

Hand of Soviet Moscow Seen in The Disturbances Growing in Southern China

(Fides Service) Vatican City, June 20.—Fides reports from widely separated points reveal the continued gravity of the position of Catholic missionaries in Central and South China. The hand of Soviet Moscow is seen in the increasing disturbances in South China by two missionaries who have escaped from Kanchow, Kiangsi, field of the American Vincentians under Bishop O'Shea, C.M. Practically all the area of Southern Kiangsi is now in the hands of the Communists, and the civil population is joining and sympathizing with them. The leader of the movement is a Chinese graduate of a German University, assisted by a number of Russian advisers who are in wireless communication with Moscow. While this has always been one of the hottest centers of communism, latest reports indicate an increased effectiveness in the society control.

goods impossible. Our province at least is fast becoming sovietized." Communist Power Spreading. The spread of Communist power throughout southern Kiangsi and its extension in lower Anhui is reported in dispatches from Shanghai. The Irish Fathers of St. Columban, Rev. James Linehan and Rev. Patrick Laffan, whose capture was announced April 30, are still captives, though no ransom is demanded for their release. Grave fears are expressed at the Jesuit Generalate for two Spanish missionaries, Fathers Avila and Hidalgo who disappeared when the city of Hoehan (Anhui) was burned by bandits of a bitterly radical stamp. Father Herrera, the third Spanish Jesuit, captured at Taihou, was later released by soldiers. A Fides telegram from Shanghai under date of May 19 announces the Communist movement in Hankow, where the Italian Franciscans are stationed. The Catholic mission at Simakow has been pillaged by brigands and Hanching is in danger of falling into the hands of the Reds. The general situation in South China is summed up by the Correspondent at Hongkong as showing a "weakening of the powers of the Government throughout the whole of South China, a marked increase of river pirates and inland bandits, and evidence of renewed hope among the communist groups in sections of Kwangtung, Kwansi, Fukien and Kiangsi Provinces. As far as we can judge the cause of the unrest is the threat to the central Government at Nanking by the North combination under Yen Hsueh-i by the northern armies in the civil war that is about to begin will result in the outbreak of disturbances all over the southern provinces. The only force for stability here is the Canton Government, and that government stands or falls with the Nanking Government to which it has remained steadfastly loyal.

French Aviator Planning to Fly Around the World

PARIS—Watching with keen interest the John Mears attempt to fly around the world in twenty days, Dieudonne Coste, himself a trans-Atlantic flier, is said to be preparing for a similar flight. Coste is one of the most successful aviators in France. Should he decide to emulate Mears' stunt he will have to go to some other country to take off, as the laws of France make it impossible for French officers to start on ocean air journeys from French shores. The French have not forgotten previous fatal ocean flights of their war heroes.

Women Baptize 25,000 Infants in Year in China

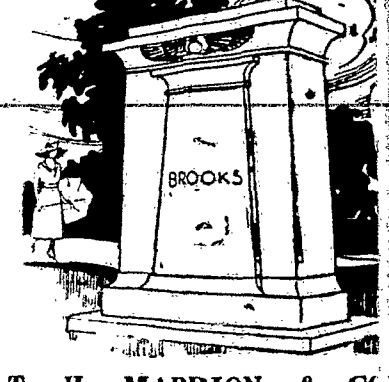
(Fides Service) Shanghai, China, June 20.—The baptism of 25,000 infants in one year in a single mission territory is the report of the Vicariate of Nanjing, China. This unusual figure is ascribed in great part to the activities of the Chinese "Christians of the Virgin" or "Baptists," names given to women lay workers who voluntarily give their services to the Church. The "Virgins" are usually well instructed in the doctrine of the Church and recipients of medicine. Some live a sort of community life, possessing a group of ten or fifteen near the church which they keep neat and clean, and teach catechism and school. In the absence of the missionaries in the outstations they guard the church and direct the common prayers. In many parts the influence of these women is considerable. Others live with their families, taking part in the normal life at home. But all are prepared to serve at all hours. Frequently called by even pagans to attend to dying children, they endeavor always to administer baptism in danger of death. Women devoting themselves to Church work in this manner total approximately 10,000 in China.

St. Margaret Mary Parish Cornerstone Will Be Laid June 24; Summer Festival, June 26, 27 and 28

The cornerstone of the new parish school of St. Margaret Mary, at the foot of Roberts Parkway, Stop 4 1/2 on Summerville Blvd., will be laid at 8 o'clock next Tuesday evening, June 24. The Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, will officiate. He will be assisted by the Most Rev. Archbishop George J. Caruana of Havana, Apostolic Delegate to the Antilles, and by a number of clergy of the Diocese. The construction of this fine new parish school is splendid evidence of the rapid growth of this new parish, under the leadership of the rector, the Rev. Charles J. Bruton, Ph.D., M.R. St. Margaret Mary's Church was dedicated on September 15, 1929, and since that time the growth of the parish has been remarkable. Live and energetic church societies for men and women have been organized, and the parish gives every promise of soon becoming one of the most vigorous in the Diocese. Summer Festival, June 26, 27, 28. In order to help provide a Convent for the Sisters of St. Francis, who will teach in the school when it is opened next Fall, a mammoth Summer Festival—the first ever held by the congregation—will be conducted on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings next week, June 26, 27 and 28. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this festival and help Father Bruton in the great work he is undertaking. The "Fitzmaurice" Band of St. Paul Blvd. will give a concert on the opening evening, and there will be special entertainment each evening. A variety of booths include the following: Lay down booths sponsored by Claude Roosevelt; baseball; George Schelker; groceries; George Marchant; ham and sugar; A. J. Bamann; candy; Edward Kolb; bingo; Joseph Maeder; fancy and doll and toy store; Ladies Altar Society; hats; Zweigle and Mueller; soft drinks; Stephen Emrick and Edward Fritch; art; blankets; Harold Asenbiter; radio and appliances; Fred Heil. The Committee in charge of the festival is composed of Henry Kuehler, Chairman; Rev. C. J. Bruton; Scraphin Schwartz; John J. Burke; Frank Foery; Edward Fischler; Fred Heil; J. J. O'Connell; W. J. McLaughlin; E. M. Kolb; George Schelker; G. L. Pritchard; George Marchant; A. J. Bamann.

Many Changes Are Being Made At Camp Madonna

Extensive improvements which are being made at Camp Madonna on Canandaigua Lake will be completed by the opening of the Camp on next Saturday, June 29th. The ground floor of the large, two-story building which is composed of sleeping rooms, has been made over into an attractive dining room and modern kitchen; additional outdoor sleeping quarters have been provided for the girls, and the partition removed between the recreation room and the old dining room, making the recreation room a third larger. The canvas walls of the new enlarged recreation room are being decorated in golden yellow, and the entire east wall of the new dining room will be open from floor to ceiling with large French doors and screens, affording a magnificent view of the lake and hills in the distance. Many of the guests this year have registered from nearby towns and some are coming from points as far distant as Albany. Miss Annie Keeney, a graduate of Mechanics Institute, is director in charge and a recreational leader and four counselors will direct the camp sports. Tennis, baseball, swimming, hiking, games, boating, sailing, and marshmallow roasts, camp fires and stunt nights fill the Camp days, from the rising, but to 11:30 P.M. out at 9:30 P.M. on June 27 and 28, 2 o'clock each day the Camp is open for the rest of the year. Any girl between the ages of 10 and 18 will be welcome throughout the entire season. Reservations must be made in advance at the Catholic Women's Club, 217 Alexander Street.



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Sisters of the Good Shepherd Convent Blessed on Winton Road, And They Will Build Home for Girls

On Wednesday morning this week the Convent of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd on Winton Road was blessed, and Mass said for the first time in their convent chapel. Four of these Sisters have come to Rochester, under the leadership of Mother Agnes, to conduct a home for girls. They have a 12 1/2-acre tract of land on Winton Road, and have taken up their residence in the old Snyder homestead on this farm. They plan to build the first unit of a \$100,000 home for girls, the Holy Angela Home, next August.

Catholic Editor Rounds Out Fifty Years of Service on Paper—"The Catholic Citizen" of Milwaukee

Milwaukee, June 20.—Humphrey J. Desmond, editor of "The Catholic Citizen," is rounding out 50 years of service in that position, and the paper itself is preparing to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Mr. Desmond has done splendid work during these 50 years, and his paper is one of the foremost Catholic publications in the country. "The Citizen" will soon publish an anniversary number in honor of its birthday, and in honor of its editor. When Mr. Desmond became editor of "The Catholic Citizen," Rutherford B. Hayes was President of the United States, and Herbert Hoover was six years old. Idaho, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Utah, Washington and Wyoming had not been admitted to the Union. Only the first 150 feet of the Washington Monument had been completed. The population of the United States was 59,158,783, and New York City had a mere 1,990,698 citizens. There were no automobiles or trolley cars, and consequently no public discussions regarding parking spaces, traffic laws and license fees. Not one of the present cardinals had been consecrated, and Pope Leo XIII was gloriously reigning. Victoria, last of the Hanoverian rulers, was Queen of the British Empire, William I, was Emperor of Germany, and Alexander II was ruler of Russia. The incomparable Jenny Lind was still alive, and Naude Adams was but eight years old. The steamer Arizona crossed the "Blue Pond" in seven days, seven hours, and 33 minutes and was regarded as the queen of the ocean because of the feat. The typewriter was seven years old, the telephone four, and the linotype had not been invented, all of which must have been a great help in getting out a paper. The Anson's Chicago team was the present winner in the National League, and had no rival for honors in the American League, due to the fact that the American League was not to be born for twenty years. Chicago's first and last 27, the White Sox, was playing chop heads with bare knuckles on the grounds of his unfortunate challenge, and was the champion of the world, and of several other worlds. He did it. It is estimated that there are more than 10,000 mineral springs in the United States, of which nearly 2,000 have produced waters in commercial quantities.

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On her deathbed, Mother Marie Therese's last utterance was, "Ever" first word of the motto of her sisterhood, "Ece ancilla Domini" Bishop Alain de Boissemont said of her "God be praised for having given us the last eight years of this magnificent life, and for leaving us

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