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MOTHER'S DAY

The Novena for Mother's Day began on Friday. If you haven't yet begun the Novena, why not start this evening. A card like the one pictured here will be distributed on Wednesday so that you may send it to your Mother for Mother's Day.

My Spiritual Bouquet For Mother

Masses

Communions

Periods of Adoration

Rosaries

Visits to Grotto

With my love and gratitude

Mother's
Day
Novena



MAY DEVOTIONS

There has been a steady stream of visitors to the Grotto since May began. There's room for many more at the devotions there each evening at 6:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. The devotions last only five minutes. So, come and sing along. Tonight and every night.

TOMORROW

Tomorrow evening, the 5:10 Mass will be offered for the members of the Third Order of St Francis. All Third Order members are invited to attend.

TONIGHT

This evening, at 7:30 the Knights of Columbus will meet in the Council Chambers in Walsh Hall. All new members are asked to be present.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Michael Corbett, '61; Sr. M. Callista. Ill: Uncle of Mickey O'Brien of Sorin and Buddy O'Brien of Dillon; grandfather of Richard Carey of Keenan; John Turner of Zahm; Robert Singlewold of St Edward's; mother of Rev. Roman Ladewski, C.S.C. Special Intention.

Titov used the Sabbath to disclaim his belief in God, and said he saw "no God or angels" during his 17 orbits of earth. At a press conference he was asked whether the 25 hours he spent in space had changed his philosophy or way of thinking.

"Some people say there is a god out there," the 27 year old major replied thru an interpreter. "But in my travels around the earth all day long I looked around and didn't see him. I saw no god or angels.

"Up to our first orbital flight by Yuri Gagarin no god helped build our rocket. The rocket was made by our people. I don't believe in God. I believe in man, his strength, his possibilities, and his reason."

Titov expounded on his materialistic faith after he and his wife had spent nearly 2 hours touring the comprehensive American science exhibit at the fair. They were personally conducted by Dr. Athelstan Spilhaus, federal commissioner of the exhibit.

Soviet cosmonaut Gherman Titov's discourse on God yesterday calls to mind some recent remarks by Father John Courtney Murray. Father Murray, speaking at Yale in March, pointed out that history has always had its non-believers. But the atheist today, Father Murray argues, is characterized not by "a will to disregard, refuse and reject God; but by a new will actively to oppose God." And when the source of this opposition to God is the "godless man of the Communist revolution" his opposition is dictated by the belief that man can use his freedom to become master of history, to eradicate misery and evil.

But to master history and eradicate misery and evil, God must be supplanted, for the belief in a God who permits evil is the source of man's impotence to alter the conditions of misery in which he lives. Marx and his heirs, says Father Murray, "were not deceived by the vacuous slogan that religion is a purely private affair. They had the genius to see that religion, even in the form of private faith, is the most public of public affairs. No fool is to be permitted to say in the privacy of his heart: God is here. Such a man would fail the revolution."

So while in one sense we can feel sorry for Titov, and speculate about what he says "in the privacy of his heart", in another sense we can be glad that he has spoken out. Titov, and those who express similar beliefs have brought the problem of God to where it was in Biblical times, on the "historical, existential plane." Now there can be no mistaking the nature of the theistic problem. Father Murray says it comes down to the question: Is the truth about God found in Marx or Moses? This is one of the questions the believer of today must answer, and in a meaningful way.

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