

# Shadow Over the White House

PLANS FOR PLACING a Roman Catholic in the White House by 1960 are gaining momentum as both parties face the challenge of winning over Mr. Average Citizen, who, it is felt, no longer wears the colors of bigotry and anti-Catholicism.

The 1958 elections have spurred the Democrats in particular, who view the prospects of victory with increasing courage as they enter, so to speak, the bottom half of the ninth inning.

An interesting and enlightening comparison comes to view when one considers the immense difference between recent articles on the subject and a reprinted article which appeared in the *Brooklyn Tablet* as recently as 1956. In the latter, influential Democrats were discussing the subject of the nomination of a Roman Catholic for the office of Vice President. "Mr. Truman opposes such a nomination," runs the comment, "because 'he feels a Catholic would seriously hurt the ticket. . . .'"

The 1956 report continued that with Truman, Rayburn and David Lawrence opposing a Roman Catholic nominee, "and another Democrat joining the forces opposed to a Catholic Vice-Presidential nominee, Rep. Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota is aligned with those who think it would be bad to run a Catholic for the Vice-Presidency."

Robert E. Lee, author of this 1956 editorial, concluded: "The issue is not whether a man is a Catholic, a Protestant or a Jew, as long as he qualifies for the office he seeks."

## EDITORIAL

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To this seemingly logical reasoning we are moved to reply that a Jew would not seek union of church and state. A Protestant would not seek union of church and state. But a Catholic, by reason of his loyalty to his church, which holds views contrary to the Constitution of the United States, would be *obliged* to seek union of church and state and would thus be disqualified for the office of President of the United States.

Unfortunately, today both political parties are willing to disregard principle in their unrelenting drive to emerge as victor.

### HEADED FOR THE ASHCAN

Now let us look at the most recent comments on this subject, two years after the above opinions were given. Remarkably, in this brief period, Roman Catholic arguments have prevailed, to the extent that the mentality of columnists and writers has been molded to conform to the blueprint of Roman Catholic architects, who are definitely planning for a Catholic America.

Listen to the views of Robert C. Albright, staff reporter of the *Washington Post and Times Herald*:

"Another 'unwritten law' of American politics—that a Catholic cannot be elected President—is headed for the ashcan within the next few years. And 1960 could be the year that a more mature and tolerant America scraps the old chestnut, a group of historians suggested yesterday.

### The New Leaf

*He came to my desk with quivering lip—  
The lesson was done.*

*"Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf," he said,  
"I have spoiled this one."*

*I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,  
And gave him a new one, all unspotted,  
And into his sad eyes smiled:  
"Do better now, my child!"*

*I went to the Throne with a quivering soul—  
The old year was done.*

*"Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?  
"I have spoiled this one."*

*He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,  
And gave me a new one, all unspotted,  
And into my sad heart smiled:  
"Do better now, my child!"*

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

"Nearly all of them concluded that, all other factors being equal, a Catholic today could and possibly would be elected either President or Vice President. The occasion was a joint session of the American Catholic Historical Association and the American Historical Association, at the Mayflower Hotel, to discuss the 'Catholic Question' in Presidential campaigns. In a lively discussion of why Al Smith didn't make it in 1928, but John F. Kennedy just possibly might thirty-two years later, someone in the audience suggested, 'What would happen if the Democrats nominated Kennedy and the Republicans also nominated a Catholic, like Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell?'"

"I don't know," replied Arthur Krock of the *New York Times*. 'Where would all the poor bigots go?'"

"Consider," said Edmund A. Moore of the University of Connecticut, 'the heavy load Smith bore. He was a Tammany product, a wet, a Catholic, a symbol of the newer immigrants. . . .' Moore said he hoped America had grown up since those days.

"Krock said he believes any Catholic who runs for President will have to do as Smith did, make a statement asserting his belief in the principle of separation of church and state, in order to win."

John Cogley, executive editor of *Roman Catholic Commonweal* and a member of the Fund for the Republic staff, recently speaking on this subject to a capacity audience at the Catholic Information Center asserted that "the basic guarantees of religious freedoms in the United States are so strong that the attitude toward the separation of church and state are no longer valid or justified."

#### "IT IS NOT ENOUGH . . ."

Opposed to this bland assertion is the official stand of the Roman hierarchy, as expressed in the following quotation from the *Sign* (March 1957):

"*The Public Life*. Catholics who are engaged in politics cannot be satisfied simply with applying the teachings of the Church to their private lives; they must also apply these teachings to the affairs of their public lives wherever they can. Speaking in Switzerland on 'Religion and Politics,' Bishop Charriere emphasized this: 'It is not enough for a Catholic engaged in politics to lead a real Christian life privately. He must also promote the social reforms suggested by the Pope and the Bishops.'"

Unfortunately, in the face of a power that claims the authority to change constitutions and defy governments, the Constitution of the United States is not altogether invulnerable. The past few decades have seen new and surprising interpretations of its basic guarantees and protections. One questions if the framers of this incredibly enlightened document would recognize it in its twentieth century guise. It is certainly disturbing to discover that its sworn enemies are invading the highest posts of government, the Senate, the House of Representatives, even the Judiciary, and are now waging a masterful campaign to occupy the White House.

The concept of separation of church and state as guaranteed in the American Constitution has been virtually unchallenged in the history of the United States. The Constitution has stated the case so clearly that until recently no judge has ever attempted to interpret that concept in a way different from what was intended by its authors.

#### DISTURBING PRECEDENT

But now State Supreme Court Justice Elbert T. Gallagher of New York declares that there is "no absolute separation." The case in which this decision was given concerned the erection of a Christmas creche on the lawn of the Ossining (New York) High School. Justice Gallagher's decision, which was given December 16, 1958, reads:

"If such accommodations violate the doctrine of absolute separation between Church and State, then it is time that that doctrine be discarded once and for all. Absolute separation is not and never has been required by the Constitution. Mr. Justice Douglas, speaking for the United States Supreme Court in its most recent expression of opinion on the subject, stated: 'The First Amendment, however, does not say that in every and all respects there shall be a separation of Church and State, rather it studiously defines the manner, the specific way in which there shall be no concert or union or dependency one on the other.'"

This New York decision will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

The relatively harmless occurrence in Ossining, New York, is not in itself disturbing, but the principle and precedent involved in the decision of Justice Gallagher most certainly is. If he wants to throw away the barrier between church and state, by implication he wants to establish a union of church and state. And if there is a union of church and state, what church shall be united with the state? Will it be the Presbyterian Church? the Methodist? the Lutheran? the Baptist? the Mormon? Or will it be the Roman Catholic Church?

#### PROGRESS — OR REGRESSION?

We have already brought to our readers' attention the fact that sooner or later the Roman Church will attempt to have the Constitution changed. One of the primary objectives of Roman Catholic intervention in government is to unite church and state, a situation which could only result in established relations between the United States and the Vatican, with the Pope scoring the final victory.

This is no time for abstract thinking, especially among Protestants. This is a time to review and confirm our basic, American concept of Government, if we are to save this country from the fatal tragedies that have befallen other nations, most of which have been subjected to a succession of constitutions in the past hundred years. Governed by a Constitution in which separation of church and state is solidly established, America has open before her roads of privilege and

progress unparalleled in the annals or unwritten future of any other nation.

It would be a tragic reversion to the gross inequities of the Dark Ages if America ever accepted this archaic and disastrous doctrine of union of church and state. As alert Americans we need to protect our freedoms and fight more vigorously than ever for the fundamental concepts of our incomparable Constitution.

John Pym, the great Puritan parliamentarian of the seventeenth century, described the aims of the Roman Church in these words:

"If they should once obtain a connivance, they will press for a toleration; from thence to an equality; from an equality to a superiority; from a superiority to an extirpation of all contrary religions."

Let this be an alarm for every red-blooded, freedom-loving American.

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Protestant churches are permitted no distinctive markings. Prayer meetings in private homes are often broken up by police. Courts impose heavy fines on these hapless victims of bigotry. The Baptist Church in Madrid is one of many the police have closed and sealed. Union Theological Seminary, the only institution for training of Protestant ministers in Spain, was closed by police in January of 1956. Explaining this outrage the Spanish Ambassador to the United States, Jose Ma. De Areizla, blandly said: "If the Roman Catholic Church believes it professes the true religion, why should it be subjected to adverse propaganda to rob it of its faith?"

Protestant marriage and funeral services are forbidden in Spain. A Protestant cannot send his children to school unless he consents to having Roman Catholic teaching forced on them. Two young men of the navy, members of the Assembly of Brethren in Vigo, Spain, received sentence of two years in prison for refusing to genuflect at a Roman Catholic Mass which navy law had required them to attend. The higher Court of Justice re-affirmed their sentence and advised them that repetition of their "crime" would bring repetition of the sentence.

Franco's gestapo, prompted by the sinister Cardinal Segura, has again raided the British Bible Society headquarters and confiscated 30,000 Bibles. These dangerous books must be kept from the people. John Sutherland Bonnell, the eminent clergyman, after visiting throughout Europe, declared he would rather be a Protestant minister in any country behind the iron curtain than in Spain. Spain is a country that has experienced everything and learned nothing. Yet this is the Roman Catholic ideal. The Pope himself never tires of referring to this miserable place and its miserable people as "Christian Spain." Let us remember, too, that it is the wicked and indecent regime of Franco that our government has helped maintain with its generous gifts. Here is a free people subsidizing bigotry.

For a long time the Roman Church saw little chance of making the United States into another Spain. But now things are looking up. Due to a liberal immigration policy the Roman Catholic proportion of our population has been rising. This increase is also due to another factor. Go into a typical Protestant home and you may find

one child or none. Go into a Roman Catholic home and you will find anywhere from five to fifteen. It takes no great mathematical skill to see where that brings us in a few generations. It has just about brought us there. The hierarchy's hostility to birth control has paid off. Their adherents are now numerous enough to challenge American traditions with good chance of success.

#### A Divisive Influence

Roman Catholicism with its 33 million members (the hierarchy's figure) is a divisive influence in America today. The public schools where boys and girls of all faiths met and learned to respect each other, have become the number one enemy of the hierarchy. The Romanists have established their own sectarian schools in competition and have now succeeded in enrolling more than 4 million pupils. They have worked to discredit and undermine the public schools. Roman Catholic dominated school boards have reduced and stifled the public schools. Priests have led in defeating bond issues for new buildings. Father Paul Blakey in a pamphlet bearing the imprimatur of his Bishop, writes: "The Catholic's first duty to the public school is to keep his children out of it and not to pay taxes for its support." Father Francis B. LeBuffe contributes this gem: "Thanks to our goddess American public school . . . we have a generation today which does not know God."

A decade ago Father Robert I. Gannon, then President of Forham University charged that public school inadequacies were responsible for juvenile delinquency. Roman Catholic teaching, he claimed, would solve the problem. Unfortunately for him, his colleague, Father George B. Ford, Roman Catholic Chaplain at Columbia University, and well known sociologist, made a speech almost at the same time, in which he declared that the 64% of the delinquents then appearing in Children's Court were Roman Catholics. The figure today, according to Dean Pike, is still considerably more than 50%, though Romanists comprise less than half the city's population.

An article in the New York Daily Mirror, praising the work of Roman Catholic prison chaplains, incidentally disclosed that of 1989 inmates of Clinton Prison, 1200 were Roman Cath-

# A SUMMONS TO AMERICANS



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I have come to this pulpit today only after the deepest searching of soul. My subject is one I would have every natural desire to avoid. For years I did avoid it. I watched a cloud no bigger than a man's hand, rise upon the horizon. I did nothing in the hope that the cloud might in time dissolve. Instead, it grew larger and darker while I continued to hold my tongue and my hand. Today that cloud looms so large that no one can miss it, and its menacing blackness threatens to blot out the light of liberty. Those of us who have neither the taste nor the ability for public controversy—those of us who hung reluctantly back hoping for the best—have no longer any choice. We must speak now or perhaps ever here after hold our peace.

### The Indictment

I come here to point out that the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church is now engaged in a supreme effort to change the nature of the America that you and I have known and loved. Now there is no question about their right to do this if they can. Under a democratic system any group has the right to change things so long as it proceeds in a constitutional manner. But it just happens that I like the United States the way it is. I like the principles on which this country was founded and on which it grew to greatness. Is it wrong, then, for me to object when I see others trying to make changes that I consider harmful? Is this not yet a free country where one's convictions may be freely voiced? Should I be called a bigot when I plead for principles that are as old as this republic? It is like a prize fighter who is always screaming, "Foul." When his opponent stops to apologize and explain that he is not really fouling, the other chap knocks him out with a sneak punch. Granted that the Romanist hierarchy has the right to change America, I have a right, too, to stand up and denounce what they are attempting. I have the right to use my influence to keep this country the way it is. That is exactly what I propose to do today.

Let us notice right off that Roman Catholicism has never been too much at home in the United States. It has always found totalitarian governments more congenial than democracy because

it is a spiritual totalitarianism itself. At the head of this church is a man who calls himself the Vicar of Jesus Christ and who insists that any statement he may offer in the realm of faith and morals cannot be wrong. In the Romanist system there are, to use their words, "rulers and ruled." The rulers are the hierarchy; the ruled are the masses who have the privilege of thinking and believing as they are told. This is dictatorship with no chance for check or balance of any kind. If you have a voice that is infallible, what need is there for other voices?

Precisely because it is a dictatorship itself, Romanism has always got along quite well with dictators. It understands their way of operating. The concordat between Mussolini and the Pope is well known. Within six months of Hitler's accession to power in 1933 Pope Pius XI had negotiated and signed a concordat with that dictator. It was, in fact, the solid acceptance of Hitler by the Roman Catholics of south Germany which enabled him to come to power. All Catholics were forbidden to oppose him. The German bishops meeting in 1936 declared: "May our Fuehrer with the help of God succeed in the extraordinarily difficult work he has undertaken." (The reference is plainly to the conquest of Europe.) In 1940 when France had fallen and a German victory seemed imminent, the German bishops in a pastoral letter gave "a solemn pledge of loyalty to Chancellor Hitler."

The Vatican got on fine with the America-hating Peron until Peron began to be a bit independent. Then he was thrown out. It is true that the Vatican has not as yet reached an agreement with the Soviet rulers. I confess I find this hard to understand. The Red regime is, of course, atheistic. But I don't think that has much to do with it. Hitler's regime was atheistic, too. It was based on Nietzsche and Rosenberg's anti-Christian myths. Yet the Pope had no difficulty embracing the Nazis.

Negotiations between communist rulers and the Vatican have gone on intermittently. Any shift in the power situation favoring Russia would hasten agreement. The Vatican's interest in the Vatican will take precedence over its interest in religion.

### Religious Liberty—Roman Style

The worst feature about the American system, from the Vatican point of view, is our prin-

ciple of the Separation of Church and State. The Romanist position as set forth in the encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII is that the state exists for the church. It is the function of the state to promote the successful operations of the church. And when he says "church," my friends, he does not mean the Baptist or the Methodist. He means the Pope's own domination. The trouble with the separation of church and state, as the Vatican sees it, is that all faiths are put on an equal footing before the law. This is intolerable because, as they see it, the state exists for the purpose of promoting Roman Catholicism. The official organ of the Jesuits published in Rome puts it this way in a recent issue: "The Roman Catholic Church, convinced (that it is) the only true Church, must demand the right to freedom for herself alone, because such a right can only be possessed by truth, never by error. As to other religions . . . the Church will require that they shall not be allowed to propagate false doctrine.

Whenever it can, the Church will require that legal existence be denied to error." The article goes on to state that in some countries where Romanists are in the minority they will be too weak to suppress other faiths. In these situations the Romanists are to insist on all possible concessions for themselves, hoping for the day when they will be able to deny other minorities the very rights that were accorded to them. The statement ends by saying: "We ask Protestants to understand that the Roman Church would betray her trust if she were to proclaim that error (that is Protestantism) can have the same rights as truth (Romanism)."

I once asked a Jesuit priest if this really represented the aim of Rome. He admitted that it did, but added: "You Protestants need have no cause for alarm. It will be a long time before Catholics are in a majority and we are able to establish a true Church-State relationship in the United States." That is to say, we Protestants needn't worry until it's too late to do anything about it!

### What Rome Really Wants

There is no doubt about what Rome wants. We have a made-to-order demonstration in Dictator Franco's Spain. In that country Protestants are second-rate citizens, cruelly discriminated against, driven into the ghetto. They are treated exactly as the Pope likes to see them treated.

olics. Such facts are enough to make us doubt whether Roman Catholic education is the answer to juvenile delinquency.

It is now avowed Romanist strategy to secure full tax support for their sectarian schools. If they don't get it, they claim they are "double-taxed." Well, they are not "double-taxed." They are required to pay for only one school system—the public. But if I, a Protestant, am forced to pay taxes for *their* sectarian schools, that is double taxation. Roman Catholic schools use the text book *LIVING OUR FAITH*, published by W. H. Sadlier. It teaches the children that all Protestant faiths are counterfeit and false. When I am required to pay for *that* kind of teaching it is not only double taxation—it is triple tyranny. If they want to teach that my faith is counterfeit, let them do so. But don't expect me to pay the bill!

The school problem is conspicuous. Yet no center of influence escapes Roman Catholic infiltration. Even small, remote communities feel it. For a classic example of Roman Catholic penetration I take you now to Baudette, Minnesota, a village on the Canadian border. The population is 1200. 70% are Protestant. Some years ago the people raised funds for a new hospital. They built a handsome edifice and provided excellent equipment. Roman Catholic nuns were brought in to operate the hospital. The "cheap labor" appealed to the villagers.

Presently the nuns and the Roman Catholic physician in charge demanded a "children's wing." The villagers voted \$180,000 in bonds for the wing. These funds were not sufficient. An additional \$90,000 was needed to complete the project. This bond issue was turned down by the voters at three elections. They had learned that the so-called "children's wing" was really a chapel, sacristy, penitent room and confessory for the nuns.

The appraised valuation of the hospital buildings was \$350,000 with perhaps an additional \$50,000 in equipment. The nuns offered to buy the hospital and equipment for \$223,000. They and the doctors threatened to leave the community in 60 days if the offer were not accepted. Under this pressure the village council gave in and sold the facility at the give-away price. That is how the people of Baudette lost their hospital.

They lost it to a group that came to serve and remained to tyrannize.

The pattern of penetration unfolds. First make yourself indispensable to the community. Then when you get things firmly in your hands, crack down and take over. Nobody can do anything about it. Gloating over the easy acquisition of the Baudette hospital, the hierarchy will no doubt move next against the community's public schools. So, by a process of infiltration and cynical opportunism a community is captured.

### Who Are the Bigots?

There is a new aggressiveness on the part of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. In 1948 the Bishops of this faith called on their people to work "patiently, persistently and perseveringly" to destroy the principle of Church-State Separation. In areas where they felt strong enough to do so, Romanists have boldly taken over the public schools. Their abortive attempt to seize the North College Hill system near Cincinnati made headlines a few years ago.

Dixon, New Mexico, was likewise an early battle ground. In this community a Roman Catholic school board simply turned the schools over to nuns and priests. They were operated with regular masses and all the Romanist trimmings. The salaries of the nuns and priests were paid out of tax funds and went straight to the Bishop without deductions. When the non-Catholics of the community raised funds and built a public school, the Roman Catholic School Board insisted on staffing this school, too, with nuns and priests. They were determined to force Romanist teaching on all the children.

The Roman Catholic grip on the New Mexico school system was broken only after a prolonged struggle in the courts. Certain nuns who were ousted from the public schools there went to Kentucky and started the same thing all over again. Readers of *TIME* magazine will recall the tragic story of the Bradfordsville School. A Roman Catholic School Board systematically depreciated the Bradfordsville School and finally closed it. All children were then required to travel to the Catholic end of the county and be taught by nuns in another so-called "public" school. Now Protestants have started long and costly litigation to oust priests and nuns from public schools of that state. In Missouri the same battle has

been fought and won. Now it is joined in Kansas and Indiana as Protestants and other Americans in many communities seek to defend their children against Roman Catholic sectarian teaching in "public" schools. It is a battle without end.

Well, who are the bigots? The people who do these things, or the people who report them?

### Keep America Great!

I don't like it. I propose to say so at every opportunity. If I am called a bigot I shall go right on saying so. The goal of the hierarchy is a new American culture dominated by themselves. I don't want that. I like a free country. I like the United States as it is. I think it compares quite favorably with Spain, Italy, Colombia and other countries that have groaned for centuries under the inhibiting yoke of clericalism.

We have our work cut out for us. We have been coddling ourselves too long with a sham tolerance. If America is to remain free, Church-State Separation must be maintained. We are the people who are going to have to do it. If the Romanists get tax funds for their sectarian schools, that will be the death blow to the public school which already suffers from inadequate support. Here we stand:—Not a cent of public funds for parochial schools or any other sectarian purpose!

Do we dare ask this question? What church has been trying for many years to get an American ambassador appointed to its ruler? Not the Presbyterian; not the Lutheran; not the Congregationalist or the Methodist or the Baptist. No: it is the Roman Catholic Church. They put it over once; they will keep everlastingly at it in the hope of putting it over again. The bid for special favor goes on.

This drive for domination can only be opposed by a matching vigilance. Someone says that our constitution guarantees Separation of Church and State and that decisions of the Supreme Court confirm it. That is all very well. But we must never make the mistake of relying on such facts alone. Laws and courts are in the long run only the projections of the people's mind. They are going to change if the mind from which they emanate is changed. Our only sure hope of keeping religious liberty in this land is through the living faithfulness of those who love

it. There must be no fanaticism about our struggle. We must battle as individuals and we must join organizations like "Protestants and Other Americans United." In a spirit of kindness, with perfect goodwill toward all, we must continue our struggle to keep America free and great. "Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made you free and come not again under the yoke of bondage."

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tian names.

Is this a page out of Foxe's book of martyrs?  
Or is this a story of Romish inquisition of  
medieval days?

No! These free people marked out by Rome  
for doom, have been slaughtered and scattered  
and the survivors forced into the Roman  
Catholic Church in the days of our own years,  
before our very eyes, during 1941 and 1942.

This exterminating process was carried out  
suddenly, methodically and ruthlessly by that  
same double-headed totalitarian power which  
has formulated a complete plan long ago to  
make sleeping America Catholic.

Nor does this account of intrigue and car-  
nage stand alone in the history of Rome. It is  
but one sad story and concerns the fate of  
only one country, among hundreds of similar  
historical records.

Finally, and in conclusion may this account  
stamp an indelible picture in our minds which  
we can never forget. Regardless of the crafty  
smoothness of the deceptive Sheens; regard-  
less of the unblushing flattery of the traitorous  
Spellmans, regardless of the feigned cham-  
pioning of democracy by the cunning Mc-  
Carthys and the fawning McCarrens; the  
awful history of the Serbs during 1941 and  
1942 hangs before us today like a dark and  
dreadful cloud upon the horizon, reminding  
us continually of the fatal storm which is si-  
lently and steadily gathering over the U. S. A.,  
as Rome in her unparalleled treachery embarks  
upon the final stage of making America Ro-  
man Catholic **WHILE AMERICA SLEEPS.**

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America is sleeping; she has slept far, far too long already.

While she slumbers peacefully on, Truth and Liberty which have made us a great and free people are being quietly stolen away forever.

Millions of unsuspecting citizens of the United States of America are reclining in comfortable repose, never once having suspected that our existence as a Protestant nation, has been marked out long ago for doom, by a foreign power which is not Russia.

Most certainly Americans have a right to have the jitters as they nervously listen to the hue and cry of "Communism" via radio and television and newsprint, pictured luridly to us as a gigantic power, ready at any moment to batter down our front door with atomic weapons. But while America's attention has been riveted on the threat of Communism, an equally sinister and deadly, and far more subtle enemy of Democracy has crept unawares to great power through our back door.

The suspicions of one "Un-American Activities" committee after another, throwing public spotlight on suspected Communist subversives in government positions, are daily paraded before us, yet an equally malignant and far more traitorous system is allowed to continue its deadly work of silently undermining our government from within, totally unmolested.

The Communist suspect today is hailed before tribunals looked upon as a traitor of

the U. S. A., regarded as a scourge of society, watched and mistrusted in every move he makes and rightly so if he is a genuine tool of the Soviet; yet those scheming members of another treasonable system which has long ago vowed to conquer America, and who are daily carrying out their orders of 5th column national destruction in our very midst, are pictured to us as respectable and democratic citizens, as pious and benevolent and faithful religious leaders!

What is this system which by stealth and flattery, almost unnoticed by the rank and file of Americans, has ascended to such a dangerous position of power as to virtually threaten our existence as a free people?

What is the name of this unique and treacherous power which has lulled America to sleep with great swelling words while it robs her of all that is precious to us, like the vampire bat which fans his victim into a peaceful repose as he sucks out his life's blood?

What foreign power is it which owns the world's largest hydra-headed religio-political corporation, which has absolute control of billions of dollars worth of real estate in the United States, completely tax exempt, while it takes every advantage of American liberty and freedom to further its relentless campaign to ruin the Democracy which protects it?

Its dread reign is without parallel in the history of totalitarianism. In its ascent to supremacy in country after country during the last 1,500 years, it has brought millions upon millions of people into abject bondage, as it has trodden over the souls and bodies of men, over the rights and laws of communities, over the alliances and treaties of nations.

In all these unfortunate and subdued and exploited countries this evil power has come into political dominance subtly and under cover while outwardly pretending to function as a Christian Church.

Instrumental in its supernatural growth, have been numberless Pagan lying wonders, used as a foundation for its awe inspiring and mysterious heathen ritual, which, disguised as Christian Church worship, in the name of Jesus Christ, has kept millions in ignorance and bondage from the cradle to the grave, as it mounts to its zenith of power, at the awful expense of the lives and property of the poor and needy in every land.

It has attained this startling and devastating control over the lives of countless people, over the rule of many nations, even to the remotest islands of the seas, completely and absolutely intolerant of the rights of others, with the cross in one hand and the sword of injustice and persecution reeking with the blood of millions of martyrs in the other.

This enemy of God, as well as all mankind is the Roman Catholic Church. She is already entrenched in great strength in our United States. Like those soldiers in the Trojan horse waiting for darkness, she silently awaits the hour when the order from the Pope in the Vatican shall send her flying forth upon her long-awaited mission of final conquest and destruction in this Protestant country which in its complacent tolerance and foolish slumber, nourished and protected her for generations.

While Bishop Sheen is basking in his public glory and carrying off popularity awards, he is daily using that same popularity which foolish and stupefied America has drowsily handed over to him, as a camouflage to cover

his real aim which is to bring her under complete control of the Roman Catholic Church.

While Cardinal Spellman outwardly appears to be sponsoring the principles of Democracy, while he parades before the public eye in his pagan trappings disguised as a shepherd of the only true Church, his every move is geared to a hideous scheme of unparalleled treachery to force slumbering America into the Roman Catholic fold.

While the Pope sends our President his cordial felicitations and invokes divine blessings upon the administrative government of our day, that same Pontiff plots and schemes continually and secretly, and arrays the entire formidable power of the Roman Catholic system in an unceasing war on every Democratic principle which would hinder the Vatican from becoming supreme religious and political authority in the United States.

Do these startling statements seem fantastic? Sadly we must relate that they are NOT. The Roman Catholic Church has already poured out unbelievable atrocities for hundreds of years on millions of Christians, while politically subjecting nation after nation to her yoke of poverty and desolation. A wealth of historical proof of these gruesome facts is available to anyone interested enough to seek out the truth for themselves.

But in spite of the many existing proofs of Rome's terrible past, some who do not care to investigate will undoubtedly challenge my statements concerning her plan for the ultimate conquest of America.

Many in slumbering America today would be shocked to learn that Rome's pattern of conquest has always been the same. First she begs for tolerance. Then when tolerance has

been granted, she pleads for equality. After equality has been enjoyed then Rome steps forth in her true color and arrogantly and ruthlessly dictates her supremacy. Thus nation after nation has fallen before this institution of power which though called a Church, is nonetheless the world's greatest menace to humanity and freedom as well as the mightiest political nation of our planet. And America is next.

The balance of this tract will be partially devoted to an indisputable array of evidence against Rome and her dastardly aspirations for the United States, from the words of Roman Catholic writers themselves.

The ultimate aims of the Roman Catholic Church in America are very clearly set out in an official book, stamped with the entire approval of the Pope, studied as a text in Catholic universities, and written by the head of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. (The State and the Church, by Msgr. J. A. Ryan and M.F.X. Millar, republished 1940 as Roman Catholic Principles of Politics.) It explicitly states that as there exists only one true religion, Catholicism, the Catholic Church must establish itself as the State Church in the United States of America.

This is in accordance with the fundamental doctrines of the Popes and also has for its authority the encyclical written by Pope Leo XIII, called "Catholicity in the United States," in which the American separation of Church and State is condemned. In short, Roman Catholicism must be made to prevail and eventually eliminate all other religions.

Pope Pius IX in his Syllabus of Errors, branded as one of "the principal errors of our

time," the statement that "the Church ought to be separated from the State, and the State from the Church." Leo XIII called the separation of Church and State a "fatal principle." (Encyclical of Human Liberty, Paulist Press. Page 25.)

We quote from an article that appeared in "The Union and Echo" official diocesan organ of the Roman Catholic Church, Buffalo, N. Y., December 17, 1950.

"... at the rate of 126,000 converts a year in the United States it would take us too long (that is to make America Catholic). We must convert the world of Politics, Economics, Sociology, Business, Entertainment, Labor and Management, Congress, and the Department of State, and the Executive Branch of our Government to Christian and hence Catholic principles."

The following is quoted from a letter written by Father Patrick Henry O'Brien to Rev. A. DiDomenica, former Roman Catholic of Philadelphia, Pa., now at 37 Campbell Avenue, Havertown, Pa., originally printed in L'Aurora, published by the Italian Baptist Association of America.

"We, the hierarchy of the Holy Catholic Church, expect all loyal Children of the Church to assist the President with all our strength to see that individuals comprising the U. S. Supreme Court shall obey the President's injunctions. And, if necessary, we shall change, mend, or blot out the PRESENT CONSTITUTION so that the President may enforce his, or rather our humanitarian program and all phases of human rights as laid down by our saintly Popes and the Holy Mother Church . . .

"We are going to have our laws made and enforced according to the Holy See, and the Popes and the canon law of the Papal throne. Our entire social structure must be rebuilt on that basis. Our educational laws must be constructed to the end that atheism, the Red peril of totalitarianism, PROTESTANTISM, Communism, Socialism and ALL OTHER OF LIKE ILK and STAMP, be driven from this fair land.

"We want as Cabinet Members children of the Holy Mother Church holding important positions in the entire structure of our government.

"We control America and we do not propose to stop until America or Americans are genuinely Roman Catholic and remain so, God help us."

In the Western Watchman of St. Louis, June 27, 1912, we read the following words spoken by Father D. S. Phelan who was former dean of Papal editors in the United States.

"And why is it the Church is strong? Why is it everybody is afraid of the Catholic Church? The American people are more afraid of her than any people in the world. Why are they afraid of the Catholic Church? They know what the Catholic Church means.

"Tell us that we think more of the Church than we do of the United States; of course we do. Tell us we are Catholic first and Americans afterwards; of course we are. Tell us, in the CONFLICT BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT WE TAKE THE SIDE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH; of course we do. Why, if the government of the United States were at war with the Church we would say tomorrow, to

- - - with the government of the United States . . . They say we are Catholics first and Americans decidedly afterwards. There is no doubt about it. We are Catholics first, and we love the Church more . . . than we love our own children.

"Let the governments of the world steer clear of the Catholic Church. Let the Emperors, let the Kings, and the Presidents not come into conflict with the head of the Catholic Church. Because the Catholic Church is everything to all the Catholics of the world; they renounce all nationalities when there is a question of loyalty to her. And why is it the Pope is so strong? Why is it the Pope is such a tremendous power? Why, the Pope is the ruler of the world. All the Emperors, all the Kings, all the Princes, all the Presidents of the world today are as those altar boys of mine. The Pope is the ruler of the world. Why? Because he is the ruler of the Catholics of the world, the Catholics of all the world, and the Catholics of all the world would die for the rights of the Pope. He is the head of the Church and they would die for the Church . . . the Catholics of the world are Catholics first and always, they are Americans, they are Germans, etc., afterwards!"

The Roman Catholic Church's aim is to make the free United States of America on the same plan as the Catholic state of Franco's Spain. Deny it as they will, the purpose of the Roman Catholic Church is not primarily the worship of God. It is the conquest of the United States and the whole world. A multitude of apologists for the Roman Catholic Church deny it, but now and then their sinister purposes come to light. While they continue to outwardly woo Democracy and all

that is dear to the American people, through newspaper, radio and etc., they are secretly preparing a minority of their faithful Roman Catholics, the Jesuits and Knights of Columbus to strike when the time is ripe. Two quotations will show proof of this.

"How we Catholics have loathed and despised this . . . civilization which is now called democracy . . . Today, American Catholics are being asked to shed their blood for that particular kind of secularist civilization which they have heroically repudiated for four centuries" (America, May 17, 1941). And then again in the same publication . . .

"The Christian (that is, Catholic) revolution will begin when we decide to cut loose from the existing social order, rather than be buried with it."

It may be very astonishing in our day to realize the Rome who operated the terrible inquisitions of old is still the same, biding her time. The following item is from Rome's modern Ecclesiastical Law which governs the purpose of the Roman Hierarchy.

"Nevertheless it is a Catholic tenet that the Church may justly inflict on heretics the penalty of death" (Suarez 2 de Fide Disp. xx sect. 3 N. 28) (DeLucca, S.J., 1900).

The following are disciplinary measures set forth by the same Roman Catholic authority . . .

"The good that is most necessary to the Church is the unity of the true faith, and that cannot be preserved unless the heretic be handed over to death."

"The Church is a perfect society and that we assume as proved. Then the right of the sword is a necessary and effective means to the attainment of its end."

"There is no graver offense than heresy owing to the harm it does to the Christian state, and therefore it must be rooted out with fire and sword."

"So when heretics have been left to the secular arm, the judges must inflict on them the penalty not of death only, but by fire."

Again we find the Jesuit DeLucca affirming the following as he speaks for his Church . . .

"It is not necessary that the ministers of the Church should themselves execute like butchers the command of magistracy of the Church. It is sufficient that the ecclesiastical magistrate should be the death judge in each particular case, and that the ministry of the civil power should be absolutely bound to supply secular executioners."

These are not the words of the bloody Emperor Phocas or the decrees of the pitiless Hitler, these are not words which applied to the Dark Ages and the Spanish Inquisition alone, but these are words which provide the authority in the modern Roman Catholic system for the methods she will unhesitatingly use when the fatal time arrives "to make America Catholic."

From the Roman Catholic Library approved by Archbishop Corrigan we find that in the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore a part of the Pastoral Letter of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States reads as follows:

"It is obvious in countries like our own, where from rudimentary beginnings our organization is only gradually advancing toward perfection, the full application of these laws is impracticable, but in proportion as they become practicable it is our desire not less than

that of the Holy See that they should go into effect."

If America continues to sleep peacefully on in her lethargy; if ever the Roman Church gains the supremacy she seeks, our civil and religious liberties shall cease forever. These are not words of hasty conclusion uttered by a few frightened Protestants, but these words are the final, dogmatic decree of the Roman Church itself.

There are many among us who have read of Rome's cruel persecutions of Christians in the past, but how few are really awake as to her modern plotting in every religious and political circle. How few understand that the only existing reason that Rome does not persecute here as she does in Colombia and Spain today, is that she does not yet have the political power. But Rome is gaining every day. Will America awake in time? or too late?

In this catechism on Protestantism, Father Giovanni Perrone, one of the most authoritative theologians of the Roman Catholic Church, maintains that those who teach Protestantism "deserve the gallows" and that Protestantism "is horrible in theory, immoral in practice, it is an outrage on God and man."

In Colombia, South America, the Roman Catholic Church is in complete control of the government today. Liberal Roman Catholics are being continually persecuted. Protestants are being murdered, persecuted and driven into exile. Protestant Churches are being burned and destroyed by fanatical mobs led by Roman Catholic priests. "Why don't the Catholics do the same thing to us here in America if they have such power?" people sometimes ask. The answer has already been printed in a Roman Catholic paper of St.

Louis, Mo. In the "Shepherd of the Valley" of November 23, 1851, we can see Rome's plan for the United States foreshadowed long ago in the following grim words . . .

"The Church (Catholic) is of necessity intolerant. Heresy she endures when and where she must, but she hates it, and directs all her energies to its destruction. If Catholics ever gain an immense numerical majority **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THIS COUNTRY IS AT AN END.** So our enemies say, so we believe."

And since Protestant America has largely ignored such warnings for 100 years, is it any wonder that today, as Rome prepares to sound the death knell of Protestantism and democracy we face the appalling facts that the Vatican controls our press, our radio programs, our telecasts, our movies and our State Department in Washington, D. C.?

Can America afford to slumber on and ignore such statements as these? How long will we continue complacently to watch Roman Catholic Senators like the Jesuits' McCarthy and McCarren as they trace every clue which would bring the suspicion of Communism upon Americans, while they themselves in their sworn allegiance to the twin-headed foreign power of Rome in whose interest they are daily working, are bringing our American freedom to its end? What has happened to the Congress of the United States which stands ruefully and helplessly by as Senator McCarthy and his Roman Catholic henchmen pour out a campaign of disgraceful vilification upon any person which he may choose, himself safe behind his congressional immunity as he constantly attempts to create fear enough in the United States Department of State, to

drive it into complete subjection to the Vatican.\*

If the Roman hierarchy does not mean, at the fast approaching and most convenient time to put Protestants to death by fire and sword because they refuse to bow to the Pope, then why do they so boldly and arrogantly state in the clearest possible language that this is their plan?

And if the Roman Catholic Church does not mean to reduce our American democracy to a complete system of papal bondage and subjection to the Vatican just as soon as she has assumed sufficient power in Washington to begin her 20th century inquisition, why does she arrogantly state again and again that this has been her plan for generations?

And why is it that United States citizens cannot see the handwriting of the Pope on America's wall of Democracy in the words of Father George M. Searle on page 305 of his work "Plain Facts for Fair Minds" in the following statement, "Catholics desire the conversion of this country to the Catholic faith; that is a matter of course"?

It is high time Protestants on this continent rise from their sleep and open their eyes upon what Rome seeks to do here and to what she has already done in many lands. The visible threat to America is Communism. The invisible and ever increasing threat to America is the Roman Catholic system. Never in her odious history has this Pagan Church attained power so rapidly as she is today in our America.

\* This was written during the "infamous" McCarthy hearings of 1954. The principle is unchanged, the question is unchanged.

Now if Americans would arouse from their pleasant dreams of contentment and security, and investigate, they could learn a startling lesson by watching Rome's tactics in Protestant England.

In the Church of England the vast majority of bishops and clergy are already Anglo-Catholic (Anglo-Romanist) planted there by the Roman hierarchy. These are Roman Catholic priests, trained in Bible colleges to be Protestant ministers. At the present time these two-faced archbishops and bishops are preparing Romanist canon laws while serving in Protestant Churches, so as to have Parliament pass them into binding laws on the same Church of England.

When this program of intrigue imposed upon the English while they sleep peacefully under the Vatican anesthetic is finished, England and her Churches will awake, alas, too late and realize that she is completely Romanized and subject to the Pagan Pontifex Maximus religiously and politically.

O America awake at once! Let us no longer relax in this comfortable stupor of indifference as we hear Bishop Sheen and Cardinal Spellman spread forth their Jesuit smoke screen, as they laud in flowery oratory during public appearances the wonderful freedoms and liberties of our great democracy! All such fair speeches are lined with Jesuit deceit designed alone to calm the fears and nullify whatever suspicion some Protestants may now have of the Roman Catholic Church.

Unless America arouses from her sleep her freedoms are soon to end. The terrible Roman Catholic Church stands piously in our midst today outwardly pretending to be only a religious institution. The most perilous foes are



not those who openly oppose us, but those while posing as friends and allies cravenly scheme their climb to domination over friend and foe alike.

Such is the Roman Catholic Church. She has never been a friend of the U. S. A. She is not our friend because she is bent secretly upon our destruction as a free people, just as malevolently as she is bent openly upon destroying the Orthodox Church in Communist Russia.

In the Pope's eyes a Protestant America is just as much the Roman Catholic Church's mortal enemy as Orthodox Communist Russia and hence America is earmarked too for doom. While our Roman Catholic-controlled radio and press is inciting the public to hate Russia, those same facilities will soon be turned upon the unsuspecting and indifferent Protestants to condemn them to be persecuted in order to make America Catholic. Although the American press is supposedly the freest in the world Rome's tight control over all newspapers as well as radio programs result in Americans being the most misinformed people among enlightened nations.

Destruction of one enemy with the help of another has always been bloody Rome's policy. So following her practice which for centuries has been the hierarchy's grand strategy, she has gone all out to ally herself with the United States against Russia.

Rome's plan is to use America which she considers the least dangerous enemy to destroy Russia which is her avowed and most formidable opponent. The key of her present honeymoon alliance with the United States, can be summarized in the formula (1) Conquest of Soviet Russia by the American

sword. (2) Conquest of America by Roman Catholic sword via a swift and terrible program of Catholicization in America.

Preparatory operations of this monstrous Roman strategy are in operation NOW. The third world war which will spell the collapse of both great nations involved, brought on by the cunning intrigues of the Papacy will also bring both nations into subjection to the Vatican. For Rome has always waxed fat and flourished on chaos and devastation as vultures after the battle. And history is full of proofs that whoever became Rome's ally perished and out of their political death the Roman Catholic Church came forth stronger than ever. Witness Portugal, Spain, the France of Napoleon III and Colombia in South America.

Following the First World War after siding with those haters of liberty the Kaiser and Emperor Franz Joseph, the Roman Church came forth in Europe in all the power of Fascism.

During the Second World War the Catholic Church supported those terrible enemies of freedom, Mussolini and Hitler. Out of this chaos Rome has mobilized the "hate Russia Fascism" disguised beneath her outward zeal to champion Democracy in the U. S. A.

So following the third world war Rome plans to rise out of a burned-out Russia and America to rule them both in all the regal power that depraved paganism can employ.

Rome has ever been freedom's enemy, she has ever deceived and dwarfed and impoverished individuals in every nation under her yoke of bondage. She has ever stunted and hardened the conscience of her helpless subjects with her anathemas. She has ever re-

duced the countries she has catholicized to intellectual torpor, to abject poverty, to legalizing of sin. Any resistance under her sway has always met with excommunication, persecution and the sword. These things have built her into the most immense and deceptive enemy of truth and liberty the world has ever known.

If America continues her course of indifference and sleeps on she will alas one day awake too late in her misery, blood and ruin to realize at last that in persecuting power the Roman Catholic Church never changes.

Now one example is worth a thousand arguments and pleas. Let us look at what transpired in Yugoslavia in the years of 1941 and 1942 when the Roman Catholic Church gained complete control over a part of that country.

In the Roman Catholic state of Croatia Archbishop Stepinac plotted an uprising with the help of Roman Catholic Austria and Fascist Italy, in order to destroy the government of the Serbs who were of the Orthodox religion.

The object of this Roman Catholic insurrection was to set up Croatia an an independent model Roman Catholic state completely in subjection to the Pope. Another object was to restore the reign of the monarchist Hapsburgs whose ruthless rule had always been according to Catholic dictates.

During this treacherous uprising of Rome's power 850,000 Orthodox Serbs were heartlessly butchered and 244,000 were forced into the Roman Catholic Church under the direct instigation of Archbishop Stepinac at the hands of the Roman Catholic terrorists, the Ustashi. This underground secret organiza-

tion, which is the Croat equivalent of the American Knights of Columbus, was under the direct command of the fanatical Roman Catholic Ante Pavelich who was also the murderer of King Alexander of Yugoslavia, in 1934.

The terrible massacres which he successfully carried out were under the supervision of Archbishop Stepinac, with all the blessing of Pope Pius XII, whose saintly mask hides the depraved creature who thirsts for America's blood.

Let the reader ponder well the following proven accounts of inhuman atrocities carried out by the bloody Roman Catholic Ustashi under the supervision of Archbishop Stepinac and Pope Pius XII and note carefully Rome's relentless and ruthless pattern for sleeping America.

In May, 1941, on the same day in which the Pope received and blessed the new Catholic King of Croatia, who before was the Duke of Spoleto, he also granted Ante Pavelich the leader of the Ustashi a long and private audience.

From then on all freedom, equality and democracy disappeared with a curse from Croatia. Pavelich proclaimed himself leader of the National Army as he called his blood-loving Ustashi and installed the traitor Stepinac as Primate.

After that very day Croatia was made to conform absolutely to the dictates of Rome. Every political party was suppressed. Roman Catholic teaching became compulsory in all schools. Freedom of speech and of the press were only memories and Roman Catholicism was declared the state religion. Many were immediately imprisoned or sent to concentra-

tion camps to await execution.

Soon after, on the birthday of the murderer Pavelich, the Archbishop celebrated an extra solemn mass and ordered all Roman Catholic Churches to make special prayers for him and his wicked Ustashi.

Now these political and religious leaders set out in earnest to dispose of the two million Serbs in Croatia and made her a model Catholic state.

In a public meeting in Gospic on July 22, 1941, Dr. Mile Budak, minister of Public Education, officially confirmed Rome's plan for Croatia's future in the following words:

"We shall kill part of the Serbs, we shall transport another, and the rest of them will be forced to embrace the Roman Catholic religion."

Upon this basis the Pavelich-Stepinac program began to operate. It was a ruthless, direct and brutal affair carried out by the Ustashi killers with the blessing of the Roman Catholic Church.

In Kulich on July 31, August 31, September 1 and 2, 1941, the Ustashi executed 2,000 Serbs.

In the village of Gudovac, 200 Serb peasants were butchered by the Ustashi, followed by larger groups in the villages of Stari Petrovac in Nova Gradisca and in Glina. There in early May, 1941, the Ustashi gathered all males over fifteen, took them in trucks outside town and killed every one. In this district alone 120,000 Serbs were exterminated in a short period.

In the mountainous regions of Dalmatia, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, women and children were taken to remote spots and massacred. In Brcko prisoners were executed on

bridges and their bodies thrown into the river.

At Dubrovnik, Dalmatia, Italian soldiers photographed an Ustashi wearing two necklaces, one a string of cut out eyes, the other one of torn out tongues of murdered Serbs.

Father Dragutin Kamber, a sworn Ustashi, commanded the slaughter of 300 Serbs in Doboje and also caused 250 more to be court-martialed who were later shot. Father Branimir Zupanic, a personal friend of Ante Pavelich, caused more than 400 women and children to be killed in one village, Ragolje.

Father Srecko Peric in one of his sermons in the Roman Catholic Church of Gorcia said "Kill all Serbs, first kill my sister who is married to a Serb. When you finish this work come here to the Church and I will confess you and free you from sin."

A massacre followed during which 5,600 Serbs died at the hands of the Ustashi in the Lwno district. This was in August, 1941.

In the village of Drakvlic, the fanatical Ustashi Monk, Miroslav Filipovic, killed a child with his own hands while he spoke to a group of the terrorists the following words: "Ustashi, I rechristen these degenerates in the name of God. You follow my example."

As a fearful result of the Monk Filipovic's example 1,500 Orthodox Serbs were executed in one day.

The terrible Filipovic was made commandant of Jasenovac, the Ustashi concentration camp which excelled the German Dachau horror camp for atrocities.

In his capacity as commandant of Jasenovac, the Monk Filipovic in cooperation with Father Zvonko Breckalo and Father Culina became the butcher of over 40,000 men, women and children, all Serbs, who died in that

infamous place under his Catholic rule.

It was in this camp of Jasenovac that the terrible record of the young Roman Catholic law student, Peter Brzica, was made. On the night of August 29, 1942, orders were given for executions. Those who were in charge of the horrible carnage made a wager as to who could dispose of the greatest number of prisoners. Peter Brzica cut the throats of 1,360 Serbs that night with a specially made butcher knife. He became thus the winner of the gruesome competition and was feted and elected king of the cut throats, rewarded with a gold watch and a silver service, a roasted pig and wine. This most astonishing depravity was witnessed by a doctor eye witness, Dr. Nikola Kilkolic, a Croat.

On the night of June 5, 1941, on the orders of the Ustashi Chief Gutic, the Orthodox Bishop, of Banjaluka Platon, in western Bosnia, with several Orthodox priests were taken outside the town limits, where the Bishop's beard was torn out, a fire built on his naked chest and then after being tortured for some time the fanatical murderers dispatched them with hatchets and threw their dead bodies in the Vrbanja River.

Many Roman Catholic priests and monks who were not of the Ustashi terrorist organization in the frenzy of religious zeal carried out executions with their own hands.

During the time of this horrible carnage Roman Catholic priests with the Pope's sanction and blessing, led the armed Ustashi in closing Orthodox Churches and the confiscation of Orthodox records. Many Orthodox Churches were converted into halls for public use, others into Roman Catholic Churches. In the provinces of Lika, Banija and Kordun,

172 churches were totally destroyed. At Fruska Gora 15 Serbian Orthodox monasteries and churches were given to Franciscan monks. At Vrdnik-Ravanica the great cathedral was plundered of all valuables and all the property confiscated by the Roman Catholic Bishop.

Living as hunted beasts in the horror of seeing daily massacres, thousands of Serbs in the fear of death were rechristened to the Roman Catholic faith. The Ustashi newspaper, "Nova Hrvatska," revealed how these conversions took place in the following words: "The rechristening was carried out in a very solemn manner by the curate of Petrinja Michael Razum. AN USTASHI COMPANY was present at the solemn occasion."

These holy rechristenings of Rome were sometimes celebrated not only with water but with blood. Father Ivan Raguz publicly urged the killing of all Serbs including all children so that "even the seed of these beasts is not left." Another priest, Father Bozider Brale of Sarajevo took active part in the slaughter of Serbs with a gun in his hand. For his great work in these liquidations he was promoted to presidency of the spiritual board of the Archbishop of Sarajevo.

In every village where Serbs who were left alive to be "rechristened" these poor people were forced to send the traitor Archbishop Stepinac telegrams of congratulation. Stepinac's own diocesan paper the "Katoliki List" as well as the Ustashi "Nova Hrvatska" printed all these telegrams.

In their cold-blooded plan to completely Romanize the Serbs, the surviving children of Orthodox people were placed in public Roman Catholic homes by the priests who even changed their names to Roman Catholic Croa-