

Ill: Joe Benda, '28; John University of Notre Dame ...friend of F. Sullivan, '49;
Dawley; Mr. Gleason, S.J.; Religious Bulletin victims of Guatemala storm....
relative of J. Gallagher (Sor).. November 9, 1949 8 Special Intentions

Seniors! How Would You Hit Back?

We quote from the Free Lance-Star, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Friday, November 4, 1949, this one page, paid advertisement by the Puritan Church--the Church of America, National Headquarters 1620 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

"Mass Meeting: To organize in Fredericksburg, Virginia, the first unit of the 'Spirit of '76 Group'. Its objective is to defend the American Free Public School System.

"The Public School System is an American institution; it originated, developed and matured on American soil. In the 160 years of its operation here, it caused the development of men and women who made the United States within 160 years the richest and most powerful nation in the entire world and its people the happiest and most content.

"Benjamin Franklin, Emerson, Longfellow, Abraham Lincoln, Edison, John D. Rockefeller, Henry Ford, Alfred P. Sloan, Abraham Flexner, Andrew Mellon, Mary Baker Eddy, Cyrus McCormick, Montgomery Ward, Julius Rosenwald, Harry S. Truman, and Senator Bryd were developed in the American 'little Red School House.'"

"The 'Spirit of '76 Group' is to be formed in every precinct of the United States to agitate for a vote to amend the Constitution of the United States, to make American Free Public School System the only school system in the United States. The United States Post Office System is a monopoly in the United States, by law.

"The expenses of the first meeting have been guaranteed by the Puritan Church--the Church of America....All subsequent meetings will be held under the authority of a local unit to be organized to protect nationally the American Free Public School System from any competition by the paid school system of any foreign government or church.

"....Come all ye who are desirous of passing down to your posterity, Liberty, Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech and all the other blessings which God bestowed on the Peace Loving People of the United States....Persons of any religion or no religion are cordially invited to attend this meeting."

To Be Articulate.

That's your responsibility. There is in this country a very definite organized attack against the Church. Test your articulateness. How would you refute this "grand slam" at the parochial school system? Consult the history majors who know the historical background of the school system in the United States. Read your Catholic newspapers for open rebuttal of the issue.

So you want to be a Christ-bearer in the market-place! What will you do about immoral literature? Objectional comics? Banned motion pictures? If the devil ever takes a holiday, he's taking one today. Satan has more devil's advocates doing his work now than ever before. One smutty magazine or one dirty joke can destroy in one minute a life-long friendship between God and an immortal soul. Just how are you going to deal with a devil's advocate?

Here and there: Many thanks to the anonymous, weekly contributor to the poor fund.... Our best wishes for a great week end. Many students before they leave the campus drop in for confession and/or Communion....Prayers requested for Kenny Fry, Kansas City, Missouri--neck broken in football. He had had high hopes of playing for Notre Dame.