Franciscans' Death Toll Rises to 130

Reports of Spanish Martyrdom Received From Many Quarters

ROME More than 130 Franciscans have been martyred in the almost incredible barbarity of the civil war in Spain according to information received here. Accounts of murders have been had from eyewitnesses to the massacres of priests and religious.

All losses are not as yet known Reliable reports are lacking especially for Catalonia and Valencia

In the Franciscan province of Catalonia, where there were 18 Friaries with 198 Friars, the friaries of Vich and Berga were destroyed The fate of the Friars in the former, which had a model printing press, has not been learned In the latter, a theological seminary three priests, a lay Brother and three students of theology were butchered.

Cut Down With Swords

The Friary of Balaguer (Lerida) which served as a Franciscan college and a philosophical seminary has been plundered. Nine priests and five lay Brothers were cut down by the swords of the Communists.

All of the six Franciscans of the Friary of Alcala were taken to Castellon and shot down. At Villareal the body of St. Paschal Baylon O.F.M., patron of Eucharistic societies and congresses was burned and three friars were brutally murdered.

At Lerida the slaughter was particularly heavy All the religious were butchered among them four priests and four lay Brothers of the Franciscans as well as the Bishop and the canons.

In the Franciscan novitiate of a Bisbal one priest and one lay Brother were slain. The Provincial and his secretary are in prison The other friars have been dispersed

In Valencia, where there were 17 Friaries with 248 Friars all the Franciscans of the novitiate at Chelva, Diocese of Segorbe have been massacred among them the Provincial, Father Ricardo Pelufo and the Provincial Councillor Father Reig, as well as Father Buenaventura Botello, a well-known writer of spiritual works

Tongues Cut Out

In Granada, where there were 8 Friaries with 195 Friars, the following met a tragic death three Franciscans of the Friary of Puente Genil Cordoba, one of the Friary of Velez-Malaga, seven of the Friary of Fuenteovejuna Because the latter refused to utter curses their tongues were cut out before they were shot down

In the province of Baetica (Southern Spain) where there were 19 Friaries with 224 Friars the Franciscan College of Fuente de Maestre, Badajoz, was set on fire The following Franciscans of this college were butchered the Guardian, Father Lorenzo Cerdan the Rector of the Franciscan College Father Constantino Garendia the Vicar Father Victor Sillanrreu The same tragic death fell to the lot of Father Marcellino Lazaro Bayo Lector General of theology and well-known author and Father Justo Rivero who was stationed at the new parish of Jimem Diocese of Cadia The famous Friary of La Rabida, where the homeless Columbus was encouraged to persevere in his project leading to the discovery of America has been demolished

Friaries Held by Reds

In the province of St Gregory Madrid, which counted 18 Friaries with 261 Friars the Franciscan Friaries are for the most part still in the hands of the Reds At Arhas di S Pietro a little town in the Sierra de Gredos named for St Peter of Alcantara whose body has been preserved there the Communists have murdered 110 non combatants, and the Franciscans for the local Friary had to seek refuge in the nearby mountains They wandered from town to town for several weeks, before reaching safety One member of the community Father Santiago Viezna was killed.

At the Friary of Pastrana, famed for its archives containing valuable manuscripts on the Franciscan missions in China and the Philippines a lay Brother and Father Jose M Albacete were slain The latter had obtained the degree of Doctor of Theology at the Athenaeum Antonianum only last year.

AS NEW ARCHDIOCESE IS CREATED

His Excellency the Most Rev Amleto Giovanni Cicognani Apostolic Delegate to the United States (upper photo) is shown seated on the throne as he officiated at the solemn elevation of the Diocese of Los Angeles to the Dignity of a Metropolitan See Monsignor Francis J Conaty left and Monsignor Bernard J Dolan right assisting Photo directly above shows Bishop John J Cantwell during the services enthroning him as the See's first Archbishop

PRELATES PRAISE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles In the erection of a new Province of the Church and the elevation of the city of Los Angeles to the dignity of a Metropolitan See His Holiness Pope Pius XI has given solemn historic and authoritative recognition of the civil and religious growth of this city His Excellency the Most Rev Amleto Giovanni Cicognani Apostolic Delegate to the United States, said in an address at a luncheon which followed the enthronement of the Most Rev John J Cantwell as Archbishop of Los Angeles

His Excellency paid glowing personal tribute as did other prelates who spoke to Archbishop Cantwell

"The new Archbishop of Los Angeles" he said "has nurtured favored and further advanced the phenomenal development of Los Angeles

Besides the growth which has been noted here with the irrigation of the soil the aqueduct the harbor commerce and industry Archbishop Cantwell has given his attention zealous spiritual father that he is and vigilant shepherd of the faithful to the founding of churches and chapels to the opening of schools and hospitals to constituting parishes [illegible] and religious institutions of every kind and above all in providing zealous and worthy priests

Bishop's Response

Responding to the toast "The New Archdiocese" the Most Rev Daniel J Gercke Bishop of Tucson gave a masterly outline of the early missions of California and the Southwest

In his words of response Archbishop Cantwell said

"In this happy hour I pledge anew the fidelity of the priests and the people of this new Province to the Vicar of Christ in the Eternal City The gracious presence of Your Excellency emphasizes in a special way the bonds that bind us to the Chair of Peter Once more Your Excellency we are grateful to you

"I may not fail to pay a tribute of gratitude and esteem to [illegible] priests of the new Archdiocese and to the priests who labored a [illegible] in the now new Diocese of San Diego Their devoted zeal their tireless energy their intelligent service in building up a worthy superstructure on the foundations laid by apostolic men is worthy of all praise Truly have my lines fallen in pleasant places The Bishop is the overseer and the great work of a diocese is the work of the priests That work does not always bring the applause of the multitude but it is work silently done that is surest of eternal recognition"

Cardinal Gets Medal

NEW YORK A medal was presented last night to His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes Archbishop of New York, by the American Irish Historical Society to commemorate his honorary membership of almost 25 years

10,000 CHILDREN PLEDGE LOYALTY TO CHURCH, NATION

MONTREAL — In an impressive manifestation here, 10,000 Catholic children representing 11 different nationalities gathered at Notre Dame Church, renewed their devotion to the Holy See, denounced Communism, and pledged loyalty to their adopted country.

The thousands taking part gathered first at Champs de Mars Each parish, formed under its own flag and was headed by its pastor and a band.

At historic Notre Dame the Most Rev Georges Gauthier Coadjutor Archbishop of Montreal, presided. Across from Archbishop Gauthier were the Most Rev Alphonse E. Deschamps, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, with H. I. Auger representing Maurice Duplessis Premier of Quebec, Leo McKenna, Acting Mayor of Montreal Victor Dore, president of the Catholic Schools Commission of Montreal

PROBLEMS OF CHILD TRAINING IN HOME STUDIED AT MEET

DETROIT NC Problems of child training in the home and the task of the family in solving them were discussed by prominent speakers at the meeting of the Catholic Conference on Family Life held at Marygrove College here last Monday About 700 persons attended the sessions

The meeting opened formally with a Mass celebrated by the Most Rev Michael J Gallagher Bishop of Detroit

Bishop Gallagher in his sermon emphasized some weaknesses of the family life of the day and particularly pointed to the failure of Catholic homes to do their duty as shown he said in the large juvenile delinquency rate among Catholic children

The topic Problems of the Adolescent, was presented by the Rev Dr Leonard Otting S.J of John Carroll University here Dr Otting described the chief characteristics of the adolescent and emphasized the need for understanding on the part of parents and others dealing with boys and girls during this difficult period of development

Sister Mary of Marygrove College developed the theme Principles of Social Living A Necessary Factor in the Religious Training of the Catholic Child Sister Mary who has made a number of studies on the moral development of children showed some results of her studies on the topic she discussed

13 Sisters of the Poor

QUEEN'S VILLAGE L I To day was memorable in the Novitiate of the Little Sisters of the Poor for the Solemn ceremonies of reception and profession took place there Thirteen young women were admitted to the habit of the Little Sisters of the Poor and three novices who had successfully passed through their novitiate were admitted to profession

Death Takes Priest and Mother He Promised To Meet in Heaven

FALL RIVER, MASS. A few months ago a Passionist missionary took leave of his 82-year-old mother seriously ill at her home here He had just been assigned to China, but his appointment was cancelled by his Superiors because of his mother's condition. However she urged him to go He complied.

Six months later he was dead.

This touching story is recalled by the death here of Mrs. Mary T. Moore mother of the late Rev. Justin Moore, C.P. missionary in Hunan, China.

Father Moore and several other missionaries were assigned to mission work in china. After the cancellation of his appointment because of his mother's condition, Father Moore came here to be with her But at the ailing and aged mother's request, permission for his work in China was renewed. At her own behest he left her side, made a hurried trip to the West Coast and sailed on the boat which he had originally intended to take.

Just six months later, Father Moore contracted typhoid and died at Yuanling, Central Mission of the Passionist Fathers in China.

In "The Story of My Vocation," published in The Sign, national Catholic monthly edited by the Passionist Fathers, Father Justine himself told of the parting with his mother:

"I went in to kiss her good-night. It was then that I was to experience the faith and self-sacrifice of a good Irish mother If God wanted me in China, I must go. I must not think of her. I told her that if I went to New York it meant China, but if I remained home that night I would not have to go to China. And then dad seconded her motion. If God could use me in the great cause of the salvation of the pagans, it was my duty to go I was no longer Father; I was only a boy in the presence of his mother and his dad, There was still time. She told me to go. I kissed her, gave her my blessing, and told her I would see her in Heaven. She smiled and said good-bye. I embraced my father and said good-bye."

Butcher: "Round steak, madam?"

Mrs. Newlywed: "The shape does not interest me so long as it's tender."

NEW POSTULATOR

New York — The Rev. [illegible] Micolnelli S.J. has been [illegible] succeed the Rt. Rev. Msgr. [illegible] A. Brealin as Postulator [illegible] for the beatification and [illegible] sation of Kateri Takakwitha [illegible] announced in The Lily of the [illegible] hawks, a monthly message [illegible] to the cause of Kateri Takakwitha

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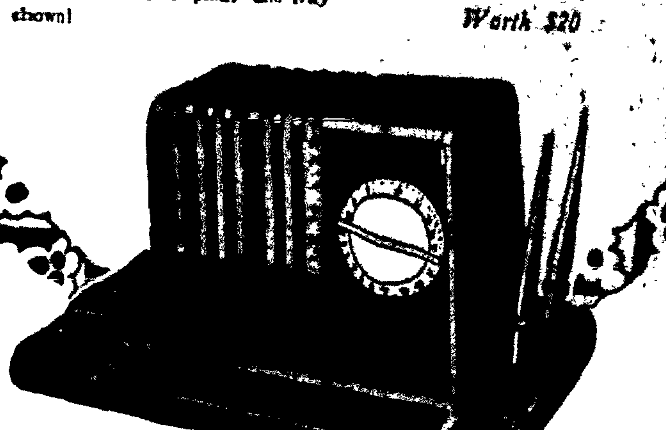

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