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John G. "Buddy" Redmond was awarded the national Junior Chamber of Commerce's distinguished service award as being the outstanding young man in Goldsboro. He is shown above, right, being presented the award by Mayor Scott B. Berkley. Mr. Redmond is active in Catholic groups and one of the reasons for his selection, according to the national group, was his service to the Church. Last year's winner of the high honor was G. C. Nelson, another Catholic, who is now a member of St. Lawrence's parish in Asheville. Mr. Redmond belongs to St. Mary's parish in Goldsboro.

## **Catholic Committee of the South** Will Meet In Charlotte Sept. 23

CHARLOTTE.—Southern Catholic leaders from 11 states will meet at Charlotte for three days starting Sept. 23 for the seventh annual convention of the Catholic Committee of the South, it was decided last week at a meeting held in the Hotel Charlotte:

Edward MacClements, president of the North Carolina Cath- for me to describe him fully, for olic Laymen's Association, was named to head the convention words could never express all that committee.

#### Church Blocks Russian Conquest, Says Budenz

PHILADELPHIA -(NC-The Catholic Church was described as Russia's way to world control," by Louis F. Budenz, former managing editor of The Daily Worker, communist newspaper, in an address here. Mr. Budenz, who deserted communism to return to (Continued on Page 7)

Initial plans for the seventh annual convention of the Catholic Committee of the South to be held in September in Charlotte were made on January 29th by the program committee of the organiza "the chief moral force blocking tion here. This meeting, which will be held on Sept. 23, 24, 25, at the Hotel Charlotte, will be attended by representatves of the clergy and laity of the eleven Southern States.

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## **Communism Born of Godless Creed** May Be Punishment" — Msgr. Sheen

NEW YORK - (NC) - As addresses over the Catholic Hour "wicked" Babylon was "God's in- last Sunday evening. The radio strument for disciplining the people of Judah" and "bestial" Assyria "was the rod and the staff of teenth consecutive year, is pro-God's anger against the people of duced by the National Council of Israel," it may very well be that "communism will be the instrument for the liquidation of a bourgeois civilization that has forgotten God."

This was an observation made by Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, in his second of a series of eleven

program, to which the noted priest orator has returned for the seven-Catholic Men and broadcast over the network of the National Broadcasting Company.

"Communism is not to be feared because it is anti-God," he declared, "but because we are Godless; not because it is strong, but but also the spirit, the conscience because we are weak, for if we

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# Declaration of Human Rights Presented by Catholic Leaders

NEW YORK—(NC)—The "inalienable rights" which man must have to fulfill his obligations as a creature of God are catalogued in a document drafted by Catholic scholars which has been presented to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

Entitled "A Declaration of Rights," the document was prepared by a committee of a dozen distinguished philosophers and jurists appointed by the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The declaration treats of its subject in four categories: the rights of the human person, the rights pertaining to the family, the domestic rights of States and the rights of States in the international community. It insists that "suitable opportunity to discharge fundamental obligations in

#### New Bern Man Received By Pope Pius XII In Visit to Vatican

NEW BERN - Henry Zaytoun, now a dentist in the Navy, with the rank of junior-grade lieutenant. has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Zaytoun of New Bern, about a trip to Rome where he had an audience with the Pope, from his regular home base at General Preamble Heidelburg, Germany.

In the group received by the Pope, were nine Americans and 55 Italians. "We all lined up around the room in single file against the wall," the lieutenant wrote. "After two hours of waiting the Holy Father came in and walked around the room and stopped to speak with each individual and to bless each one. When he came to me he spoke in English and commented about my being in the American Navy and I replied that I was and then he said he would give me a special blessing. I kneeled and kissed his ring.

"After he had spoken to everyone in the room, he stopped and High School Seen gave us all his Papal blessing. As he passed out, he was accompanied by two monsignors, one on each side. They, of course, were dressed in their scarlet robes - or purple, whichever they call it. The Holy Father wore white robes and a white skull cap with his crucifix around his neck. It is impossible one saw in that humble and sincere face."

#### **Vatican Directory Lists Changes In Official Order of Church's Popes**

Vatican City. - (Radio, NC-The designation of His Holiness Pope Pius XII as the 261st of the is enthusiastically in favor of the is announced in word received successors to St. Peter as Bishop of Rome and head of the Catholic Church has been dropped in the 1947 Annuario Pontificio, the official Vatican directory published here each year.

In a note explaining that there are some difficulties and uncertainties in the 1900-year line of (Continued on Page 7)

#### Russia Spiritually Inert Says Orthodox Leader

New York .- (NC) -No matter how hard their Soviet rulers may try to convince the Russian people that they live in the freest country in the world, a slavery that involves not only the body, and the mind weighs them down, published by the monthly in

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the various and separate situations of life is a right that cannot be denied," and it points out that "for man's use God has provided the basic resources of the world." It strikes out against pretexts that would deprive man of these rights. The text of the document fol-

A DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

DRAFTED BY A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE

dignity, from his immortal destiny, and from his relationships as a himself, to his family and fellowmen, to the State and to the community of States. For the fulfillment of these obligations man is endowed with certain natural, inalienable rights. These obliga-

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# Possibility of Catholic For St. Paul's Parish

New Bern-Possibility for a Catholic; high school in New Bern was seen this week as Joseph Rachide was appointed to head a committee to devise ways and means for the immediate raising of funds to build a high school for St. Paul's church.

Monsignor Michael A. Erwin, pastor of St. Paul's, spoke at the regular meeting of the Men's Society, told of the great need for higher education for Catholics in the city. He said that it was nea spiritual viewpoint.

projected new high school and will here. support the efforts of the parish to attain it.

#### Ban on Closed Shop **Vigorously Opposed By Catholic Unionists**

DETROIT -(NC)- Opposition to any ban on the closed shop or third annual conventilon of the "union" shop was expressed at the Detroit Association of Catholic Trade Unionists here in a resolution stating that such a ban would "disrupt employer-employee rela-God, the Creator of the human tions, make it impossible for unrace, has charged man with obli- ions to discipline their own memgations arising from his personal bers, and strike at the root of labor organization."

"We support laws designed to social being. These obligations are effect peaceful settlement of disin reference to the Creator, to putes' between unions," the convention resolved; "to prevent the unjust use of the boycott; to strengthen meditation and conciliation machinery; to provide for a study of the wage-price-profit problem by representative committee; and to require accounting of union funds."

Laws prohibiting industry-wide collective bargaining were characterized by the ACTU group as "a step backward . . . which seeks to reduce labor to a state of impotence . . . and would merely substitute for a big strike a large number of little strikes."

In objecting to proposed amendments to the Wagner Act, the AC-TU declared that it would not oppose, however, any attempts to "even up" the Wagner Act by "prohibiting unions from interfer-

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#### **Cardinal von Preysing** Will Visit America

Washington.—(NC) — His Emcessary from a civic as well as inence Konrad von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin, will leave Germany Monsignor Erwin said that the by airplane on February 14 and Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, will arrive at La Guardia airport Bishop of the Diocese of Raleigh, in New York the following day, it

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# "Catholics Believe What I Believe So I Became Catholic" — Mrs. Luce

NEW YORK -(NC)- "What Catholics believe is precisely why became a Catholic. I found I believed it too."

Clare Boothe Luce, playwright, lecturer, editor, and former Congresswoman, who joined the Catholic Church in February, 1946, makes this statement in an article on the reasons why she embraced the Faith appearing in McCall's Magazine for February. A second installment of her story will be

Mrs. Luce writes that thousands of people have asked her for the "real" reason why she became a member of the Church, but that she could not choose between the reasons, that they were all "real" reasons. One reason, she says, was that "by the Grace of God I was given the Gift of Faith."

Mrs. Luce disdains any influence of family background or personal friends in her conversion, but mentions a correspondence she had during her term in Congress with

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