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is simply a matter of forms and ceremonies and going through different superstitious observances which never reach the heart with the gospel. Did you have a question, Mr.---? (Student) The activity of the Spaniards centered in Mexico and in South America. The Spaniards did not, except in Florida, they did not enter into the United States territory very much except \_\_\_\_\_ and there they came up from Spain and from Mexico. There was a great Roman catholic activity in North America, that is North of the Rio Grande, I mean, through the French missionaries, Father Marquette, who, I believe, was the first white man to see the Mississippi River and other French missionaries of the same character as some of these padres I mentioned who came who came into the Spanish territory to the south, but most of the United states territory, at least the eastern United States territory was in between \_\_\_\_\_, and wasn't entered either by the French group from the north or by the Spanish group from the south. In a way it isn't right to call these French groups and Spanish groups. The Roman catholic church was an international organization. Some worked in Spanish territory and some worked in French territory and the bulk of them would be French or Spanish but included among them were Germans and some Italians and some, occasionally an English worker, who was one of the Roman catholic missionaries working in one of these areas. There's one very brief episode which I'd like to mention in full if we had more time. When the Jesuits, the Jesuit missionaries at the end of the 17th century, received permission from the king of Spain to have entire charge of lower California and another group of Jesuit missionaries received a similar permission to have the territory which in South America is now known as Paraguay, a country far inland in South America. In each of these areas the Jesuits had absolute control and no one else was allowed to enter. They established their churches and schools and monasteries there and they undertook a great work there in these two territories which were absolutely under their control. I once made quite a study--wrote a twenty thousand word paper, in fact--on the history of the Jesuits in lower California. That's not our Southern California, you understand. That's the part of California that is