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—Pope Benedict XV.

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—Bishop O'Hern.

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Rochester Priest Fled to Mountains in China to Escape Red Soldiers

Smuggling Arms Into Palestine Causes Arrests

Jerusalem, Dec. 21.—Word has been received here from Beirut of the detection of a wholesale trading in armaments and the arrest of several Jews and Jewish agents who are said to have been buying arms in large quantities in Syria and smuggling them into the Holy Land under the very nose of the Palestine Police.

Two Jews from Haifa were arrested by the police in Beirut and a machine gun, several hand grenades and 19 rifles were taken from them, it is reported. Their organization in Palestine had provided these men with a check for five thousand pounds for this purpose, it was stated.

Arabs Protest to High Commissioner Emir Abdallah of Transjordan has sent to the British High Commissioner in Jerusalem a strong protest against this effort by the Zionists to make Palestine a battlefield, and has announced that if the smuggling of arms into Palestine is not stopped at once he refuses to be responsible for what his tribes of desert people will do against the Jews.

Apostleship of Sea Extending Sway London, Dec. 12.—The Apostleship of the Sea is now organized at 117 ports throughout the world, it was reported at the annual meeting of the Apostleship, held here under the presidency of Admiral Sir Edward Charlton.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF POPE TO BE CELEBRATED SUNDAY IN ROCHESTER DIOCESE

Bishop O'Hern Designates the Day for Jubilee Commemoration, and Urges All People of Diocese to Unite in Celebrating the Event

The golden jubilee of the ordination of Pope Pius XI to the priesthood falls on Friday of this week, and the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, has sent a pastoral letter to all pastors in the diocese, calling attention to this fact and urging them and people to celebrate the jubilee in a fitting manner on Sunday. His letter follows:

"Dear Reverend Father: Friday of this week, December 20th, will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the sacramental ordination of our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, and the whole Catholic world is called upon to rejoice with him in celebrating this milestone in his priestly life.

"It is but fitting that priests, religious and people of the diocese should unite with the millions of Catholics throughout the world in paying special tribute to the Supreme Head of the Church on this occasion of his Golden Jubilee. We owe it to him as our spiritual Father, and to his faithful and loving children who recognize in the Sovereign Pontiff the Successor of St. Peter, the Head of the Universal Church and the Vicar of Jesus Christ. We are constantly enjoying the spiritual privileges that come to us through the gracious and beneficent actions of Him Who possesses the plenitude of power bestowed upon the first Pope, and which will be continued in the Church through his successors to the end of time.

"Thus in addition to the reverence, love and respect we owe Pius XI as our spiritual Father, by reason of this happy jubilee commemorating one-half a century in the Priesthood of the Lord, we shall pay him, by our prayers and devotion, a personal tribute which devoted children owe to a kind and gracious Father.

"We, therefore, designate next Sunday, December 22nd, as the official day for the jubilee commemoration in the Diocese of Rochester of this happy and auspicious occasion, and we direct that in all the Masses said on that day the third oration be 'Oratio pro papa,' and that at all the Masses a sermon appropriate to the occasion shall be preached.

"Please also urge the faithful of your parish to receive Holy Communion on next Sunday morning for the special intention and welfare of our Holy Father, at the same time praying for his health, strength and length of years.

"I might suggest finally that, in the case of all those priests who are called upon to bi-nate on next Sunday, they would offer up their second Mass for the special intention of the Pope whose temporal and spiritual welfare concerns every member of the Universal Church.

Our Saviour's Birthplace at Xmas Time



This picture of Bethlehem, besides being an excellent view of the city, is very rare, in that it shows the place of the Saviour's birth covered with a mantle of snow. Snow falls but rarely in the Holy Land, and then only lightly and for a brief period of time. The alertness of Dr. Alexander Mombelli, of Jerusalem, who secured this picture exclusively for the N. C. W. C. News Service, made this picture possible. The lower picture is a view in the interior of the Grotto of the Nativity of Bethlehem. The star set in the marble base, surrounded by lamps, marks the spot where, according to the ancient tradition, the Blessed Virgin gave birth to the Saviour of Men. The lower picture is a Wide View of the Grotto.

Rev. Charles Hilbert And Other Priests In Danger of Death

Soviet Army Captured Town Close to Where Father Hilbert Is Stationed—Priests and Others, Fearing Capture or Death, Went Into Mountains for Safety—Co-Worker of Father Hilbert Writes of Experiences

RED SOLDIERS WROTE ON CHAPEL WALLS "DOWN WITH THE CHURCH AND AMERICA"

Maryknoll, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Maryknoll missionaries in Kwangtung Province have been forced by the advance of Communist armies to abandon their missions and flee into the mountains, according to a letter received at the Maryknoll house. The letter tells how, among other missionaries, the Rev. Charles Hilbert of Rochester, N. Y., stationed at the Catholic mission of Chemping, Siao Loo, China, had to flee for his life to the mountains when the "Red" army of Russia captured an adjoining town. The letter intimates that other missionaries have suffered greatly at the hands of the "Reds," who are taught to fight all religion, and that the missionaries are fearful for their lives.

Father Downs' Account of Raid! His letter follows: "Thank God the danger is over, at least for the present, and our missions of Siao Loo and Kaying have been spared. This past week certainly has had its exciting moments. On Sunday, October 2, eighteen Fukien Christian refugees came down from Siao Loo, where our Father Hilbert, of Rochester, N. Y., had given them shelter, and brought a letter from Father Hilbert, saying that the chances were eight to one that the 'Reds' would descend into our Mission in Kwangtung Province. More Christians were leaving Siao Loo, and Father Hilbert was all prepared to hide in the mountains.

The letter, written by the Rev. William Downs, missionary in charge of the Siao Loo district, describes the abandonment of Siao Loo and the invasion of the town by the Communists. It concludes with a postscript, written after the missionaries had returned, which states that they have been forced again to leave their house.

"In view of this information, we sent all our missionaries away the next day, some to Shan Ning, the others to the mountainous district of Father Downs. The missionaries were to be ready to leave at a moment's notice. It was then reported that the 'Reds' were three days' march from Siao Loo, and were, in fact, already in Kaying territory, so I removed the Blessed Sacrament.

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SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN WILL END SATURDAY NIGHT, PROMPTLY AT TEN O'CLOCK

Returns Will Be Audited After That, and No Announcement of Winners Made Until a Careful Audit Has Been Completed—The Rules

By K. M. MacMAHON (Manager Subscription Club Campaign)

In order that the interests of each member of the Catholic Courier and Journal Subscription Club may be guarded against the least possibility of error, an expert accountant will make a complete audit of the entire returns of the Subscription Club and ascertain the winners of the awards, which total upwards of \$10,000 in value.

The audit will start after the completion of the campaign at ten o'clock Saturday night, December 21. Two well known Rochester citizens, Ernest L. Wood, Advertising Manager, Duffy-Powers Company and Mrs. M. C. Honan, Advertising Manager, E. W. Edwards & Son, were named as judges to officiate in closing the campaign in accordance with the rules.

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Famous Holland Church Restored To The Catholics

The Hague, Dec. 21.—One of the grandest monuments of Middle Age ecclesiastical architecture in Holland, the St. Willibrord Church of the city of Hulst, of which the Catholics were robbed in the XVII century, has again been turned over to them in all its stately grandeur by agreement with the Dutch Reformed Consistory, which owned the nave, whilst the sanctuary with transepts have been used by the Roman Catholic congregation for over a century.

The transfer has aroused a nationwide interest because of the artistic importance of the edifice, and also because of its history dating back to the first years of the Christian era in the Netherlands.

Pope Observes Golden Jubilee



POPE PIUS XI

BISHOP O'HERN WILL BLESS NEW CONVENT IN AUBURN ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Auburn, Dec. 20.—The new convent of St. Hyacinth's parish, located opposite the church on Pulaski Street, will be blessed by the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 22d. Bishop O'Hern will celebrate Mass in the chapel of the convent at 8:30 Sunday morning. At the blessing of the convent the Bishop will be assisted by Rev. Father Jerome O'Malley, rector of the chapel, the Rev. Father Blaise, O. M. C., assistant rector, and the clergy of the diocese.

The present convent on State Street, occupied by the Sisters of St. Joseph for the past 20 years, was entirely inadequate for their needs, and Father Jerome took steps this Spring to provide a new one. Plans for the building were prepared by George F. Lorenz, architect, of Rochester, N. Y. The contracts were let in May. Mr. Lorenz, who is the architect for the new St. Alphonsus' Church in Auburn, also supervised the construction.

The new convent, which will be named after St. Anthony, and which enjoys the distinction of being the most complete in layout of rooms, modern equipment, and architectural finish, in Central New York, is designed after an adaptation from Colonial architecture. It has a frontage of 44 feet on Pulaski Street and a depth of 62 feet.

A brick grade course, surmounting a granite grade course, furnishes the foundation, above which the side-walls are covered with an imported asbestos shingle, broken by a wood hot course at the second floor line. The roof also is covered with asbestos shingles. Mounting the stone steps of the private entrance porch, which is surmounted by a wrought iron railing, one enters the vestibule, with a Roman tile floor laid in random pat-

tern. Directly ahead is the main hall, running the full length of the building to the stairway connecting to the second floor.

On the East side of the main hall is located the office, a spacious community room, of which is the parlour. Behind the community room is the chapel. A small separate entrance from outside, as well as the inside corridor, connects with the chapel. A Gothic motif dominates the chapel, with its lancet, heart stained glass windows, and doors in keeping with the design of the chapel. A vestry, with built-in wardrobe, is located at the side of the spacious sanctuary.

On the west side of the main hall is located the music room, and behind that the dining room, which has a built-in china cabinet, and also a special sink is provided.

A large pantry, equipped with ample cupboards and the kitchen, connect with the dining room. An electric refrigerator, gas range, room closet, and double drain board sink complete the kitchen equipment. The entire first floor is furnished in fumed white oak, with oak floors throughout.

The second floor, finished throughout in walnut, is given over to 10 cells or bedrooms, 3x13 feet in size, and a 10x12 ft. sewing room. Oak floors are laid throughout the second floor, with tile floors in the bathrooms.

Some of the outstanding features to be found in this convent are the lavatories in each cell, supplied with hot and cold water, also a large wardrobe. A linen chute, ample linen room, chromium plating on all plumbing fixtures which prevents corrosion, large and well ventilated laundry with china wash trays, an ample drying room, automatic hot water storage system and vapor heating system. The entire building has insulated walls and ceilings.

MOTHER OF SORROWS CHURCH ON MOUNT READ BOULEVARD ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD

Mass On Christmas Day Will Be One-Hundredth Consecutive Christmas Mass Celebrated There—Plans Are Being Made For Celebrating Centennial.

On Christmas Day, 1829, Mass was celebrated in a little chapel at the spot that is now known as the junction at Mt. Read Boulevard and Lata Road. And when the priest goes to the altar for midnight Mass on Christmas Eve it will be the 100 consecutive time that the Christmas Mass has been celebrated on Mt. Read.

The Christmas services this year will mark the beginning of an elaborate centenary program that the congregation of Our Mother of Sorrows Church is planning. More than half of the present congregation are direct descendants of the early settlers who made the parish possible 100 years ago. Our Mother of Sorrows Church is the second in the oldest in the Diocese of Rochester, only the Cathedral surpassing it in antiquity.

The story of the lives of Felix Maguire, Nicholas Read and many more of the early settlers of this region is a story of Living Faith. They were the first to build a church in a rural district in all New York State. Their earthly remains rest in the little cemetery adjoining the church on the hallowed hill and when the great beacon in the tower announces the Christmas midnight hour and the Mass is offered for those pious pioneers a church full of grateful hearts will go up in fervent supplication for their eternal welfare.

For the first 25 years of its existence this parish was cared for by priests sent by the Bishop of Buffalo for short periods of time. Finally, in 1858, Rev. John M. Maurice was appointed pastor and served the congregation faithfully for 36 years. His successor, Rev. John P. Quinn has served the parish for 24 years. And the living faith of the congregation is sufficient testimony to the zeal of these two great men. Father Quinn, his health failing, retired a short time ago and was succeeded by the Rev. Daniel B. O'Rourke, who is arranging the centennial celebration.

The magnificent altar and carved wood statuary have been newly redecorated and the beautiful paintings, imported from Europe by Father Maurice, that hang above the altar have been restored so that the entire setting of the sanctuary is one of rare beauty.

The Church in the Woods

A century ago giant forests covered the territory all around the site of Our Mother of Sorrows Church. Here, at one time, the Tuscaroras and Canawaugus Indians roamed, and when the first church, a little frame structure, was built it was commonly called "The Catholic Church in the Woods." Among the active workers in building the church and in organizing the parish were Felix Maguire, John McGuire, James Beatty, Judge Nicholas Reed, Lawrence Garroty, John Martin, Arthur Martin, Capt. James Flynn, Kieran Buckley, Patrick Dorsey, Andrew Mulligan, Cornelius Parnham. Their work of a century ago has borne rich and blessed fruit and their memories are revered by their descendants.

Great Pianist



IGNACE PADEREWSKI

Ignace Jan Paderewski, world-famous Polish pianist, recently cancelled his proposed trip to America and is once more considered a probable candidate for president of Poland.