

LAWYER STARTS SOCIETY TO BATTLE REDS IN U. S.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. — (AP) — An anti-Communist organization known as the Society of Red Haters has sprung up in Huntington and may reach national proportions if its founder, Thomas E. Foley, has his way.

Foley, a Huntington attorney and veteran of World War I, said he organized the society to fight back at "Communist traitors" because he has been fed up with and frightened by prospects of Communism in this country for 30 years.

The society is designed to be on the same pattern as the Communist Party in this country, in small closely knit groups coordinated by a centralized body.

The idea of SRH has long been a dream of Foley but the attorney

St. Francis Made First Crib in Cave

St. Francis of Assisi is believed to have originated the custom of displaying the Christ Child in a crib at Christmas time.

He is reported once to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem, I wish to see how poor and miserable the infant Saviour became for us."

So at midnight, in the small Italian village of Greccio, in the year 1200, St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

He said the danger of Communism has been dramatized until the formerly indifferent citizen can visualize now the "evil day, when



AN AGE-OLD STORY RETOLD... "She brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger."

lend-lease to Russia will come back in the form of bombs and germs warfare."

It will be too late to stamp out internal treason then, Foley said, and it is the object of the Society of Red Haters to accomplish that job in the little time that remains.

FOR UNITED ACTION

He said that because of the profound change in the outlook of his fellow Americans, he decided that while the individual is helpless, a million hard core anti-Communists united for action could save this republic and the civilized world.

Foley has received hundreds of letters from all over the United States and four foreign countries asking how the writers could help in the organization.

The main purpose of the society, Foley said, is to educate the pub-



IT'S LITTLE WONDER that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American people.

History proves that the Americans have done a lot for Saint Nick!

They have given him a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall angular man who rode on a bony gray mare. Both the horse and Saint Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nicholas his "New Look." The English children adopted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but the English children had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nickolous." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalout," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1822. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York theological seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

Cedars of Lebanon Are Well Protected By Religion, Law

On a shelf-like plateau, 600 feet above the Mediterranean, the world's oldest Christmas trees stand where they have stood for centuries. The cedars of Lebanon, 400 of them, are protected by religion and law from harm at the hands of either the Moslems or the Maronite Christians.

The magnificent trees "that sing of the nativity" were venerated as monarchs among trees long before Judah had her first king. Some of them have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

In the days of the conquerors thousands of conscripted Hebrew workers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem "cedar trees without number"; the result of one of the first building contracts, between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon.

Today, however, the trees are protected by law and the department of agriculture of the government sponsors the planting of seedlings, so that the giant cedars will grow forever.

to recognize Communist propaganda and rebel against it.

"If patriotic people are alerted to red-slanted commentators, producers, sponsors, stations, publications, speakers, teachers and book publishing houses, the propaganda brains of the Communist conspiracy can be knocked out and its financial back broken by their protests," he said.

MATERIAL ASSEMBLED

The society is assembling material based on official reports about Communist activity in America and intends to conduct investiga-



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TWIN TOO SHORT

WORCESTER, Mass. — (AP) — Only a quarter-inch separated two identical twins when they went to enlist in the naval reserve. Francis Duggan was accepted but his twin Walter was a quarter-inch too short.

Kansas produces about one-fourth of the nation's supply of winter wheat.

tions to teach Americans what Communism is and guide them in united action against it.

Foley said state directors are being chosen and organizational plans and membership applications are at the printer's. The society hopes to hold large rallies in New York and Los Angeles within the next few months.

Kettl; Newman, another Huntington attorney, is setting up a panel of lawyers to assist in the defense of persons who may become victims of "red-concocted intimidation suits."

Part of the society's educational program calls for contests among students. It will offer prizes for the best essays on "Seeds of Treason," "Men Without Faces," and similar books that expose Communist treason.

Foley is a graduate of Columbia University and the National Law School, Washington, D. C.

FIRE BOX ON FIRE

PHOENIX, Ariz. — (AP) — Screams, lights flashing and bells ringing, the fire engines raced to an outlying neighborhood. The fire was in an unfinished fire alarm box.

BUNNIES TOO HUNGRY

RICHMOND, Va. — (AP) — Exhibitors at the rabbit show of the Atlantic rural exposition plan to use metal identification tags next fall. This year the bunnies chewed up their paper tags just before the judging contest.

STUDENTS CLEAN UP

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. — (AP) — Williams College students have made a big business out of summer vacation jobs. A college survey showed that last summer 748 students earned a total of \$248,959.

COMMISSIONER ON SPOT

DETROIT. — (AP) — Owners of a two-story house here sued to evict Robert L. Berry, his wife and two children. Berry is Detroit housing commissioner.

5 BROTHERS JOIN UP

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (AP) — Five brothers have enlisted in the same Navy outfit here. They are Welton, Joe, Grady, Otha and Ray Camp of Friendship, Tenn.



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