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a proud ancestry . . .



FATHER RICHARD SWIFT of the Josephite Fathers, Pastor of St. Thomas' Church is shown with Mrs. Maria Fulton Mumford, 94 years old, believed to be the oldest life-long Negro Catholic in North Carolina. Her Mother, a slave, was the first Negro Catholic in the State, and besides being "blessed many times" by Cardinal Gibbons, Mrs. Mumford recalls playing with Father Price as children. Later he became a Diocesan Priest and Co-founder of Maryknoll. Father Swift was recently stationed in Baltimore where he appeared weekly on an award-winning TV program "To Promote Good Will." He was also on the steering committee of the "Fair Employment Practice Commission" and the Mayor's Advisory Board.

Soviet Satellite Success Shows U.S. Efforts Lagging Priest-Scientist States

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Soviet Russia's success in launching the first earth satellite is seen by a leading Catholic scientist as indicative of the lagging production of scientists in the U. S. Father Patrick H. Yancey, S.J., executive secretary-treasurer of the Albertus Magnus Guild, a society of Catholic scientists in the nation, said the earth satellite is "a payoff of the Soviet acceleration of science."

"We are glad when anyone does something important in the scientific field," said Father Yancey. "And we're glad that it has been shown possible to launch a satellite."

The priest commented that the Soviet success can be seen as a powerful propaganda tool to prove the advantages of communism's socialist and materialistic society.

Father Francis J. Heyden, S.J., professor of astronomy at Georgetown University here, also commented on the paucity of American scholars in the sciences.

Father Heyden said that the Georgetown Observatory is not equipped to track or photograph the Soviet satellite and he doubted that there is any equipment in the country which could be used for this purpose at the present time.

The astronomer explained that a celestial telescope is constructed with a mechanism which keeps the instrument focused on a particular point in the heavens while the earth rotates at 15 degrees per hour.

The earth satellite, however, is moving at a speed of 18,000 miles per hour and traverses 225 degrees per hour. This is about five times faster than the standard tracking mechanism on a telescope, he said. Also, the satellite's orbit is continually changing.

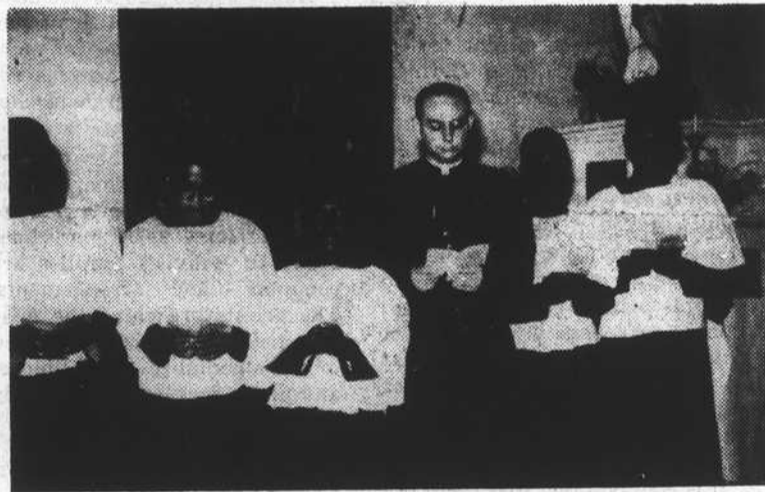
Father Heyden said he is "happy that an earth satellite has been put up." He said it would be of help to all scientists in the world.

Another member of the Georgetown University faculty and one of Father Heyden's former students is in charge of the Operation Vanguard which will launch the first U. S. satellite later this fall.

He is Dr. John P. Hagen, who received the first doctoral degree in radio astronomy in the United States from Georgetown in 1948. As U. S. satellite chief, Dr. Hagen is in charge of all operations and planning for launching a series of small, spherical man-made satellites into outer space.

Dr. Hagen, in a recent talk on man-made satellites, said they could be difficult to spot under the best of conditions.

FATHER WELLEIN leads the Congregation at St. Thomas Church in reciting the penitential psalms during a recent Mission in Wilmington. Having ended the Current Season of Outdoor Preaching, the Diocesan Mission Fathers last week began a series of Parish Missions with Father Jones at St. Paul's in New Bern and Fr. Wellein at St. Thomas' in Wilmington. St. Thomas' was the pro Cathedral of Cardinal Gibbons, founded 110 years ago. (Photo-Wellein)



"Out of the depths, O Lord."

Atheist Agitation Only Revived Religion in Poland, Red Holds

WARSAW (NC)—An article published in Poland's foremost communist literary weekly holds that atheist agitation has brought about results diametrically opposed to those it intended.

"Provoking the feelings of millions of believers revived religion in Poland to a degree which had not been observed for a long time," it states. "Masses of people hitherto indifferent were reactivated and convinced again of the primary importance of matters of faith."

The article in the communist weekly Nowa Kultura is by Taduesz Pluzanski. In appealing for radically new methods to combat "religious superstition," the author warns:

"Let us not be deluded by the 'rigidity' of Catholic dogmas . . . Catholicism exploits every possible approach to the essential trends of modern lay thought . . . There is no fighter for the realization of the mottoes of the French Revolution — Liberty, Equality, Fraternity — as effective and enthusiastic as Catholicism. No one calls more loudly for progress and tolerance."

The way to make sure that the Catholic Church will "wither away," according to Mr. Pluzanski, is to work for "the intellectual isolation of the Catholic movement."

NCCLA Deanery Meet Set For Elizabeth City Oct. 13

SOUTHERN PINES — It was announced this week that the first in the series of Fall Deanery Meetings for the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association will take place for the Elizabeth City Deanery on Sunday, October 13 starting at 3 p.m. This important meeting will be held at St. Catherine's Parish, Elizabeth City with Father Joseph L. Hart, S.S.E., as the host pastor.

The meeting will also mark the election of new officers who will assume a responsible position in the framework of the Laymen's Association for the next two years.

Dr. Walter Kulash, State President of the NCCLA will speak on "The Laymen's Role in the NCC-LA." Father Francis A. McCarthy of Southern Pines and Father James E. McSweeney of Washington will also attend the meeting.

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CHURCH WILL CONTINUE FIGHT ON COMMUNISM WITH LAITY AS ARMY, POPE TELLS LAY MEETING

VATICAN CITY (NC)—The Church has no intention of relenting in her battle against her avowed enemy, atheistic communism; she will use the weapons of Christ, with the laity as her army, to fight to the end, His Holiness Pope Pius XII said here.

Murray Asks US to Help Develop Atomic Power

ST. BONAVENTURE, N. Y. (NC)—Former Atomic Energy Commissioner Thomas E. Murray has called for the United States to fulfill its international responsibilities by financing an immediate atomic power program to provide electric power.

In a speech read at the opening of St. Bonaventure University's centennial year, Mr. Murray criticized the Eisenhower administration for opposing the project as a Federal venture and leaving the job to private enterprise. The atomic expert said this position is wrong because "private enterprise would be the first to admit that it is unable and legitimately unwilling to bear the cost of a reactor program" at this time.

The Pontiff addressed 2,000 delegates to the second World Congress of the Lay Apostolate gathered here.

"Let it be clearly stated," he continued, "that Christ's Church has no intention of ceding ground to its declared enemy, atheistic communism, without putting up a fight. This battle will be fought to the bitter end with the weapons of Christ."

To those who will accept the call to battle, the Pope recommended the protection of "the Queen of Heaven . . . who has given tangible and prodigious assistance in recent years and in many parts of the earth."

"If there is a power in the world capable of overthrowing the petty barriers of prejudice and partisan spirit, and to dispose souls for a frank reconciliation and fraternal union among people," the Pontiff continued, "it is indeed the Catholic Church. You (the laity) can rejoice in it with pride. It is for you to contribute to it with all your strength."

He also clarified another point, which had been raised recently, by declaring that the time is not yet ripe for the re-introduction of the rank of deacon conceived as an ecclesiastical function independent of the priesthood.

It was clear to his listeners that he did not close the door to such a possibility. In fact, he went on to say that if such a diaconate should one day be introduced, it would not be part of the lay apostolate but would have to be considered as part of the priesthood.

The immediate and urgent role of the laity today, the Pontiff continued, is to bring the spirit of Christianity into all parts of human life: family, social, economic and political.

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Washington's First Pastor Dies in New York Hospital

WASHINGTON, N. C. — Father Joseph Endler, C.P., first pastor of Mother of Mercy Church here, died Tuesday, October 1, in a New York Hospital.

Born June 5, 1892, Father Endler made his religious profession as a Passionist on August 3, 1913, and was ordained on January 21, 1923. He came to Washington in November of 1946 and built Mother of Mercy Church, retiring in August of 1954 due to ill health.

A Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered at Immaculate Conception Monastery, Jamaica, Long Island, New York last Friday morning, October 4. Father Owen Doyle, C. P., a classmate, delivered the sermon.

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