

Church in Jugoslavia Shows Large Increase During Past Ten Years

More Parishes Established, Marriages and Baptisms Increase, and New Monasteries Opened

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Ljubljana, Jugoslavia, May 23.—When the Catholic Croation and Slovenian provinces, formerly a part of Austria, were joined with semi-independent Serbia in the kingdom of Jugoslavia, fear was expressed that the schismatic Serbs would use their influence as the majority in the State to the detriment of the Catholic minority and would start a propaganda for serism among the Croats and Slovenes. Comparative figures for the first ten years of existence of the new Jugoslavia show that just the opposite has happened.

The Catholic Church has gained steadily in strength in the new State. Statistics show it ever increasing in popularity, even among the schismatic Serbs. The few Catholics who have joined the schismatic church have done so only in cases of marriage. There is little evidence of schismatic influence over the Catholic province, while the Catholic Church in Serbia is growing in numbers and influence.

Evidence of Catholic Growth

Catholic sisters are being introduced into more and more hospitals and are beloved and respected by all

Serbs. More Catholic parishes are being established and Catholic priests are held in high regard. The Catholic Archbishop has influence far greater than that of the schismatic Patriarch of Belgrade.

Latest statistics published at Belgrade show the remarkable growth of the Catholic Church in Jugoslavia. In the Archdiocese of Belgrade there were in 1919 a total of 19,000 Catholics. In 1928 the Catholics numbered 30,000. In the city of Belgrade there were 10,000 Catholics in 1919, and in 1928 there were 40,000.

Catholic baptisms in Belgrade in 1919 totaled 73, while there were 652 in 1928. Marriages in the city of Catholics totaled 63 in 1919 and 360 in 1928. This same proportion of increase is shown in the figures for the entire Archdiocese, which show 4,631 Catholic baptisms in 1928 as against 84 in 1919. Catholic marriages for the Archdiocese in 1928 totaled 2,605 as against 67 in 1919.

Further evidence of the opening of a great field of Catholic activity in Serbia is seen in the fact that the Franciscans, lately, have opened several monasteries there and the Assumptionists one.

The Serbs, by their nature, are a religious people and their schismatic church seems unable to satisfy their hunger for things spiritual. They are deeply impressed by the practices and services in the Catholic Churches and, as a result, the Catholic Churches are much frequented by schismatics.

Old Prejudices Dying Out

Old prejudices against the Catholic Church, fostered by enemies for political purposes, are dying out, particularly the belief that the Catholic Church would be hostile to the aspirations and ambitions of Serbians.

The Slovenes, especially, are helping to win Serbians to the Church by their Apostolate of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, who also are Saints of the schismatic church, being the Apostles to the Slavs.

This influence of the Catholic Church in Jugoslavia is noted even in the highest circles of the government. King Alexander is very favorably inclined toward the Catholic Church and her rights, and no laws affecting church affairs are enacted without first consulting the hierarchy.

Much of the credit for this advance of the Catholic Church in Jugoslavia is due to the offices of the present Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Hieronymo Pellegrinetti.

The pact of friendship between Jugoslavia and Bulgaria, which now seems assured, is expected to aid in extending Catholic growth to that country.

Strong Flow of Water Cleans Stucco House

A stucco house requires vigorous cleaning. For stains, which sometimes are found below the windows, diluted sulphuric acid can be applied. The stucco must first be scrubbed well and then rinsed thoroughly.

To clean a stucco a strong flow of water through a hose with the nozzle set to throw a small stream will be found effective. Begin at the top of the wall under the roof and work down. Naturally the closer you get to the stucco surface the more satisfactory will be the result.

Knights Win Another Case in Michigan

Jury Refuses to Believe That Members Took a Dreadful Oath

New Haven, May 23.—The sixth trial suit brought by the Knights of Columbus since the presidential campaign ended recently, with the conviction of J. Harold Hunter, in the Circuit Court of Flint, Michigan, following his appeal from the lower court on a charge of criminal libel through circulation of the bogus "oath" of the Fourth Degree, K. of C.

The bogus "oath" supposedly pledges all Fourth Degree Knights to "wage relentless war, secretly and openly against all Protestants and Masons" and "hang, burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle and bury alive those infamous heretics," as well as to provide themselves with arms and ammunition for service in "the militia of the Pope when called on."

During the recent presidential campaign, evidence was gathered against persons who were circulating the "oath" but no action was taken until after election so that such action might not be construed as a political move.

A week ago, L. D. Hand was convicted in Denver, Colorado, and just prior to his trial, convictions were secured in the case of Rev. Elmo Bateman, New Jersey; Rev. W. F. LaRoue and Mrs. E. C. Alumbaugh, Ga., and a man named Beach in Minnesota.

Donor of Million Authority on Chant

Mrs. J. B. Ward of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., who recently gave a million dollars for the establishment of a schola cantorum, or school for liturgical music, at the Catholic University of America in Washington, is an authority on Gregorian chant. She is the founder of the Pope Pius X School of New York City, and is greatly interested in every work to promote church music.

The new school, at which will be taught liturgical chant and classic polyphony, will grant a degree of Bachelor of Science in music and higher degrees for advanced students. The curriculum will follow closely the course given at the famous Pontifical School of Sacred Music in Rome and the Academy of Church Music in Vienna.

Syrian Catholics Erect Church in Australian City

Melbourne, May 23.—The foundation-stone of a church for the Syrian community of Brisbane, numbering about 200 souls, has been blessed by the Right Rev. Clement Malout, Bishop of Caesarea Philippi. The Rev. S. Khoury, Archimandrite, will remain as priest in charge.

There are about 1,000 Syrian Catholics in Australia, but hitherto they have had their own ritual only in Sydney, a priest who died in Melbourne, having no successor in that city.

Poppy Day Sale During the Week Of Memorial Day

Supreme Council of Knights of Columbus Endorses the Sale By Veterans

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Each year the Veterans of Foreign Wars conduct their Buddy Poppy Sale through the entire country during the week of Memorial Day to raise funds for the adequate maintenance of their relief activities. The peak of war-caused disability has not yet been reached, according to government authorities, and the need for this relief program continues unabated.

Each genuine Buddy Poppy carries a copyright green label which identifies it as the genuine handiwork of disabled and needy ex-servicemen. The majority are made in government hospitals, through an arrangement with the United States Veterans' Bureau, in two hospitals alone, Hospital No. 81 in New York City and Hospital No. 10 in Northport, Long Island, approximately 3,000,000 are being made. The poppy-making gives employment to patients through the greater part of the year. A national total of 6,000,000

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Here is the type of home which will appeal to a great many prospective home builders, especially those who want a modern dwelling, require only a limited number of rooms and have not a large amount of money to build with. It is a simple colonial home made attractive by a wide porch with a glazed-in entry.

This house is of frame construction and is only 22 feet by 26 feet.

On the front, two at the side, one at either side of the fireplace, and two at the back, provide it with an unusually large amount of light and excellent ventilation.

As will be seen by the floor plans, the dining room is also a front corner room and is connected with the living

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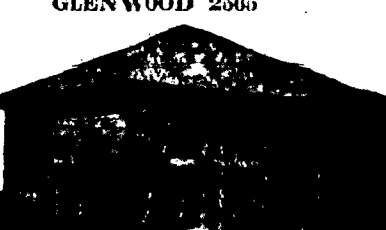
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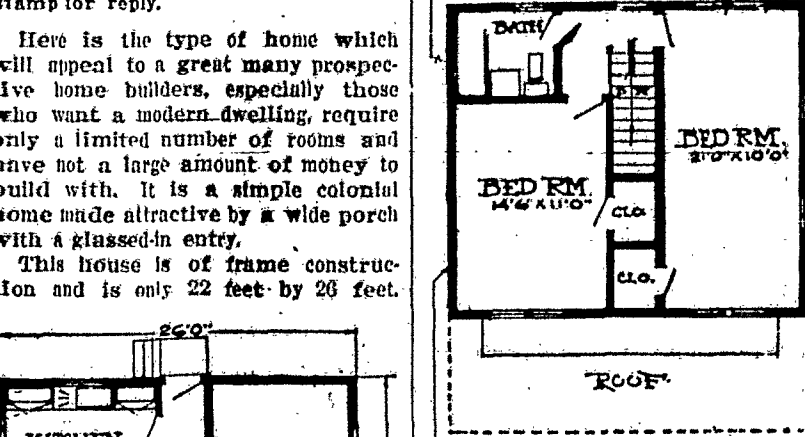
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Second Floor Plan.


room by a cased double opening. This room is 11 feet by 12 feet 6 inches. The kitchen, 8 feet by 11 feet, is directly back of the dining room. Open stairs run out of one side of the living room directly opposite the entrance door and lead to a central hall on the second floor. Here are found the bedrooms, one directly above the living room and practically the same size, and the other 11 feet by 14 feet 6 inches. At the head of the stairs is the bathroom. Should the family be willing to have smaller bedrooms or should the occasion arise the large bedroom can be partitioned into two, each one being 10 feet by 10 1/2 feet.

The wide porch with the brick steps and the overhang of the porch roof take from this home the plainness which is sometimes a drawback in the true colonial design.

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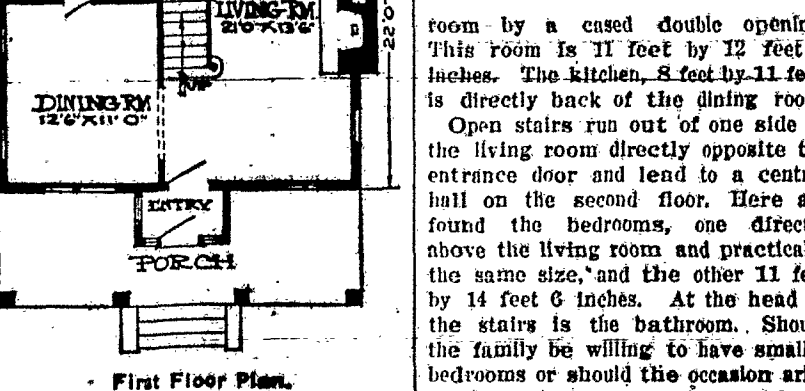
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First Floor Plan.

The interior arrangement is such, however, that there is an unusually large living room, 13 feet 6 inches by 21 feet, extending the depth of the house at one end. In the center of the outside wall of this room is an open fireplace while two windows at

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