

## ROTCHATTER

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sent were high military officials and sponsors of the different corps. All in all the evening was wonderful and delightful.

A series of radio programs will be regularly presented by the Cadet Corps twice a month. As a starter, a radio program was aired last week and among the participants were Mr. Danny Holganza popular radio songster and Staff Sergeant Romeo Sta. Cruz of the USC Unit.

Songs, light comedies, humorous anecdotes and portrayal of ROTC personalities and news usually form the repertoire. Cebu City's ROTC units have been requested to participate in these programs. They have been sponsored to appreciate the people of the importance of the ROTC training of our youth and to bring the masses closer to our Armed Forces.

As part of the ROTC orientation training, the Supreme ROTC Fraternity spearheaded by Frank Borromeo, agreed to have an observation tour to neighboring provinces to observe the doings of other ROTC units. If plans do not miscarry the trip will be pushed through sometime in December.

### HERE'S NEWS FOR THE SAD-SACK:

Coming from the Commandant's office is an order requiring all cadets to wear proper uniforms whether they are in or outside the parade grounds. OD's and FOD's are given instructions to check on these sloppy cadets and give them demerits. Another special order is that beginning next semester squad leaders will have additional duties aside from being squad leaders. They will have to attend special classes to orient themselves with the different phases of commands and to enhance their efficiency in leadership.

The USC "sad sacks" will no longer go straight to the drill grounds without attending mass on Sunday. The problem of cadets not attending mass was solved by the Department with the requirement that Sunday drillers shall have to attend mass on Sunday or be dropped from the roster of cadets. Officiating on these special Sunday masses is Rev. Father Schonfeld.

### NEWSSETTES ON THE SIDELINES:

From among the omphous sights we made out all the luck in the world when a 19 years young Miss Celeste Rubi, obligingly stood up to her full five-feet-four and winsomely honoured us with her con-

### WHAT IS RUSSIAN . . .

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"Because the graves are for our dead heroes," indignantly shot back the young woman.

With biting logic the American shot back, "Well, you said Communists haven't any souls, and so

sent to be this year's ROTC Corps Sponsor. Miss Rubi from the Secretarial stools shied from her interviewers but missed to hide the surface fact that she possesses about everything that ought to get this man's army clicking. So simple and unaristocratic, she will remain in an enviable pedestal before the boys and we won't be surprised to get a report one of these days about a guy in the ranks who broke his arm on that rifle just trying to impress her!

We are proud to introduce here our Rose among the "sponsorial" array: Miss Rosario Mercado, 2nd Battalion. When we landed our first sight on her, Spain suddenly revealed herself before us.

And the 1st Battalion is coloured by a cute little package of heartache in the person of Miss Editha Pa. (Did I hear a moan?) Because of her cadet elbowed the man beside him and asked, painfully: Why weren't you born a pretty dame? Amen, brother, we say to you.

Miss Luz Evangelista graces the Corps Staff. That feminine air, that look in her eyes, those cheeks, and . . .uhhh, that figure. Pardon me, but if you insist, she has also that frame of mind that'll floor you. The boys need that, especially in those times when blank is blank.

And here, a declaimer in her own right, is Miss Dahlia Cadell, 3rd Battalion.

M'gosh, fellahs, why don't you just get busy and hunt them up rather than screw me tight for adjectives. I ain't no Shakespeare!

### WHAT DO YOU THINK . . .

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● Mr. Manuel Baylisis, College of Law, says: Get a load of this:  
Orator: (remonstratingly)

Dear . . .

Wife: After everything, don't master your art on me. I've just about got my right foot home to mother.

Orator: Dear . . .

Wife: Not a word from you!  
Orator: But . . .

Wife: Shaddup or I'll . . .

Orator: Lord, even unto mine home, can't Thou bless me with peace?—Now what are we talking about?

these heroes were just animals. Horses and heroes both fought and died for your Revolution. Both, according to you, were animals. Why not erect tombstones over both?

The young girl shrugged her shoulders—the argument was over

### Man Not a Free Agent in Communist Philosophy

If there is no spiritual element in man, he is not a free agent. Free-will is simply an illusion and a delusion. If man is but an aggregate of material atoms, obeying the necessary laws of matter, he exercises no more freedom than the sun or the moon, than a plant or an irrational animal. And since man, according to Marxist philosophy, has no free-will, why all this invective against capitalists, who are no more responsible for their exploitation of the workers than is the lion that devours a lamb, or the fire that burns grass? Why all this harangue of workmen, of the proletariat, to struggle against the "bourgeoisie" or capitalists, since workmen in any case are following blind necessity and inexorable laws of matter and can make no free effort to liberate themselves from slavery or oppression? Why, the whole philosophy and practice of Communism is a ridiculous contradiction of the very principles it so blatantly lays down!

If man is not a free agent, but must, of sheer necessity, obey the blind laws of materialistic evolution, let Communists cease to air any grievances or advocate any effort, and supinely allow nature to take its course, for they can do nothing whatever to divert this course. Deny free-will, and human life becomes an absolute farce.

### Morality Fundamentally Impossible In The Communist Scheme

According to their own "principles" Communists must admit that there is no such thing as morality, and, indeed, we read in Lenin's own writings the following candid statement:

"In what sense do we deny ethics, morals?"

"In the sense in which they are preached by the bourgeoisie, which deduces these morals from God's commandments. Of course, we say that we do not believe in God. We know perfectly well that the clergy, the landlords, the bourgeoisie all claimed to speak in the name of God, in order to protect their own interests as exploiters. Or, instead of deducing their ethics from the commandments of morality, from the commandments of God, they deduced them from the idealistic or semi-idealistic phrases which in substance were always very similar to divine commandments.

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Miss LINDA DALOPE

**SECRETARIAL STUDENTS' PREXY CELEBRATES 18TH BIRTHDAY**

Linda Dalope, president of the secretarial students' organization, tendered a party at the Dalope residence on the occasion of her 18th birthday celebration last September 16. Present during the affair were some USC instructors and a host of Carolinians.

Miss Dalope is the only child of the Dalopes, owner of one of Cebru's leading business establishments.

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TO SPONSOR FIFTH ANNUAL DECLAMATION TILT**

The fifth annual declamation contest will be sponsored by the Seniors of the College of Education on October 7. This contest is open to all colleges and departments of the university. Each college is to be represented by two contestants while one representative for every department may participate in the tilt.

Prizes will be awarded to the four best declaimers. These prizes will be solicited from prominent citizens in the city.

Judges for the contest will be selected from leading educators in the city.

**LIBRARY, RECIPIENT OF DONATIONS**

Gift books have been lately received by the USC Library from the U.S.I.S., the Kellogg Foundation, and Burlingame Toastmasters Club.

From USIS, 24 volumes of books and a number of pamphlets were

"We deny all morality taken from superhuman or non-class conceptions. We say that this is a deception, a swindle, a befogging of the minds of the workers and peasants in the interest of the landlords and capitalists.

"We say that our morality is wholly subordinated to the interests of the class-struggle of the proletariat. . .

"That is why we say that a morality taken from outside of human society does not exist for us; it is a fraud. For us morality is subordinated to the interests of the proletarian class-struggle" (*Religion*, pp. 47 & 48).

"The ethics of Communism," writes Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen, "are the natural sequence of its materialistic belief. The Communist theory of ethics is that all moral standards grow out of certain economic conditions. 'All moral theories are the product in the last analysis of the economic stage which society has reached at that particular epoch' (F. Engels, *Anti-Duhring*). Morality as consonance with the Eternal Law of God reflected in conscience is denied, since it is not God but economics which makes morality. There would logically be a repudiation of both the Jewish belief in a Divine Law as expressed in the Ten Commandments and the Greek view of a Divine Order expressing itself in purpose and fixed behavior, once one translated Hegel's idea of a flux in the world of ideas to flux in the world of reality and history. Then there can no longer be any transcendent order, but only the historic process itself which moves by dialectical necessity to a classless society. If a man is a member of the Communist class he is predestined as was the Calvinist of old, except that his heaven will be the classless kingdom on earth. If, however, a man belongs to the 'exploiting class,' then he is historically

received. The Kellogg Foundation of the United States sent its donations through the Bureau of Private Schools. Fifty volumes were given to the USC Library. The donations of the Burlingame Toastmasters Club, Burlingame, California, came in the form of CARE (Committee of American Remittances to Europe) book package containing 9 books, valued at \$50, most of them pharmacy books.

doomed" (*Communism and the Conscience of the West*, p. 65).

The fundamental principle, the only principle, of Russian Bolshevist "ethics" has been boldly and baldly stated by E. Yaroslavsky: "What coincides with the interests of the Proletarian Revolution is ethical" (*Red Virtue*, p. 12). Since the Communist State is the infallible organ which decides the tactics to be adopted in order to attain its end, we may say, in the last analysis, that all "morality" in the Communist code comes from this State, and that the Red Dictator is the supreme, infallible teacher of Communists' "morality." In a word, the Communist masses, in "morality" as in other matters, are "dictator-determined."

Let me now refer to a second pamphlet from the able pen of Father Raymond T. Feely, S.J. (*Communism and Morals*, Paulist Press). In a passage entitled *Gangster Ethics*, Father Feely writes:

"Perhaps this subtitle is particularly apt, as Stalin's earlier life is a perfect illustration of the doctrine we have been examining. Money was needed for the work of the revolutionists. He turned gangster and robbed a bank to supply the necessary funds.

"The end justifies any means" is the commonplace phrasing of Communist ethics. "The end" is the perpetuation of Lenin's or Stalin's dictatorship; "the means" — whatever is necessary. Most readers who are interested in the subject of Russia have read W. H. Chamberlin's *Russia's Iron Age* — the classic on the subject. He recounts there the well-known incident:

"When Lady Astor, in company with Bernard Shaw and Lord Lothian, met Stalin in the summer of 1931, she blurted out the unconventional question: 'How long are you going to continue killing people?' And Stalin, possibly taken a little by surprise, shot back the retort: 'As long as it is necessary.' (p. 152).

"There you have bluntly," continues Father Feely, "the whole ethical system of Communism. The criminal who kidnaps a babe, the gangster who mows down a fellow gangster with a machine gun, the pervert who ravishes a child, all are practicing the same philosophy. 'The end' — money, or power, or satisfaction lust; 'the means' — murder or theft or rape."

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