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Catholic Attorney Giacomo Rosapape, of Rome, Italy, addresses Los Angeles Chapter as Interpreter Alfred Perna stands by. See story on Page Three.

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CATHOLIC HELPS PROTESTANTS

By Thomas R. Nickel

PART ONE

What may well be one of the greatest Church events since that day in 1517 when Catholic Priest Martin Luther tacked his Scriptural 95 theses against indulgences upon the door of his Catholic castle church in Wittenberg, Germany, is the decree issued by the Supreme Court of Italy on December 1, 1953, that complete religious liberty throughout Italy must be granted Pentecostals and all Protestant churches. The man responsible for this decree is Catholic Attorney Giacomo Rosapepe.

Like Luther, Rosapepe is not fighting the Catholic Church. Luther believed that the sale and even issuing of indulgences was not Scriptural and not Christian, therefore not good Catholicism. Rosapepe believes that the confiscation of Pentecostal and other Protestant Church property and the persecution of Pentecostals and other Protestants is neither Scriptural nor Christian, therefore not good Catholicism.

When Miner Arganbright and Rev. Kenneth Schmidt were in Italy in March, 1951, between 30 and 35 Full Gospel Churches had been closed and some of the pastors were in prison. Arganbright and Schmidt, accompanied by some Full Gospel ministers who were not yet in confinement, registered a protest with the American Ambassador, who did not seem too sympathetic or concerned.

When Demos Shakarian was in Rome, he made the acquaintance of Alfred Perna, who was much disturbed over the abusive treatment being administered to the Full Gospel people in particular and to the Protestants in general.

Back in the United States, Arganbright and Shakarian were drawn together as officers in the newly organized Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, and in Italy Perna found a champion for his cause in a powerful politician and dynamic Catholic Attorney Giacomo Rosapepe.

On September 5, 1953, Giacomo Rosapepe and Alfred Perna came to the Los Angeles Chapter Breakfast-Broadcast. Rosapepe spoke concerning his burden and zeal for the cause of religious liberty in Italy. Alfred Perna acted as his interpreter. At the conclusion of his message, Percy Fraser, Prayer Director of the Los Angeles Chapter, came forward and requested that the men gather around Rosapepe, lay their hands upon him, and "possess the land" of Italy for God and the Full Gospel movement as well as for all Protestants. As they prayed, Angelo Arbuzi, Missionary to Chile, saw a vision of the map of Italy, black with darkness. Suddenly a great light appeared and Italy became pure white, beginning at Rome and extending even to the very tip of the boot.

Rosapepe and Perna went to

Our Organization Is Moving Ahead

By Demos Shakarian

Recently I made a three-week trip back East and was not only pleased but even surprised at the rapid progress our movement is making.

My first stop was Springfield, the capital city in Illinois, where Evangelist Tommy Hicks was in a great meeting. I spoke on Friday night and nearly all the men in the congregation came forward to rededicate their lives. We anointed them with oil and prayed over them for a consecrated service to God. The next morning we had our first Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Breakfast-Broadcast, which was a great service.

The following day, accompanied by my wife, Rose, and sister, Florence, I was in Chicago, where we held three services. That night, at Philadelphia Church, where Dr. N. Jerome Stowell and William Branham recently held two great campaigns under the direction of Pastor Mattsson Boze, messages were delivered by George Gardner, Dr. Stowell and myself. As my wife played the organ, there was a mighty stir in the church and more than one person saw a vision of the Lord Jesus Christ on the platform. Words cannot express the praise that

flowed over the congregation during that period. The altars were filled at the conclusion of the service.

On Monday night, at the Chicago Chapter Fellowship Banquet, George Gardner, Lee Braxton, Rev. R. W. Culpepper, Rev. William Lewis and I took part. A dope addict was saved and appeared a changed man. This was a tremendous meeting and the Chicago men are enthusiastic over what God is doing.

From Tuesday night until Sunday night, we were with Alfred Valdez in a great meeting at the Plankinton Auditorium, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Over 500 souls came forward and 35 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Approximately 85% of this group were Catholics and Lutherans. Miner Arganbright and Art Wilson and wife joined us here. My wife's organ-playing, my sister's singing, and testimonies of the business men added much to the meetings.

The Saturday morning Breakfast-Broadcast was held in the "Sky Room" of one of Milwaukee's finest hotels. Evangelist Gayle Jackson of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Russell Olson, pastor of the Fremont Tabernacle, Minneapolis, Minnesota, took an active part in the meeting, which

Springfield, Missouri, to confer with officials at the General Council Headquarters of the Assemblies of God, and on to Washington for conference with officials in the State Department of the United States Government.

Rosapepe returned to Rome and resumed his fight for religious liberty for minority groups and carried the case to the highest Italian court, receiving the victorious verdict on December 1st.

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Officers of the Chapter at Springfield, Illinois, are, left to right: William Irwin, President; Welbur Waters, Vice-President; R. J. Ledgard, Master of Ceremonies; Ray Sinclair, Assistant Master of Ceremonies; Loren Turner, Secretary and Treasurer; and International President Demos Shakarian. Evangelist Tommy Hicks assisted in organizing the Springfield Chapter.

was broadcast over WISN. More than 400 attended and the city was stirred.

Arriving back in Chicago, another great Fellowship Banquet was held on Monday night. Five persons received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, including a Baptist minister and a Baptist boy as well as the dope addict who had been saved and delivered and completely changed by the power of God at the previous week's Banquet.

Our Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship cooperated in the Voice of Healing Convention from Tues-

day until Friday. Gordon Lindsay graciously extended us the privilege of telling the fine audience of 3,000 about the work of our Fellowship.

From Saturday until Monday, my wife, my sister and I were in Washington, D. C. We attended a prayer meeting the first night, and I spoke in three different churches Sunday. Monday was spent with Linwood Safford, Russell Wellons and Herb Fuller making plans for our Convention to be held in Washington June 19-25. The Shoreham Hotel will be the Convention headquarters. Nego-



This is a view of the Banquet held when the Chicago, Illinois, Chapter was organized. Left foreground is International President Demos Shakarian and right foreground is Henry Carlson, President of the Chicago Chapter.

tiations are under way for President Eisenhower to speak and there is a possibility that NBC will telecast part of the Convention on coast-to-coast network.

The Washington Chapter Banquet was held Monday night. Pratt C. Rimmel, Mayor of Little Rock, Arkansas, a Methodist, was led by God to the meeting and was so impressed that he fell into my arms weeping for joy for having found just what he had long desired to see among men. An 84-year-old minister who had been instrumental in helping found the Unitarian Church, beheld the peace and joy among

the men and felt the moving of the Spirit and declared, "I want the Baptism of the Holy Ghost!"

On the preceding Saturday, a Chapter was organized at Reading, Pennsylvania, under the direction of George Gardner and Evangelist Tommy Hicks.

On Tuesday night, we attended a marvelous Banquet at the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Chapter, where Dan Oschinick is President. Three received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and two were saved.

Upon our return home, reports came that the Fresno, California, Chapter, which had just recently



Only a portion of the great crowd is shown which gathered for the Full Gospel Business Men's Breakfast at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during the A. C. Valdez Jr. campaign.

been established was progressing rapidly, and requests were on hand for us to come to Dallas, Texas, to organize a Chapter there.

Interest throughout the United States, Canada, England, Israel, Brazil, Chile and Hawaii is mounting so rapidly that only by the supernatural help of God will our organization be adequate to meet the cry of the people of the world for the reality and the unity that our movement represents. The greatest revival since Christ delivered the Great Commission is upon us. Pray that we may not fail the responsibility and the opportunity that is ours!

The King Is Calling You!

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Rise up ye Men of God,

Have done with lesser things,

Give heart and soul and mind

To serve the King of Kings!

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(Delivered at the Chicago Banquet by Chris. F. Hamann, Vice-Chairman of the Chicago Chapter.)

Chapter At Reading, Pennsylvania



Officers of the Reading, Pennsylvania, Chapter are shown here with two who helped organize the Chapter. Left to right are: George Gardner, International Vice-President; Evangelist Tommy Hicks; Merryl Faust, President, Reading Chapter; Norman R. Stover, Vice-President, Reading Chapter; and Harvey M. Wenger, Secretary and Treasurer, Reading Chapter.

A Chapter was organized in Reading, Pennsylvania, December 12th. The meeting was opened with songs and choruses led by Evangelist Miller from Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. Evangelist Tommy Hicks spoke on the purpose and obligation of the Fellowship. His message stirred the hearts of the men.

International Vice-President George Gardner urged the support of the work of the Fellowship. In his message he pointed out that nothing is small when it is in the hand of God.

He declared that when our lives are open and honest before mankind, God's blessings of prosperity and health should be ours.

Rev. Smith of Binghamton, New York, brought an inspiring message. Elma E. Smith added much to the meeting with her singing and playing.

The climax of the meeting came when the ministers and George Gardner united in prayer for the business men, asking God's blessing to rest upon them.

Springfield, Illinois, Has Chapter

Unity was the very keynote of the first meeting of the new Chapter at Springfield, Illinois. The meeting was held in the Oddfellows Hall. Breakfast was served by the wives of the Full Gospel Business Men. Rev. Peters of the Foursquare Gospel Church acted as Master of Ceremonies and Rev. Weber of the Assembly of God Church led the singing.

Evangelist Tommy Hicks brought the message. The meeting was broadcast for one-half hour. At the conclusion, the men declared, "This is what we have been looking for. For the first time, the Full Gospel Business men have a Voice. It makes us feel that we are truly taking the place God has for us!"

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The following week, the Chapter cooperated in a city-wide revival with Evangelist Tommy Hicks and all the Full Gospel churches participating. Demos, Rose and Florence Shakarian were present and took an active part. Rose gave a heart-warming testimony of God's keep-

ing power and His blessings upon the lives of those who follow Him. Demos spoke in an anointed, yet down-to-earth, way that cheered the hearts of everyone and made them know that what he was talking about was real. Florence sang, "The Love of God", and the blessings of Heaven were showered upon the great gathering. Many received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and a number were healed.

The following morning, President Shakarian spoke over the radio at the Chapter Fellowship Breakfast-Broadcast. He spoke on the 28th Chapter of Deuteronomy and God's promise to command His manifold blessings upon us if we keep His commandments. Once again Florence sang and every heart was made to feel the reality of Pentecost, to know it is a genuine experience with God and to be enjoyed and used by all true Christians. The meeting was closed as the Chapter officers were prayed for and the group seemed bound in one of the sweetest fellowships ever known.

Preamble to Constitution of International Fellowship

While there are, already, international organizations for the furtherance of Christian Fellowship among men, and cooperative action in the Lord's work, we are led of the Lord to establish, by his enabling grace, an international fellowship organization of men who are "full gospel" believers, as defined in this Constitution. (Doctrinal Statement appears on back page of Full Gospel Men's Voice).

Some of the needs which this fellowship is designed to meet are: to supply means for spiritual fellowship in Christ, not now available elsewhere, among full gospel believing men; to promote effective co-operation of such men, in gospel work; to unite in the Lord's fellowship and work, groups of men characterized by more complete responsiveness to the movings of the Holy Spirit, and to establish an organized work which will strengthen Full Gospel Churches everywhere.

It is to these objectives that Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International is dedicated. By faith we commit this work unto the Lord, in full confidence that, according to His promise, our "thoughts shall be established".

Chicago Chapter Well-Established

Chicago is getting off to a good start. The first meetings were blessed by such men as Attorney Paul Fischer. Dr. N. Jerome Stowell, Demos Shakarian, Lee Braxton, George Gardner, Miner Arganbright, Art Wilson. Rev. R. W. Culpepper and Rev. William Lewis.

In one meeting where Dr. Stowell was the speaker, men throughout the gathering were melted and broken and were asking each other's forgiveness. Many men were there for the first time and several were prayed for and a number gave their testimonies.

In another meeting, Missionary Cummings from India, now teacher at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri, was the speaker. A spirit of conviction swept the meeting and the backslidden son of the Chapter President was reclaimed as he cried and groaned for mercy from God. There was weeping and rejoicing at the same time. A Jewish boy came in from the lobby, with tears in his eyes, and asked prayer for himself and for his parents and sister.

Other speakers have been Dr. and Mrs. Zasckie, of Sterling, Illinois. They both are physicians, filled with the Holy Spirit. Often they pray for their patients and they are healed without medical aid.

Editor John Chapell of the Ashland Daily Press, Ashland, Wisconsin, told of his conversion recently through the testimony of Morris Cerillo, a young Jewish man who gave up Judaism and accepted Jesus Christ as

his Saviour and Messiah. Chapell published his conversion testimony in his own newspaper. Formerly he was prominent in Wisconsin politics, was an out-and-out agnostic, and has been a world-traveler and a student of many of the religions of the world.

Representatives of many churches are coming in with us. God is in our movement. Men's hearts are being stirred. Anything can happen!

Sowing and Reaping

BY LENA CAGLE

When someone sows a little seed,
It bringeth forth much fruit;
One always reaps more than the seed,
My words you can't dispute.

Whether good or whether bad,
The seed you sow will grow;
Use wisdom in the seed you plant,
You'll reap it all, you know.

Plant envy, hate and jealousy,
You'll reap enormous hate;
Sow love and peace and kindness,
Reap gladness, deep and great.

Again I speak to everyone,
To these few words take heed:
Remember, when the harvest comes,
You'll reap more than the seed!

THE AMAZING SHAKARIAN STORY

By Thomas R. Nickel

PART FOUR

Inasmuch as the closing years of the life of Dr. Charles S. Price were closely connected with the Shakarian family and since God apparently is raising up a world-wide organization, with Demos Shakarian as its President, which may be instrumental in bringing about the very last prophecies of this beloved man of God, this portion of the Amazing Shakarian Story is devoted to those prophecies.

The following account was given me by Demos Shakarian. Surely, the time of Deliverance is at hand!

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About two months prior to the death of Dr. Charles S. Price, he kept telling me that a time of Deliverance was coming. He said:

"In these days we are finding it very hard for people to come to the Lord. Evangelists are preaching and preaching. Only handfuls are coming to the altar. We are not seeing scores and hundreds pouring to the altars as we should. The Lord is showing me that in the very near future He is going to raise up men with tremendous power from the Lord and they will preach to thousands at a time. People will pour to the altars because they will see the mighty, miracle power of the Lord in operation. They are going to see signs and wonders performed, and the healings and other works of God will cause the people to rush to the altars and accept Christ as their Deliverer."

This prophecy is coming to pass in the great healing campaigns wherever they are being held anywhere in the world. We have seen this with



Dr. Charles S. Price

our own eyes. God is raising up men who will carry this message of Deliverance, with signs following.

"When you see this happen," Doctor Price added, "Another thing will come to pass. Men will be raised up with such compassion and tremendous faith that they will enter the hospitals, where all manner of human sickness has caused people to be

New Chapter At Fresno, California



This photo was taken when the Fresno Chapter was organized, at the conclusion of the recent Oral Roberts healing campaign. Left to right: Mrs. Demos Shakarian; Mrs. Miner Arganbright; Miner Arganbright, Lee Braxton, Earl Draper, all Vice-Presidents of the International Fellowship; Harold G. Kabisch, International Secretary and Treasurer; Claude Weaver, Pastor Calvary Tabernacle; H. Kenneth Wise, Master of Ceremonies, Fresno Chapter; and Hilton McConnell, Secretary and Treasurer, Fresno Chapter.

bedfast the remainder of their lives, doomed to die from cancer, tuberculosis, heart trouble and all manner of disease, with no hope for them whatsoever. People who are given up to die by the doctors will be raised up by the power of God and they will walk out of the hospitals. They are going to leap and shout with joy. This is going to be a demonstration of the power of God the world has

never seen. The whole world will be stirred."

We have seen the first part coming into reality, where hundreds have rushed to the altars in the great healing campaigns, not because they were whipped and beaten and scared to the altars, but because they have been shown the love and compassion of Jesus Christ and the power of God

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Mayor Desires To Witness For God



Left to right: Linwood P. Safford, International Director; Demos Shakarian, International President; and Pratt C. Rimmel, Mayor of Little Rock, Arkansas, look over official invitation to Washington, D. C., where they were gathered. Mayor Rimmel, Methodist, in Washington to confer with Vice-President Nixon, had inquired concerning any Christian business men who might be meeting and was directed to the Full Gospel Business Men. He was deeply impressed and asked prayer that he would receive power from God to witness to the high government officials with whom he comes in contact.

in action.

Since we have seen the first, then we are convinced the other will shortly follow just as Doctor Price, being filled with the Holy Ghost, said would happen. We who are being used of God to raise up the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International feel that out of our ranks

men will be called forth by God to do these very works. Faith is rising. The people are expectant. Men all over the world, moved by God, are flocking to our Fellowship. Great and mighty things are soon going to come to pass, according to the purpose of God for these, the closing, days of time! CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE

The House With The Golden Windows

By Lee Braxton

PART TWO

Once upon a time a farmer became discouraged after bad crop seasons, and low prices for his products, so he decided to sell his farm, and purchase another because it appeared that his neighbors had much better pastures and better yield. So he called the real estate company to sell his farm for him, and the agent went out and looked all over the place, and made a list of all the land, the buildings, the facilities, and then said to the farmer, "Farmer, let me read you what I have down, and see if you can think of something else that should be added to this." Then the agent began to read what the survey showed, and as he read about the buildings, the beautiful shade trees, the brook that ran through the pasture back of the house, the well-drained land, the beautiful woods, and all the things that go to make for good living and successful farming. The farmer said, "Wait a minute, Agent, that's the kind of a farm I have always wanted for myself. Stop; don't offer it for sale; it is just what I have wanted all my life."

Some people get the idea if they could just retire from the busy grind of life, they would be happy; but for a busy, active person, retirement is a myth. There may come a time in a man's life when he should retire, and certainly a man should slow down in accordance with his age and abilities to do physical tasks, but retirement

should not be linked with how much money a person has; and a man should never retire from what he is doing unless he can retire to something else.

I was misled into believing that all my problems would be solved and I would be completely happy when I reached the day I would not have any regular office hours, and would be free to travel and would not have to work day by day for a living. When the day came that I felt that I could do this from an economic standpoint, I tried it and everything went well for about three months, but I soon got my fishing caught up with, and a six-week trip to the West coast with the family satisfied my urge for traveling for the present time, and I found that the outreach of a man's soul cannot be satisfied by retirement or by material things. But I have found happiness in retiring from making money—to making a better world, which I am trying to do, with God's help.

Many people today are living in houses with Golden Windows and don't know it. In far away Persia, a farmer by the name of Ali Hafed became discontented after he heard about diamonds. He had a nice farm, a fine family, he had vineyards, and money out on interest. But when Ali heard about diamonds, he became discontented, sold his farm, left his family in charge of friends and neighbors, and went in search of

Pittsburgh Chapter Being Blessed

By Daniel R. Ofchinick

The Chapter at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is truly being blessed by God. Many of us have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit since we came into this Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. We are glad to be privileged to be a part of this great organization. Our broadcast goes out every Saturday morning at 8:15 over Station WPIT. Our theme song is, "I Got Peace Like A River." Upon a recent visit of President Demos Shakarian, accompanied by his wife and sister, Florence, we were pleasantly surprised to learn that this also is his own personal theme song. From week to week we never know what is going to happen for we let the Holy Spirit have His way. We receive letters and phone calls from folks telling us how they enjoy our broadcast.

At the same time the Shakarians visited the Pittsburgh Chapter, Evangelist Tommy Hicks was present. He spoke on, "God Is Looking For A Man." The message was very impressive. This was followed by messages in tongues with interpretations.

The Shakarians were on fire for God, and when Florence sang "The Love of God" we were greatly moved. Demos spoke under the anointing, then asked how many didn't have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost according to the Second Chapter of Acts. Five went forth. Three received and the other two were greatly blessed.

Everyone greatly rejoiced and the entire meeting was glorious. God is really good to the Pittsburgh Chapter.

diamonds. Finally, in desperation, he cast himself into the sea, never to return to his good home, farm, and family which he had left.

One day a priest came by to visit the family that had purchased this farm. He noticed a glittering object on the mantel and exclaimed, "Has Ali Hafed returned?" "No," said the owner, "This is something we found in the garden, and we just brought it into the house, because it looked

pretty." The priest said, "Come, go with me. Let's see if there are not others in the garden." They found many other diamonds, even larger than the first. On this very farm there were discovered acres of diamonds, and here are now located the largest diamond mines in the world.

The house with Golden Windows for which Ali Hafed searched was his own! (CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE)

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- We believe in one God, Maker of all things, and being in Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*
- We believe that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, became incarnate, was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.*
- We believe the Bible, in its entirety, to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and conduct.*
- We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the eternal happiness of the saved and the eternal punishment of the lost.*
- We believe in personal salvation of believers, through the blood of Christ.*
- We believe in sanctification by the blood of Christ; in personal holiness of heart and life, and in separation from the world.*
- We believe in Divine healing, through faith, and that healing is included in the Atonement.*
- We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, accompanied by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance (Acts 2:4), as distinct from the New Birth; and in the nine Gifts of the Spirit, listed in I Corinthians 12, as now available to believers.*
- We believe in the Christian's hope, the imminent, personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- We believe in intensive world-evangelism and missionary work in accordance with the Great Commission, with signs following.*