claims - Group | ..... | 7,500.00 |
| Salaries, Bonuses and Allowances | ..... | 6,120.00 |
| Advertising | ..... | 2,239.30 |
| Stationery and Office Supplies | ..... | 2,067.56 |
| Postage, Telephone and Telegram | ..... | 686.25 |
| Contribution to Manila Council 1000, K of C | ..... | 600.00 |
| Entertainment and Representation | ..... | 254.35 |
| Transportation and Travelling | ..... | 214.05 |
| Depreciation: | | |
| Office Equipment | ..... | P131.25 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | ..... | 75.81 |
| Office Improvement | ..... | 50.39 |
| Medical Fees | ..... | 52.00 |
| Bank Charges | ..... | 26.50 |
| Repair and Maintenance | ..... | 12.00 |
| Miscellaneous | ..... | 117.40 |
| Total Deduction | ..... | 20,146.86 |
| NET INCOME FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 9, 1958 TO DECEMBER 31, 1958 - To Exhibit A | | P11,359.71 |

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This letter is a fulfillment of my promise to St. Jude. As a token of the past and recent favors that St. Jude has granted to me, I am banking him publicly through this magazine, and I am sending a small amount as a gift for the propagation of the devotion to St. Jude.
—GLORIA C. VELASCO, Guadalupe, Bohol.

Please publish this letter of thanks to St. Jude, who has never failed to answer my prayers. I wish to thank St. Jude from the bottom of my heart. I also wish to thank the Blessed Mother for her help.—A PRAYERFUL DAUGHTER, Parañaque, Rizal.

I wish to thank St. Jude for the countless blessings I have received through his most powerful intercession. My mother has successfully undergone a serious operation; all the members of my family are in good health; I passed hard school examinations and graduated from college last 14th of March. My sincerest gratitude also to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, St. Anthony, St. Joseph and the Infant of Prague.—J.O.N., I-C Amagis, Quirino District, Quezon City.

Kindly publish this letter in your column as a thanksgiving to St. Jude for the favors which he has granted to me. I have asked his help for several times and he has never failed me. I hope this letter will help to spread devotion to him. Thank you for everything. St. Jude—ANN, Iloilo City.

For several months mysterious red spots kept appearing and disappearing on various parts of my legs and thighs. The doctors thought it was an ordinary case of allergy and passed back to me the task of detecting the allergen through keen observation of my diet and environment. I did everything to find what made those spots reappear barely after they had disappeared. Exasperated, I made a novena to St. Jude and his answer came in the form of an unexpected trip to Manila. There I saw a doctor who proved to have the solution to my problem. It was not a case of allergy, after all, but a condition called "purpura", which with my daily intake of Vitamin C is not bothering me now. A million thanks to St. Jude.—T.V.F., Naga City.

UNCLE SAM . . .

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relations; for instance, there was the Laurel-Langley agreement which provided for gradually increasing tariff on American imports, but nothing supremely satisfactory was worked out and so a few years went by.

Some Filipino politicians began to feel that their country did not enjoy territorial integrity because of the presence of the military bases, and, furthermore, the Philippines, they said, was linked much too closely to the American economy. This did not promote national pride.

Not one of these was the late President Ramon Magsaysay who saw in the military bases an essential element of national defense and who insisted that any little differences that might crop up between the two countries would quickly find a reasonable solution.

There was, too, the matter of what became known as the "Omnibus Claims." Miss Luzviminda put a claim against Uncle Sam for well over 860 million dollars for a lot of things from backpay and erroneous military deductions to bank losses due to gold devaluation, refunds of taxes on shipments of coconut oil and sugar, plus more war damages than were already delivered.

Uncle Sam felt that the Omnibus Claims were not realistic. He was willing and ready to admit some of them, but balked at the gigantic total.

In January, 1956, Senator Francisco Delgado, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, introduced a resolution against American claims of ownership of the military bases. The U.S. Attorney General's office was of the opinion that the bases actually belonged to the United States—for one reason, it had land titles to prove it.

Congressman Jose Laurel, Jr., spoke out against what he felt was American arrogance in the interpretation of the military bases agreement, and also didn't like the lack of consideration Uncle Sam showed the Philippines in the insignificant economic and military aid as contrasted with aid given to neighboring countries.

Carlos P. Garcia, who ran the Philippine Foreign Office at the time, cautioned Filipino politicians against frontal attacks on Uncle Sam, saying that the case against America, if there really was one, should not be "exaggerated and distorted by unscrupulous elements . . . to destroy the friendship and goodwill that exists between our two governments."

It was time for a little old-fashioned powwow, and teams were chosen from each country for meetings in Manila. These began about August 1, 1956. Representing the Philippines was Vice-President Garcia, Senator Emmanuel Pelaez, Senator Francisco Delgado and others. On Uncle Sam's team were the late Ambassador Alfred Nufer, Karl R. Bendetsen, Admiral Felix B. Stump and others.

Nufer, to demonstrate American goodwill, announced that the U.S. was going to waive all claims to the military bases. Some of the Filipino politicians like Edmundo Cea and Arturo Tolentino said there was nothing to waive, that the Philippines already owned the land. In any case, Uncle Sam flew in the land titles from Washington, D.C., and turned them over in formal ceremony on August 4.

Bendetsen, spokesman for the American team, said, "No American desires that these bases exist a single day beyond the time when it is clear that this base system is no longer needed in your defense or when it is clear you no longer want us."

Some Filipinos felt that the presence of the U.S. military bases on Philippine soil was just inviting attack from unfriendly powers. Bendetsen again noted that there is no security in neutralism and that it is a communist practice to attack the soft spots of the free world, the spots not armored against attack.

It was also noted that Uncle Sam was spending nine billion dollars in the defense of Asia, and that no hard-headed business man would spend that kind of money if it was not only practical but absolutely vital.

What finally led the discussions to the bottom of a dead-end alley was the question of court jurisdiction over American members of the Armed forces charged with criminal offenses while off duty on the bases. The Philippine representatives felt that their country should have jurisdiction over such cases, but this far the American panel would not go.

Bendetsen said this would subject the American soldier to double jeopardy; it would be a violation of his rights to be tried by Americans while serving under the American flag. It was felt that since Uncle Sam had been given charge of the bases, he should be trusted in their internal administration.

Neither side budged an inch, and Bendetsen was called to Washington, D.C., for consultations. Horace Smith, who became charge d'affaires when Ambassador Alfred Nufer

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Heart To Heart



By LILY MARLENE

Dear Miss Marlene,

About three months ago a man was introduced to me by a mutual friend. From that time, we have been seeing each other a lot. But during all this time, he has not mentioned anything about love. We went together as very good friends. Then suddenly, during an excursion while we were alone he asked to kiss me. What is your opinion of this man?

C. L.

Dear C. L.,

Be grateful that you found out about his lack of character at this early date. Your boy friend has shown lack of control over himself. He has also betrayed lack of propriety. Without even a declaration of feelings, he has skipped on to asking a kiss from you. Even if he has already declared his feelings, he has no right to ask this privilege. If you still wish to continue keeping his company (which does not seem worthwhile), I advise that you avoid being alone with him.

L. M.

Dear Miss Marlene,

I am at present engaged to a man. However, for a reason that I find hard to explain, my love for him is fading. In the beginning, I loved him very much. But now I only feel pity for him.

My problem now is how to tell this to him. His parents know about our relationship and they like me very much. But this only makes it much harder for me to break our engagement.

I have many small brothers and sisters and it is my plan not to marry any more and to devote my full time in supporting them. Please tell me also how I can avoid further suitors after I have broken up with my present fiancee.

S. P.

Dear S. P.

If you are certain about your present feeling for your fiancee, then you should waste no time in telling this to him. Just tell this to him tactfully and ask his pardon for your unavoidable change of

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BIG MAN

"My son went abroad ten years ago to make his fortune."

"And what is he worth now?"

"The New York police are offering \$20,000 for information about him."
(Rally)

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died suddenly, declared unilaterally in early December, 1956, that the talks would have to be recessed temporarily.

Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen stepped into the affair on being named to the Philippines. Suave, clear-thinking Bohlen pointed out a few salient facts to those who criticized the amount of aid being given to the Philippines by Uncle Sam.

He recalled that approximately \$65,000,000 come to the Philippines each year in payments by the United States Veterans Administration. In addition, the United States is spending in the Philippines about \$50,000,000 a year in maintaining the military bases which give employment to thousands of Filipinos.

Aside from the vast sum of \$350,000,000 spent on a giant naval project at the bases, the United States International Cooperation Administration (ICA) contributes the equivalent of \$35,000,000 annually for economic and social developments in the Islands.

Bohlen pointed out that Uncle Sam's Military Assistance program to the Philippines supplies the Armed Forces with practically all their needs, saving thereby for the Islands the dollars they would otherwise have to spend.

Then, there are other financial assistance projects, unfortunately not used to complete advantage by Filipinos, such as the Development Loan Fund to facilitate loans for industrial development; the existing credit with the Export-Import Bank of many unused millions of dollars; plus the Industrial Development Center in Manila with a working capital of over a quarter-million pesos for industrial loans.

Bohlen summarized his listing by saying, "There are currently available to the Philippines considerable sources of additional United States economic assistance for its industrial development which do not require any new legislation or authority from the

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his outstanding services in the medical world, most recent of which was the fellowship in the British Royal Society of Medicine. He is a Knight of Columbus.

Fernando E. V. (Escolastica Victoria), 57, graduated as a civil engineer. He became a district engineer for various provinces, General Manager and Director of the Manila Railroad Company (where his father was the chief of the personnel division until his retirement in 1952), an Undersecretary of Public Works and Communications, and now is the President of the Chamber of Industries, Executive Vice-President of the Industrial and Business Management Corporation, and President of the new Industrial Mutual Fund. An acknowledged industrial leader, Fernando is also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Natalia Josefa (Mrs. Ambrosio G. Santos), 55, a pharmacist and chemist, is a member of the faculty of Mapua Institute of Technology.

Cecilia Trinidad, 53, a dentist, is the dental supervisor of the Bureau of Health for Manila.

Benita Filomena (Mrs. Antonio de la Rosa), 47, graduated as a Bachelor of Science in Commerce and is at present the chief of the Filipiniana Section of the National Library.

Maria Dolores F., 45, a Home Economics graduate, used to be an active social worker, now faithfully looks after her aged parents.

Arsacio Joaquin, 41, a chemical engineer, is a division chief in the Bureau of Geodetic Survey and is on the faculty of Mapua Institute of Technology.

Two children of the Sisons died at a very young age.

The father Sison was not born of a rich family. While still young, his parents, originally from Ermita, Manila, moved to Dagupan, Pangasinan. When he was ready to go to college, he journeyed to Manila on his own. Fortunately, he found a kind benefactor, Don Eustaquio Mendoza, a well-to-do resident of Binondo, who allowed him to live in his house, treating him like a son and paying for his studies at Colegio de San Juan de Letran. In March 1891 he graduated as a Bachelor of Arts. Don Braulio wanted to study medicine afterwards, but due to lack of means, he was to content himself with a commercial course at the Ateneo Municipal de Manila. After graduation, his kind benefactor helped him to get a job in a soap fac-

tory. The following years found him at several different jobs. He learned English through self-study and became among the first English teachers in Pangasinan, later becoming the chief clerk of the division superintendent of schools in the province. Finally, he found a position with the Manila Railroad Company, where he stayed on for 21 years.

Public recognition finally came to the Sisons for their unusual family record in 1949 in the form of no less than a presidential citation. Together with two other outstanding families, the Sison family was nominated for the presidential award by the Women's Civic Assembly for "exemplary family life and family relationship according to the highest Filipino traditions." One day that year the old couple walked to Malacañang and with proud tears in their eyes, heard the following words of acclamation from the highest official of their country:

"By hard work and judicious use of their limited financial resources and through self-abnegation, he and his wife have raised and reared a Christian family of seven children, giving all of them a university education and teaching them to become useful citizens, who are actually rendering meritorious service to their country in their various lines of endeavor."

Old man Sison remembers his initiation into the Knights of Columbus 41 years ago, 13 years after the first KC Council was organized in the Philippines on April 5, 1905. The ceremony took place in the former headquarters of Manila Council a short distance from Fort Santiago in Intramuros. At the time his son Agerico was already a member of the Council, having been initiated two years earlier. The Grand Knight then was the late Gabriel La O and the Council still had a few of the American members who first organized the Order in the Philippines. "Those American Brother Knights were fine companions," Don Braulio recalls. He remembers Dr. Salvador Araneta, now president of Araneta University, as one of those who were initiated with him.

During the incumbency of Grand Knight José Ma. Delgado, now Philippine Ambassador to Rome, sometime between 1928 and 1935, Don Braulio served as Financial Secretary for two years at the same time that Celso B. Jamora, present Grand Knight of Manila Council, was the Recorder. He recalls that the Knights of Columbus then did not have as much activities as at present when a more progressive community demands increased activities.

SOUTHERN CRUISE SET FOR MAY

The Manila Council-sponsored cruise to the southern islands will be made from May 5 to 18 on the M/V Panay. Details: Manila Council Clubhouse, Tel. 3-39-49 and 3-46-37 or Bro. Francisco Panlilio, Tel. 5-46-92.

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United States Congress."

In reference to the military bases, Bohlen noted, "The only reason for the existence of these bases and their only justification is that they serve the mutual security interests of both countries. . . . It is a fact that an attack on the Philippines is an attack on the United States and would cause the United States to act immediately."

Uncle Sam and Miss Luzviminda will patch up their differences, as they must, because of their long-standing mutual respect. Congressman John W. McCormack of Massachusetts gave voice to this mutual respect when he mused over the occasions when Filipinos and Americans have stood together against common foes and said, "Whenever democracy is threatened or imperiled, there we have our Filipino allies ready and determined."

Don Braulio received his Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus during the first Fourth Degree exemplification to be held in the Philippines, which took place in Manila in November, 1949. Until a few years ago, he was actively attending activities of Manila Council.

The octogenarian, who has eleven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren, used to serve Mass at San Marcelino Church daily, until the priest stopped him for fear that one day he might stumble over the altar steps carrying the heavy missal. At present, old man Sison still wakes up at 5:30 in the morning everyday to catch the six o'clock Mass and receive Holy Communion.

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labor as members of the board of assessment appeals for the City of Manila.

Bro. Hernando N. Valmores, chairman of the membership-insurance group of Our Lady of Loretto Council 4288 of Sampaloc, Manila, has launched his candidacy for the governorship of Misamis Oriental during the coming November elections. Bro. Valmores is a lawyer and civic leader of Balingasag, Misamis Oriental.

Recently cited by the Nueva Ecija Press Club for his promotion of cycling in that province was Bro. Isidro P. Villar of Cabanatuan Council 3692. Bro. Villar owns the Villar Gift Shop which trained and sponsored Tirso Ang, nationally known "Tour of Luzon" contender.

Dean Agerico B. M. Sison of the University of the Philippines College of Medicine was recently made a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine of England. Bro. Sison's membership was made in recognition for his meritorious work in the field of medicine.

Bro. Peter Calibo placed third in the black belt division of the recent national judo tourney, held at the Manila Council gym.

Recently graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering from FEATI was Bro. Francisco Tantoco, Jr., energetic National Chairman of the Columbian Squires.

The Knights in Leyte may not know it but they have a happy poet in their midst. Writing from his address "Joyville, Jaro, Leyte", Bro. Epifanio M. Dagsa (former president of the KC Center in that town) sent us the following poem on himself:

"ON MYSELF"

"Do you know that you're no other than I
Since all that I am makes the whole of you
If so you know that one day when I die
You too surely will go, I being you
That being so, then this let's quite agree:
From this time on let's take a Common Way,
A Common Goal at which awaits the He,
A Common Night to dawn the Eternal Day."

RURAL IMPROVEMENT

The Knights of Columbus in Balingoan, Misamis Oriental took an active part in the 4th Annual Achievement Day celebration of the Provincial Rural Improvement Club last March 1st. During the parade which also marked the 7th Anniversary of the municipality, the Council entered a float which won first prize.

COMPOST FERTILIZER

At its meeting last month, the officers of the Columbian Farmers' Aid Association decided to endorse organic fertilizer to the farmers. The CFAA was told by Bro. Pablo D. Panlillo, who together with some other Knights of Columbus will put up a factory to manufacture compost or organic fertilizer out of garbage, that this kind of fertilizer would be cheaper. He also pointed out that there would be less danger of destroying the plants by over-application with organic fertilizer. For more details about Bro. Panlillo's project, see the article "From Garbage to Fertilizer" in this issue.

RURAL CONFERENCE

At the same meeting, the CFAA considered a proposal to hold either a national rural conference or regional rural conferences in the various parts of the Philippines, to be attended by farmers. On the regional level, it was suggested that the farmers' conference should be tied up with the Knights of Columbus district or regional conference. The proposal is under study.

CFAA TALK DURING CRUISE

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Pacifico Araullo, CFAA director, has been authorized by the CFAA to act as its official representative to talk on the objective and work of the association at the ports of call of the KC Southern Islands Cruise next month, which the parish priest of Cabanatuan will join. The ports of call of the Manila Council-sponsored cruise are: Cebu, Cagayan de Oro, Buco, Zamboanga, Davao, Dadiangyan and Cotabato.

PROGRESSING

An English master, confronted with what to put on a boy's report card when he knew the youngster was cheating but couldn't prove it, finally came up with—"Forging his way stealthily ahead!" (Capper's Weekly)

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thing that was forgotten as fast as we had no more use for it.

We collared the church-sweeper over to a dark corner. There were three of us gangling down at him, shooting questions one after another. He was frightened and cowering. No, no, he hadn't seen any new umbrella lying around in the fore-pews. To placate us he showed an unclaimed weather-beaten old thing that no longer had the semblance of an umbrella. This trick of pinning an innocent man failing, we took to task the truthfulness of the convento's house-boy, who used to take his beat like a hired cop round and about the church precincts.

No, he also saw no new umbrella lying around to be claimed after the Mass. Was it green? he wanted to know, and Edwin repeated: Black! Big and wide!

Crestfallen, we went home for a belated breakfast.

"That's God's will, Daddy," Edwin offered to give me resignation, and added: "Were you very much attached to it?"

"Oh, no! Not Daddy, of course!" Herman offered for a piece of consolation. And mulling over it for sometime when he saw how wrong he was and could be from the cloud of sorrow clouding my face for the loss of the new 15-peso umbrella, he added: "Why don't we ask St. Anthony to look for it—"

"And give it back to us!" Edwin finished.

Inside myself I felt as dubious as the veritable heathen and was about to tell them not to ask for the impossible when Edwin reminded me of the incident of the borrowed library book lost in the school's playground and how two days later he found it in his little dresser.

"That time I prayed to Our Blessed Mother," he said. "But let's remember St. Anthony this time. We've not asked him anything for a long time."

So in spite of my interior dispositions—worse than the Doubting Thomas—I joined in the silence of prayer called for by my young teachers of faith. Verily, I told St. Anthony, I would hold nothing against you if you don't answer our prayer this time.

Three days later the matter was forgotten. At least I did not wish to remind my children that this time they would have to receive their full bread of resignation.

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heart and mind. Tell him that it would be extremely difficult to marry and live with someone whom you don't love.

It is usually effective to stop a suitor by telling him immediately after he proposes that you can not love him. I hope that you are really certain and determined about your plan not to marry. Because if you are not, and should you in the future discover that this decision is merely the result of a passing fancy, you might find it difficult to attract any more young men.

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up the economy of our country. And yet, in no period of our history have we imported more automobiles—and luxurious automobiles—than after World War II. Today our imports in this respect alone, including spare parts and gasoline, amount to more than P44 million.

We know that we ought to be and must be self-sufficient in prime essentials, particularly in our basic staple—rice. And yet every year, except in 1953 and this year, perhaps because of the bumper crop we have been graced with by God, we have been importing rice to the tune of P25 million to P30 million yearly. Why? Because the producers, particularly the big landowners have never effectively cooperated in the realization of this laudable objective for fear that over-production might cause a substantial reduction in the price of this vital commodity and subject them to losses or a diminution of their expected profits.

We know that in our almost half a century of association with the United States, this great country has prepared us for our political independence and for the enjoyment of a democratic way of life; but not for economic independence. She established in the Philippines a pattern of economy that has made us highly dependent upon the American market. It was only in 1955 that America—realizing that we could not continue indefinitely with such a pattern of economy—finally consented to gradually liquidate our free trade preferences until their eventual termination on July 3, 1974. And such arrangement was conceived in order to give the Philippines an opportunity to prepare herself for the impact of the changing condition by redirecting production accordingly and by enlarging her trade relations with and/or promoting new markets in countries other than the United States. And yet, simply because the present administration, in line with the policy that America herself has set for us to follow for the stabilization of

our economy, has explored and is exploring the possibilities of creating new markets for our export products or expanding existing ones in other countries and in securing the badly needed assistance, certain leaders of our country, obviously for political motives, have hurled the groundless charge that the present administration is veering away from the time-honored and battle-tested friendly relations with the United States and, what is worse, of conducting a hate-America campaign.

We know that as a result of the organization of the O.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Cooperation) by seventeen European countries, the Common Market Agreement among six European countries signed in Rome in March 1957 and which went into operation January 1st this year, and the proposed Free Trade Area, all of which organizations are designed to strengthen the European economy including their overseas territories, such as, Nigeria and Belgian Congo, there is a serious danger that our products eventually may lose the important European market, dislodged by substitutes, such as, palm kernel and *agaves*, the production of which is now being promoted in big scale in Africa, with the aid of tariff barriers. And yet, simply because our illustrious President has initiated a campaign for closer relations with the Asian countries with the aim in view of similarly creating amongst them an organization for the mutual economic protection of said Asian countries jointly with the Philippines, the President has been and is being unjustly accused of ingratitude towards America.

All these facts I cited to underscore the decisive role that the human element plays and will play in the solution of our economic problems. We need for the gigantic task that lies ahead not only learned men but unselfish, unbiased, and men with deep-rooted sound principles. We may only find such men, perhaps, among those imbued with Christian principles.

In his *Remum Novarum*, His Holiness Pope Leo XIII enjoined all of us: "Every one must put his hand to work which falls to, his share, and that at once and immediately, lest the evil which is already so great may by delay become absolutely beyond remedy. Those who rule the State must use the law and the institutions of the country; master and rich men must remember their duty; the poor, whose interests are at stake, must make every lawful and proper effort."

(Excerpt from a speech before Manila Council 1000, Knights of Columbus on March 4, 1959)

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Even today, barrios spring up through the force of *Bayanihan*. Houses are transferred from one place to another, houses are constructed, crops are harvested, and many other activities that make up barrio life are undertaken through *Bayanihan*.

This incident happened way back in my days in uniform in the active service of the armed forces, in Central Luzon. My men and I were tired as a result of continuous patrol operations, and we were looking forward longingly to a good afternoon and night rest at the end of a patrol mission. But at the end of the trail was no physical rest, but a spectacle which I cannot forget, and whose picture I cannot remove from my memory. We found a group of men and women—all rural inhabitants—doing a serious work of harvesting in a ricefield. Curiosity got the better of me when I recognized in the group some of the more prominent and landholding citizens of the community. When I inquired, I was informed that the effort was a *Bayanihan*, and that the beneficiary of that heartwarming display of cooperative spirit was a lowly farmer who was too sick to harvest his ripened crop.

Oblivious of the demands of our tired bodies, we waded through the field and my men, rifles strung across their shoulders, contributed their bit to the over-all community effort. The spectacle was as beautiful as it was reflective of the true Filipino spirit found in *Bayanihan*.

Spectacles like this have prompted a Filipino writer to ask this question: "When barrio people help a neighbor build a house or harvest a crop, what compulsive power makes them donate their labor for free?" Then, answering his own question, he said: "The answer to this spontaneous and massive symbol of help towards a fellow countryman lies in the innate character of the Filipino to help for the common welfare. If this could be achieved to build a house, harvest a crop, or move a house in its entirety to another place, why can't this be done to build a nation's economy, the benefits of which are not oblivious even to the barrio man. Indeed, like the meandering river that flows over the hills and dales, filled with potential hydraulic power but nevertheless pursues its course harmlessly—even wastefully—*Bayanihan*, as a potential powerhouse for economic production, must be retrieved

SOLUTION

White-faced, a patient rushed into his doctor's office.

"Oh, doctor," he cried, "the ghosts of my departed relatives come and perch on the tops of fence-posts all around my garden at dead of night. They just sit there... staring, staring... What can I do?"

Said the doctor calmly: "Sharpen the posts." (Liguorlan)

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interpreted by Society as some form of indecency or discourtesy.

On top of the preceding, the Ex-Convict also finds himself as a total stranger even in the very midst of his blood kin, and his former intimate associates now know him more (and IDENTIFY him MORE) with his "poisonous" diploma which he now carries, and which seems to be the only potent force that would mold his immediate future. (Incidentally, the writer-ex-convict has in his possession, put down in black and white, a long litany of actual illustrations to support this seemingly strange observation.) "Prevention is better than cure", so that popular adage runs, hence the Ex-Convict leaves the folds of these intimates, so as to cut short his bitterness (else this bitterness may flame again into another blunder) . . . and, he starts knocking at the doors of civic-spirited organizations which he occasionally reads about in the newspapers.

During all this time of course, the more pressing and more realistic problems of meals and shelter concomitantly assert themselves . . . and he has to stretch his palm for a measure of charity every now and then (because Society concludes it cannot take the risk of trusting the Ex-Con with another break or job in their midst), so much so

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from its obscure course and made the principal rallying point of the nation's economic development."

(Excerpts from a speech before Manila Council 1000, Knights of Columbus, on March 15, 1959)

Columbian Squires

INTER-CIRCLE BASKETBALL GAMES

Columbian Squires of Mary Immaculate Circle No. 1063 accompanied by local Knights and Daughters of Isabela motored to nearby Barasoain, Malolos, Bulacan recently to play basketball against St. Michael Circle 1032.

After a hectic competition, the St. Michael Circle 1032 emerged victorious at the count of 51 as against Pasig's 42.

Barasoain Knights, Daughters of Isabela, Squires, and Squirettes served refreshments and entertainment after the meet.

At the invitation of the defeated contingent, a return match is scheduled to be played at Pasig this month.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE HANDS IN ANNUAL REPORT

The National Committee for Columbian Squires, KC-PI, through its National Chairman, Bro. Francisco Tantoco Jr., handed in its annual report to the Worthy Territorial Deputy, Rev. Fr. George J. Willmann, S.J.

According to the report, the number of active Columbian Squires Circles increased from 11 to 15.

The goal of the National Committee this term is to extend its expansion program to Mindanao with the help of local Councils.

CAPITOL SQUIRES SCHEDULE HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

The Columbian Squires of Capitol Circle 784 together with the local Squirettes of Mary have scheduled group activities for the Holy Week. On Holy Thursday, the Squires

ATTENTION— Mindanao KC Councils!

HERE'S AN INVITATION to anyone of you to sponsor the first Circle of Columbian Squires, our Junior Order, in your locality. Add another FIRST to your Council's credit, write NOW to the National Committee for Columbian Squires, P. O. Box 510, Manila, for details.

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that when these members of Society are thus bothered, in "good faith" perhaps, they make the unfairly rash conclusion that the cheap, hungry ex-convict "is getting out of his mind".

This definitely is a "most trying" problem for the ex-convict, for in his constant brushes with Society, modestly arguing in his behalf, he is beset by his utterly helpless situation in life, hungry and shelterless . . . yes, an entirely opposite replica of the front-cover page of a most recent issue of the FREE PRESS (where the image of the late Pres. Magsaysay posed with his creed that "... the little man deserves a little more food in his stomach, and a little more roof over his head").

Positively, the Ex-Convict, try as he might, to acquit himself in a better, more decent role in life, all the time confident of even just a partial success in this objective (because it is guided by good faith that he is at least not cheating himself nor Society), wakes up to find that he is lost because Society arrogantly insists on putting so many barriers against him. While civic-minded organizations like the Phil. Mental Health Organization, and the Community Chest (thru Dr. T. Evangelista, its president) shout to the four winds that "it is the job of civilized Society to restore an ex-convict back to Society", there has not been any concrete step to implement this "cry of civilization".

Thus, the Ex-Convict, while he ambitiously moves to secure even just an inch of space to place his feet on, in Society, finds himself very much "like a blind man inside a dark cave looking for a black cat that is not there" . . . so much so, that at times, the Ex-Convict still essentially a human being, created by a beautiful God, as an uncouth attempt to get away from this "Man-polluted" Society, just turns his gaze up to those blue-black skies during the tranquility of night, and directly brings his complaint to GOD!

AN ANONYMOUS "EX-CONVICT"

and Squirettes will have "Visita Iglesia", after a Corporate Mass-Communion. The group will hear a sermon on the Seven Last Words on Good Friday. To cap the Lenten activities, the Circle will attend an Easter Sunday Mass.

"TINIG NI MANG JUAN"

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It is not surprising that Panlilio has become much interested in such a project which will provide the small farmers with cheap fertilizer. A farm owner himself, the architect is one of the old-time directors and at present treasurer of the Columbian Farmers' Aid Association, the rural auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus. In between the demands of his profession (he is a government examiner for architecture), he engages in laudable rural amelioration work.

To demonstrate his rural interest, the architect from San Fernando, Pampanga recently did a little experiment in the backyard of his beautiful home in Quezon City. He planted a few rice plants. But instead of applying fertilizer on the soil and thus indiscriminately fertilizing both rice plants and weeds, he first soaked the seeds in fertilizer-diluted water. The result was vigorous rice plants. He has not yet succeeded in making the tenants of his farm follow the method. "I find the farmers suspicious of any new techniques," he says. But as with his other brainstorm, he hopes gradually to convince them of this one.

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Nobody dared mention anything about the new umbrella that was not even a week old with us when it was lost. Yet the three children looked expectant and so hopeful that they almost broke my heart in the disappointment that was inevitable as it did seem to me. Hopefully they would look up to the hat-rack where it had hung ready for any emergency.

And I muttered interiorly a complaint to the mother—long gone to her eternal rest—who taught them this sort of faith. I remembered then how she placed several pieces of candy before the little crucifix of Herman just after the boy had complained to his Lord for my forbidding him to indulge

in candies. He was barely two years old and he was complaining of a toothache.

"See, Daddy, what Jesus gave me?" he gloated. "I found them at the foot of the crucifix. I prayed for them."

I was stupefied with the quick answer of his Lord who could not have died on His cross for these few pieces of candy. I looked long and hard at the mother of the boy, who was smiling guiltily over the day's washing basin.

"I could not bear to see his prayer unanswered," she explained when the boy was out of hearing.

"And so you answered for God!"

"Well, He does need always an instrument to accomplish His will."

"And the pieces of candy were His will?"

"Yes, and don't forget that He's a most kind Father also! And my conscience doesn't prick me a whit, either!"

I went away, interiorly blazing. Women, I assured myself, they are simply impossible people. Impossible!

And so my children were brought up believing in daily miracles. What is worse: they were re-educating me in the dark and mysterious way of their impregnable faith.

THUS ONE EVENING, as we were all going to the supper table, Edwin cried:

"It's back! It's back, Daddy. St. Anthony's new umbrella! He's heard our prayer!"

Yes, there it was—the excursions umbrella, hanging securely from the hat-rack.

Again I was beaten!

The supper was forgotten for a while. The children gambolled and danced around in sheer joy. It was more the joy of having their prayer answered. With their faith they had moved that mountain of a St. Anthony! They were children of angelic innocence—children of simple faith.

And in my wondering, I will admit that there were tears of joy in my eyes, too—and of thanksgiving for God's having given me children from whom to learn and believe.

CANNIBALS' VICTIM

A castaway from a wrecked ship was captured by cannibals. Each day, his arm was cut by a dagger and the natives of the island would drink his blood. Finally, one day, he called the king.

"You can kill and eat me if you want," he said, "but I'm getting sick and tired of being stuck for the drinks." (Illustrated Weekly)

FATHER FELIX' QUESTION BOX

It is all very well to say, "Obey the Church." But don't you think the Church exceeds its authority in entering into the domain of science when it forbids cremation?

The forbidding of cremation to Catholics does not involve any entry of the Church into the domain of science. Nor has the Church exceeded its authority in forbidding Catholics to be cremated. Christ gave to the Catholic Church a complete mandate to attend to all matters of religious significance. He said to her, "Whatever you bind on earth is bound also in heaven." And as religion extends to the complete human personality, including both soul and body, the Church certainly has the right to prescribe the religious ceremonies for the final disposal of the body, and to demand that the method of disposal will be in accordance with her religious rites.

Why did Christ go to hell?

Christ did not go to hell in the modern and restricted sense of that word. At the time when the Apostle's Creed was composed, the word hell was used to designate any state of existence lower than heaven. After His death on the Cross, our Lord's soul went, says St. Peter, to preach to those spirits who were in prison. That is, He joined those souls which were detained from the fullness of heaven and who were awaiting the opening of heaven to mankind by Him. This descent of Christ's soul into hell was obviously not to the hell of the eternally lost, but to what we call the Limbo or detention place of the soul of the just who lived prior to our Lord's coming into this world.

What of those who have never heard of Christianity and follow other beliefs?

God obliges no one to the impossible. If these people are sincere in their mistaken beliefs, try to obey natural conscience, and repent of their failures and sins, God will give them the necessary interior graces for their salvation, graces due to the merits of Christ. The moment after their death they will know that Christ has been their Redeemer, even though, through no fault of their own, they did not recognize the fact during life.

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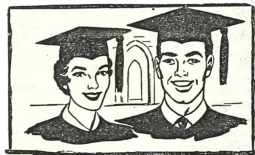
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