Roman Confession Box Makes Slaves

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priests who could use this knowledge for the advancement of the Church or to help a political party in which they were interested.

The Roman Catholic church is a gigantic money-gathering institution, and the confessional, like everything else in the church of Rome has a price tag. The priest makes a charge for his services. Although it is usually referred to as an "offering" or "stipend" or some other deceptive name, this does not conceal the fact that confession of sins and their "forgiveness" by the priest are bought, sold and paid for with money. . .cash in hand.

We search the Bible in vain for any sanction of the dishonest, futile and fraudulent practice known as the confessional, which is the most revolting feature of the whole Roman Catholic system.

Jack Odom, Fort Bragg, Calif.

JUVENILE CRIME INCREASES

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Director J. Edgar Hoover reported an "alarming increase of 9 per cent in the number of arrests of juveniles.

VOLUNTEER PAINTER

Rafael Rodriquez, a professional house painter, shown seated with his wife. In the rear are two of our prayer helpers. Mr. Rodriquez contributed two full weeks of time to lead the repainting.

IS ALCOHOLISM DISEASE?

IF IT IS —

1. It is the only disease that is contracted by an act of the will:
2. It is the only disease that requires a license to propagate it:
3. It is the only disease that is bottled and sold:
4. It is the only disease that requires outlets to spread it:
5. It is the only disease that produces a revenue for the Government:
6. It is the only disease that provokes crime:
7. It is the only disease that is habit-forming:
8. It is the only disease that is spread by advertising; and
9. It is the only disease without germ or virus cause, and for which there is no human corrective medicine.

BUSY REDECORATING

A few of the voluntary workers who contributed their time and talent to repainting and redecorating our headquarters building.

WE ARE in a BATTLE to the DEATH

A soldier's business is to destroy the enemy. As Christians, we are soldiers of Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 2:3, 4). **Are we a threat to the enemy or just chocolate soldiers?** Let's take an honest look and make a fair appraisal.

Our Christian magazines are filled with kind words which coddle believers who are already too comfortable. Our Christian radio broadcasts with their sweet music further anesthetize us to the realities of our spiritual warfare. Even the sermons we hear do little to stir us from our game of playing church and our make-believe discipleship.

In church, we join our voices in singing "We've a story to tell to the nations," but make no sacrifice to tell it—what a mockery! We talk about the rat race we are in, only to hide the barrenness of our busy lives. Where today do we find God's soldiers armed to the teeth and terrible as an army with banners? (Song of Solomon 6:4).

While we relax in our air-conditioned sanctuaries, hell burns with the souls of men we failed to reach. Building programs and soft seats take precedence over saving souls.

We speak of the need at home — as a cover-up for our indifference to the greater need abroad.

Never in twenty centuries have Christ's soldiers been so sloppy in their conduct, so slovenly in their service, so cowardly in their attack, and so brazenly **indifferent** to the orders of Christ, their Commander.

Get up, soldiers, lest Christ in His righteous anger judge you, rebuke you, and disqualify you.

Face the fact — we are in a spiritual battle to the death. If you are a spiritual pacifist or a conscientious objector, then get out of God's army. But if you are soldier, then arise, clothe yourself in the whole armor of God and go forth to conquer. (Read Ephesians 6:10-20). If you cannot go on foot, you can go on your knees. Although you cannot go in person, you can go by proxy through the use of your purse. Tell us you would like to help us, and together we will be a **real** threat to the **enemy.** —From: Overseas Crusades Cable.

OSWALD OPPOSED CHILD'S BAPTISM

DALLAS — Lee H. Oswald, the man accused of assassinating President Kennedy, was an athiest so opposed to religion that his wife arranged a secret ceremony for the baptism of their child.

The 22-month-old child, June Lee, was baptized in the St. Seraphim Eastern Orthodox Church here about one year ago.

"It was done in secret," said Father Dmitri, the clergyman who performed the ceremony. "The father was an atheist and he was opposed to it."

"I understand they have to do this frequently in Russia," Father Dmitri said.

Oswald's wife Marina was born in Russia. She married Oswald there after he renounced his United States citizenship.

She and her two daughters have been kept from the public by the Secret Service since Oswald was killed in the Dallas police station two days after President Kennedy's assassination. — New York Times.

Protestant Labels Losing Import

Denominational labels are becoming far less important than geography in determining which church the average Protestant family attends.

That is the finding of a study conducted by the Protestant Church Council on Staten Island, New York.

More than two-thirds of the families indicated that, if they moved into a new neighborhood, they would attend the nearest Protestant church whether it was of their own denomination or not. More than three-fourths said they would have no doctrinal problems about switching to another Protestant denomination.

RETURN MAIL

Undelivered mail on the latest issue of The American Protest has doubled. When you send in a list of names, be sure each one has not moved.