

Soon it was the Communists who were being ridiculed and embarrassed. It was not long after that they found our forums too hot for them and kept away from us. Communists are not one whit different from the political clericals who infest the Roman Catholic Church and mislead the great mass of Roman Catholic adherents, most of whom are decent people, duped by politicians wearing the cassocks of Rome.

If there were any who deplored our rejection of the Communist attempt to invade our forums, the events which followed World War II and which are happening all over the world today, must have changed their minds.

MIRACLE IN ST. LOUIS

In 1949, a young girl, a teen ager named Shirley C., was sentenced by the Juvenile Court of St. Louis, Mo., to one year of confinement in the House of the Good Shepherd. When the year had expired, the Sisters refused to release her. In fact, when the case was brought to our attention in 1951, Shirley had been confined for **two years**. It is our conviction that had we not entered this case when we did, Shirley would have spent the rest of her life as a drudge, behind the Roman walls!

Shirley's grandmother, reading that great publication, "Eternity", chanced upon an editorial by the editor, Dr. Donald Gray Barnhouse, describing and praising our work. The grandmother immediately wrote us, supplying the details in her letter. It was a story replete with frustration. Aroused by the letter, Dr. Little, himself, departed for St. Louis to ascertain the entire story. Soon after arriving in St. Louis, our Director General was conferring with a good Protestant attorney. After hearing the story, this Protestant shocked Dr. Little by saying, "The girl is in good hands. Let her stay there." (!)

Not dismayed, Dr. Little found another good attorney, a gentleman of the Jewish faith, who quietly listened to all the facts and said he would take the case.

As a result of our action, Shirley was released from the House of the Good Shepherd on July 3, 1951, and placed in a non-sectarian girls' school.

Although we have not the space here to furnish the details, this turned out to be one of the most complicated, tangled and costly cases we ever participated in.

PROTESTANTS RESCUED FROM ROMAN INSTITUTIONS

As we grew in stature, so did our fame. Requests for help began to come in from various parts of the country. A new phase of our work began. We had learned that many Protestant girls were being placed in Roman Catholic Houses of the Good Shepherd or other Roman institutions. Generally, the excuse given was that there were no suitable Protestant institutions available.

Most of these cases were out of New York City and required travelling. Difficult as this was, we took it in stride, carrying each case to the courts and, when necessary, engaging legal counsel and absorbing the legal costs. **IN EVERY SINGLE CASE INVOLVING LEGAL ACTION, WE WON!**

In a news story, we read of a Protestant father whose children were taken from him after his wife died and placed in a Roman institution by the courts. We did not wait to be called. With the consent of the father, a Protestant gentleman, we went to work. **We won the case.**

In a similar case, a Protestant father lost the custody of his child, when a Roman Catholic judge turned the child over to his aunt, a Roman Catholic. We won this one, too.

Other cases of a similar nature are discussed elsewhere in this booklet.