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AROUND CATHOLIC WORLD

(By NCWC NEWS SERVICE)

WHERE SAINT RESTED

London—A church dedicated to SS. John Fisher and Thomas More has been opened at Eltham, near here, a district closely associated with the life of St. Thomas More, and where St. John Fisher rested on his journey from Rochester to the Tower of London for martyrdom.

WINS AT OLYMPICS

Ottawa, Ont.—Frank Amyot, 32-year-old Ottawa paddler, who won Canada's sole championship at the Olympic games in Berlin by taking an easy first place in the 1,000-meter canoe singles, is a member of a well known family of Blessed Sacrament parish here. His father is Dr. J. A. Amyot, former Deputy Minister of Pensions and National Health, and the Rev. William K. Amyot, of the Chinese Missions, is a brother. Mr. Amyot has held the Dominion title six times and is considered one of the finest paddlers on the continent.

ART GOODWILL AGENCY

Washington—Writing in the August number of The Bulletin of the Pan American Union, Paul A. McNeil, librarian of the Ibero-American Library of the Catholic University of America, terms the Freyer collection of Hispanic-Peruvian art and furniture, now on exhibition at the university, as "a messenger of goodwill."

TEACH IN PRISON

Suanhuafu, China—So numerous have been the prisoners who later regularly to instructions given by Catholic Action members in the local prison that the authorities have permitted a separate lecture hall to be erected within the wall according to Lumen Service. Half the money was given by the local Christians, the other half by the Mission.

50 YEARS JESUIT

Boston—The Rev. George A. Keelan, S.J., a member of the Boston College faculty, this week celebrated his fiftieth year as a member of the Society of Jesus. Father Keelan who is spiritual director of St. John's Ecclesiastical Seminary, Brighton is noted for his work in preparing converts for admission into the Catholic Church.

FIRST ENSYCLOPEDIA

Tokyo—It has been announced that the first specimen pages of the Japanese Catholic Encyclopedia will soon be published. The project has been launched by the "Sophia," Catholic University of Tokyo. Professor Tanaka Kotaro is editor in chief. At the end of April Father Kraus, professor at the Catholic University, returned to Tokyo after a 10-month trip in Europe, during which he secured the collaboration of the principal Catholic writers of various countries who have promised to contribute are Bellot, Martain, Claudel, Father Menelli, Father Tacchi-Venturi, Papini, Marconi.

NAMED PROVINCIAL

Vienna—The Superior General of the Society of Jesus, the very Rev. Valdimir Ledochowski, S.J., has appointed the Very Rev. Josef Miller S.J., of the University of Innsbruck, to be Provincial of the Society in Austria.

90 YEARS IN CHICAGO

Chicago—With the completion this summer of 90 years of work in Chicago by the Sisters of Mercy, thousands of their former pupils, friends and benefactors are preparing to mark the anniversary with a series of events that will culminate in a Mercy Benefit Football Game at Soldier Field between Marquette University of Milwaukee and St. Louis University on October 10.

CURE REPORTED

London—Announcement that a London nun has made a remarkable recovery from a cancerous growth following a novena in supplication to Our Lady of Walsingham was made by Dom Walter Mackey, O.S.B., of Ealing Priory, here, when he was leading a pilgrimage at the Walsingham shrine. He said the doctors in charge of the case were astonished. The nun, it was claimed, lost the growth after drinking water from Walsingham.

TO OPEN COLLEGE

Saskatoon—Establishment of a new Catholic college to be affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan was announced here by the Most Rev. Gerald Murray, Bishop of Saskatoon. The St. Thomas More College, as the institution will be known, will be conducted by the Basilian Fathers, who direct St. Michael's College, at Toronto.

ADVANCE CAUSE

Yenchowfu, China—The Canonical Process for the Beatification of the Rev. Joseph Freinademetz, S.V.D., has been begun. The Tribunal appointed by the Sacred Congregation of Rites is headed by the Most Rev. Cyril R. Jarre, O.F.M., Vicar Apostolic of Tsinanfu. In the 27 meetings which have already been held 18 witnesses who were personally acquainted with Father Freinademetz have been interrogated.

CARDINAL PRESIDES

San Francisco—His Eminence Manuel Goncalves Cardinal Cerejeira, Patriarch of Lisbon, presided at the formal opening of the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of San Francisco in St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday. The Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, spoke. It was the first and only public appearance of the Cardinal in this city.

K. OF C. STUDY PERSECUTION OF MEXICANS

Consider 36 Resolutions As Convention Opens In Toronto

TORONTO—As the fifty-fourth annual International Convention of the Knights of Columbus opened here with 300 accredited delegates and some 2,000 visiting members in three-day session, of outstanding importance was consideration of 36 resolutions condemning the persecution of religion in Mexico.

In the last year, the Knights have urged action by the United States Government to alleviate the position of Catholics in Mexico and have supported a resolution introduced by Senator Borah calling for an investigation by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations into the treatment of American citizens living in Mexico.

Pamphlet on Mejico

A pamphlet entitled "Mexico—The Record of the Year" has been issued by the Supreme Council and distributed among the delegates and members attending the convention. It presents first correspondence exchanged by the Supreme Council and the Supreme Board of Directors with President Roosevelt on the subject of the persecution of religion in Mexico. There then follow excerpts from editorial comment in the Catholic Press of the United States on the subject.

Under the caption "The Menace of Communism," there is printed an excerpt from a letter addressed by the Supreme Knight to the State Deputies. This is followed by copies of resolutions adopted by State Councils protesting the Mexican persecution.

In a chapter entitled "State of the Church and of Catholics in Mexico, August, 1936," the pamphlet says there has been no appreciable change in the state of affairs in that country and cites instances of continuing persecution.

Referring to the "Good Neighbor" policy of the Administration at Washington, the pamphlet says this policy, although heralded as being "primarily formulated and designed for the benefit of the people of Mexico collectively and not for any minor political faction, has resulted in "depriving them (the people of Mexico) of their Constitutional license to freely profess the religious belief they desire and to practice the ceremonies, devotions, and other acts of their sect, 'either in places of public worship or at home.'"

Protests Justified

Declaring that there is ground for continued protests, the pamphlet quotes from a writer in the June number of Columbia, who says those who protest are "on firm ground in declining to cease

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MEXICO CATHOLICS ASK FOR CHURCHES

MEXICO CITY—A large group of Catholics have signed a memorial addressed to President Lazaro Cardenas asking that he use his influence to have the Sagrario Metropolitano, which was withdrawn from use as the Cathedral parish church and destined for use as a public library, restored to the Archdiocese.

The Catholics base their petition on the fact that this edifice, one of the most beautiful works of architecture in all Mexico, belongs to the Catholic people whose contributions built and supported it and who should have the use of it as a church, the purpose of which it was built.

They also ask the President for the return of other churches throughout the country which have been converted into schools, libraries, barracks, or other non-religious institutions, basing this demand on the same contention.

Rules Parish Pupils Right To Free Buses

DES MOINES, IA. (NC)—Parochial school children have an equal right with the pupils of public schools to bus transportation provided by the public authorities, according to a ruling by Edward L. O'Connor, Attorney General of Iowa.

The opinion which has been given to Kenneth B. Welty, a County Attorney in Iowa, declares that the school corporation of Milford, Iowa, "may properly and legally transport every child of school age and living within said consolidated school corporation and more than a mile from such school at Milford, Iowa, and the mere fact that some of the children thus transported should desire to attend a private school would not make the matter of their transportation illegal or unauthorized by the laws of this state."

"This conclusion," the ruling continues, "appears to be the only conclusion that we can arrive at, in view of the holding of the Supreme Court of the United States of America in the case of Cochran vs. Board of Education of the State of Louisiana reported in 281 U. S. 370."

In arriving at this conclusion the Attorney General says that "the law does not and cannot compel the parents or legal guardians of children to send their children to private schools exclusively, or public schools, exclusively." "The conditions of the law are met when the parent or guardian compels the children to attend either, in accordance with section 4410 of the 1935 code of Iowa," he adds.

Reappointed

The Most Rev. William D. O'Brien, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, who has been reappointed president of the Catholic Church Extension Society, by His Holiness Pope Pius XI, at the request of Cardinal Mundelein. Bishop O'Brien begins his third term in this important office. (Lavecchia photo.)

CARDINAL PACELLI LAUDS CANADIAN'S COMMUNISM DRIVE

MONTREAL (NC)—Prior to sailing for Europe where he will take over his new duties as Papal Nuncio to Rumania, His Excellency the Most Rev. Andrea Cassulo for the past nine years Apostolic Delegate to Canada and Newfoundland, authorized publication of the following excerpt from a letter received from His Eminence Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State:

"If the Communists are employing in Canada a tenacious effort and a vast propaganda it is a great consolation to see that Catholics are vigilant and offering a vigorous opposition, in basing their actions above all on the principles of a Christian social program according to the teachings and directions of the pontifical encyclicals, 'Rerum Novarum' and 'Quadragesimo Anno.'

"In this apostolate particularly meritorious are His Excellency the Most Rev. James Morrison, Bishop of Antigonish, with his Study Circles and all the grouping of social works associated with the St. Francis Xavier University, as also the Rev. Father Archambault, S. J., with his work of publications.

"I am made greatly happy by this activity of Canadian Catholics and I hope the grave recent warnings of the Holy Father on the subject of the world peril created by Communism will give to these devoted sons a new guidance to their already intense work, in order to impede the progress of an evil so gravely damaging to religion and society."

1,500 at Action School

Montreal—A Catholic Action School held here was attended by 300 priests, 600 religious and more than 600 members of the laity. The school closed with an impressive service at St. James Basilica.

C. D. A. PLANS YOUTH FIGHT ON COMMUNISM

Nation-Wide Movement Launched to Combat Atheism in Schools

ATLANTIC CITY—(NC)—A national movement among youth to counteract the efforts of Communists and atheists to win American school and college youths is planned by the Catholic Daughters of America as the results of deliberations here by the national officers and directors of the organization at the semi-annual conference.

The conference condemned through a report by Miss Mary C. Duffy, supreme regent, what was called "much misguided financial support" being given to Communism by such organizations as the Garland Foundation the Duke Endowment, the Carnegie Foundation. Miss Duffy, in announcing the decision to campaign against the activities of Communism among youth, declared that women have become "misguiding influences in Russia, Spain, Mexico and other countries." "But the women of America," she said, "will be the means of returning those implicated in such Godless policies to a realization that the future of civilization depends on the women."

"Catholic Education, a religious training, regard for the sanctity of the home and love of parents, patriotic fervor and proper environment are the mainstays for the right upbringing of our children in America today," said the Most Rev. William J. Hafey, Bishop of Raleigh and national chaplain of the order who was present at the supreme board meetings. He praised the members of the board for their keen and intelligent plans for striving to prevent the further inroads of the forces of communism, bolshevism and atheism and stressed the need for an active and energetic plan of action to combat such forces.

Proper Program

The sponsorship by the Catholic Daughters of the Parochial Schools Week movement, several hundred Juniors' circles, and numerous branches of the National Converts' League in all parts of the United States and Canada, were pointed out by His Excellency as constructive and practical means of helping the boys and girls and young college students of the country a proper program destined to stop the harm already wrought by the agents of communism and atheism and to inculcate a new spirit among the younger generation.

In conjunction with its program on Catholic Education, the C. D. of A. proposes an extension of its plans for Parochial Schools Week and the furtherance of the Juniors' circles for young girls from 12 to 17 years of age.

A cable to His Holiness Pope Pius XI, extending the greetings and prayers of the officers and members of the Catholic Daughters of America throughout the United States, was dispatched from the meeting. In the message the officials of the C. D. of A. pledged their allegiance and support of the Encyclicals dealing with the furtherance of the Legion of Decency, World Peace, Industry and Labor and Youth.

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Madrid Gets Strong Remonstrance from Vatican City

Prayers Urged

Past Warning On Spanish Situation Recalled As Crisis Grows

VATICAN CITY—The Holy See has made energetic remonstrance to the government at Madrid against the wave of crime and sacrilege that has accompanied the civil war in that country, L'Osservatore Romano declared in a recent issue.

Commenting on the position the Holy See has taken with reference to the religious situation in Spain, the paper said:

"From many parts of the world the question has been asked: 'What has the Holy See done in the face of the sacrileges and profanations now being committed against holy persons and things in Spain?' Information obtained here reveals that the Holy See has not failed to send energetic remonstrances to the government at Madrid.

Cites Plight of Religious

"While in Barcelona and in nearly all of Catalonia, ecclesiastics and religious in no way implicated in the present political struggle are being barbarously murdered, while pious nuns are being driven from the hospitals in which they were engaged in works of charity and are being systematically burned and destroyed and even tombs violated and corpses profaned; and while every effort is being made to impede divine worship, not only in public and in the churches but also in private homes, the Holy See could not but elevate her voice to deplore and to protest.

"Though willing to admit that the Madrid government may be at times at great difficulty to repress such lamentable excesses on the part of elements which it itself has armed, nevertheless, it must not be forgotten that in the past, repeated and insistent complaints lodged by the Holy See failed to cause the government to intervene or to punish violence against the Church.

Calls for Restraint

"If thus far no satisfaction has been given the just and dutiful remonstrances of the Holy See, all honest persons still are waiting for the government at Madrid to intervene and to restrain such painful excesses or at least publicly to deplore such sacrilegeous acts and to make it known in a clear and open manner that its responsibility is separate from that of the authors of these deplorable acts.

"Meanwhile, it is necessary to multiply most fervent prayers to Our Lord for that tormented nation, whose glorious memories are indissolubly connected with religion and with the Catholic Church. It is also written: Propter electos breviabuntur (Because of the elect may those days be shortened)."

IN WAR-TORN SPAIN

These photos, rushed from the scenes of civil war in Spain, show nuns being taken from their convent in Madrid by soldiers of the Popular Front, and Communists burning sacred articles from the Convent of Hope in the streets of Barcelona. The Holy See has remonstrated to the Government at Madrid against the sacrileges and profanations committed in Spain.

Vatican City Refugees Report Cleric Slayings

By MSGR. ENRICO PUCCI
(Cable, N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)

VATICAN CITY—The horror of the massacre of priests and Religious that has accompanied the civil strife in Spain was described to His Eminence Carlo Cardinal Minoretti, Archbishop of Genoa, by refugees who disembarked at that Italian port yesterday.

Arriving at Rome the same day was the Very Rev. Florindo Rubini, Prefect General of the Camillian Fathers, who was visiting the houses of his Order in Spain when the revolution broke out and who was in Barcelona when the terrorist campaign began.

Father Rubini told of the brutal murder of 12 Carmelite Religious, five diocesan priests and six laymen, who were slain with axes by a mob which invaded a Carmelite monastery. After the killing of the Friars, he said, the blood-crazed mob invaded the cemetery of the Monastery, of St. Dominic and dug up recently buried bodies which they nailed to the walls, announcing they were doing so to make room for other priests who were to be killed.

The Religious housed in the Camillian Monastery were spared by the Communists, providing no contrary orders were received from Barcelona. They escaped in disguise and Father Rubini remained hidden in a wood for five days. Arrested and denounced, he was saved through the intervention of the Italian Consul.

Among the refugees who landed at Genoa was Doctor Brugada, Canon of the Cathedral at Barcelona, who thanked Cardinal Minoretti and the Italian nation for the assistance given refugees from Spain. The Cardinal replied, saying that he was overjoyed at their escape and expressing the most profound sorrow for their sufferings and for the tribulations that had been visited upon the people of Spain.

Refugees from Spain who have arrived in Rome attended a solemn service of thanksgiving and propitiation in the Chapel of the Madonna del Pilar in the Basilica of St. Joachim. Members of the clergy among the refugees spoke, exhorting the sufferers to persevere in their faith and expressing their gratitude to the Government and people of Italy.

Pope Deplores News Of 'Inhuman Acts'

VATICAN CITY—Radio-NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XI, receiving in audience delegates to a diocesan conference of Catholic Action aspirants, thanked them for the Holy Communions they had offered for his intentions and told them that in these days more than ever before the need of prayer is felt.

"Never as at this moment," the Holy Father said, "have we received so much sad news of what has happened and what threatens to happen in the future in different parts of the world. God alone, Who sees and provides, can draw something good from such a chaos of ideas, words, human and also inhuman, acts."

Number of Slain Clerics Placed at 400 As Bodies Litter Streets

Nuns In Flight

Rightists Throw Guard Around Exiled Cardinal Of Toledo

(The following dispatch, from a special correspondent, has been received by the N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE from Washington. Dateline, Paris. From Spain, and points across the French Capital, it gives unprecedented first-hand information of conditions in the war-torn country, headed by the killing of priests and nuns, church burnings and the like, of victories that have resulted in the ousting from power of the Catholic Government, and the insurgent hosts of information is expected to come pouring in from Vatican City.)

DESOLATION CREEPS IN

PARIS—The burning of [illegible] of by mobs in Madrid, which [illegible] on the day following the outbreak of the civil war, continued and some of the churches flew in the Republican Capital remain, among them the Cathedral of San Isidro.

Church burnings are reported in many other cities and churches of the churches in Valencia and said to have given up to flames, including the Cathedral in that city. In Barcelona, it is known that only two church structures have been left standing. The burning of churches in Malaga also has been extensive.

When this correspondent left Madrid the city was described as quiet. Valencia, at that time [illegible] with no signs of the rebellion [illegible] that have been reported by [illegible] news dispatches. A pilot committee [illegible] of the principal [illegible] and other buildings [illegible] are being used as [illegible] tars.

The guard [illegible] eminent in the [illegible] Church of San [illegible] desecrated a statue of [illegible] Child. The latter [illegible] as the "Child [illegible] word "Jesus" [illegible] forewith [illegible] the face of [illegible] A statue has been found [illegible] raised right hand and a [illegible] draped in the left. Below [illegible] a placard which reads: [illegible] been betrayed by the Fascists [illegible] cause I have become a Communist."

Breviary Spoils Desired

A number of priests [illegible] religious who have succeeded [illegible] saying Madrid and Barcelona are [illegible] Paris. They report [illegible] hundreds of priests have been killed at Barcelona. A former [illegible] suit in civilian clothing and [illegible] clar passport. As he was [illegible] ing, he was asked for it. He [illegible] and the impudence to [illegible] passport in his breviary. The [illegible] nationalist, seeing the [illegible] her attention to the passport [illegible] and the Jesuit.

Streets are strewn with the bodies of priests and Religious, the refugees say. If there are any priests alive in Barcelona they could tell where they are.

At Madrid many priests and religious are imprisoned in various places. Since July 20 no Mass has been celebrated there. The nationalists, found at the residence [illegible] of priests, [illegible] having escaped. All [illegible] tories have been [illegible] priests and Religious who succeeded in fleeing had to leave [illegible] losing a moment and without [illegible] carrying anything with them. [illegible] of the Sisters arrived here [illegible] the nurses' uniforms they had [illegible] at the moment of departure.

The Most Rev. Jose Cardona [illegible], Bishop of Geronna, and [illegible] his priests crossed the [illegible] on foot and have reached [illegible] safety.

One of the refugees [illegible] by Nuncio [illegible] priest who witnessed the [illegible] of four Carmelites.

In general the Religious [illegible] been spared more [illegible] priests or monks [illegible] trained nurses.

Cardinal Goma [illegible]

His Eminence [illegible] Goma y Tomas, Archbishop [illegible] lede is now at [illegible] that spring of [illegible] Archbishop [illegible] at the [illegible] soldiers [illegible] The Most [illegible] of Spain [illegible]

NEXT WEEK: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS EDI