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A Present For the Quins

As the famous little Dionne Quintuplets lay sleeping in their cots Christmas Eve, a nurse tiptoed into the room to hang Dr. Dafoe's present on the wall. It was a small ivory plaque of Our Lady and the Infant Jesus. He is not a Catholic.

'Life' Errs In Quoting 'Pope's Belief

Editors Receive Protests for Statements on Communism, Fascism

WASHINGTON, (NC) A statement in the magazine Life that the Pope "believes the world is in a struggle between Communism and Fascism and he favors Fascism" was branded false in a letter addressed to the editors by William F. Montavon, Director of the Legal Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

"In Life, January 3, page 55 read: 'He (Pope Pius XI) believes that the world is in a struggle between Communism and Fascism and he favors Fascism.'" Mr Montavon wrote

"Pope Pius XI believes no such thing. On March 19, 1937, he stated his notion of the world struggle: 'For the first time in history,' he said, 'we are witnessing a struggle, cold blooded in purpose and mapped out to the last detail, between man and "all that is called God."'

Communism Anti-Religious

"True he identified Communism Communism by its nature is anti-religious. It considers religion as the 'opiate of the people.'

"But in no statement has he named Fascism. Discussing Germany, March 14, 1937, he minces no words. 'He who takes the race, or the people, or the State, or the form of Government **** out of the system of their earthly valuation,' he says, 'and makes them the ultimate norm of all, even of religious values, and defies them with an idolatrous worship. **** such a one is far from true belief in God. Only superficial minds **** can make the mad attempt of trying to confine within the boundaries of a single people, within the narrow bloodstream of a single race, God, the Creator of the world, the King and Lawgiver of all peoples.'

"On March 19, 1937, the Pope referred to, but did not quote, an earlier statement on the Corporative State, in which he had said: 'It is feared that the new syndical and corporative institution possesses an excessive bureaucratic and political character, and that, notwithstanding the general advantages referred to, it risks serving particular political aims rather than contributing to the initiation of a better social order.

"Furthermore, the intermingling and scandalous confusing of the duties and offices of civil authority and of economics have produced crying evils **** The State which should be the supreme arbiter, ruling in kingly fashion far above all party contention, becomes instead a slave, bound over to the service of human passion and greed.

Aid Individuals

"Of its very nature the true aim of all social activity should be to help individual members of the social body, but never to destroy or abolish them.'

"The attitude of the Church towards the political organization of States has always been realistic. That attitude was clearly stated and eloquently defended by Leo XIII, sometimes lovingly referred to as 'the Pope of Democracy.' It has been repeatedly restated by Pius XI, perhaps never more clearly than in the Encyclical discussing the Constitution of the present Spanish Republic when he said:

"'Let no man suspect that in saying what we say we are in any way influenced by any feeling of aversion towards the new form of government or towards any other innovation, of a purely political character, recently introduced in Spain. Everyone knows that the Catholic Church never prefers one form of government over another. All the Catholic Church demands is that, whatever the form of government, the rights of God and of conscience be respected.'"

N.C.C.M. Protests

The following message of protest was sent to the editors of Life by Edward J. Heffron, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men:

"While the harm has been done and nothing can very well undo it, I should nevertheless like to protest the altogether unwarranted slur on His Holiness Pope Pius XI made on page 55 of your issue of January 3, where you say that 'he favors Fascism.' Granting that the limitations of space for such a note do not permit of nice distinctions and close definitions, it is still pretty shoddy to pin on the author of the great Labor Encyclical, Quadragesimo Anno, any label smacking of reaction or illiberalism."

Detroit—The declaration that the Pope believes the world is in a struggle between Communism and Fascism and that he favors Fascism was called a "gross libel upon the good and great spiritual leader of 20,000,000 Americans, and the world's chief champion of human freedom" in a letter written by Anthony J. Beck, Managing Editor of The Michigan Catholic and President of the Detroit Council of Catholic Organizations.

Mr. Beck addressed his letter to the editor of the magazine Life, which printed the statement.

Pope Returns Bishop's Greeting

In answer to season's greetings sent to His Holiness, Pope Pius XI by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, the following cablegram was received from Vatican City:

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ROCHESTER, N. Y.
HOLY FATHER TOUCHED DEVOTED MESSAGE SENDS PATERNAL BLESSINGS
CARDINAL PACELLI

700 VISIT BISHOP AT OPEN HOUSE

Responding to a precedent set by His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney, more than 700 clergy, prominent laymen and representatives of organizations visited the Episcopal residence during Open House over the holiday weekend.

The Bishop was at home to members of the clergy New Year's Day and welcomed laymen, visitors from all walks of life and of various faiths Sunday.

Conservative estimates placed the number of visitors at approximately 700, but no count was kept of the people whom Bishop Kearney greeted personally as they entered the house at 947 East Avnue.

It was the first time in the history of the diocese that an open house has been held in the episcopal residence. Many of the visitors were from out of town, taking advantage of the opportunity to meet Bishop Kearney and exchange greetings with him.

BOTH CHARITY, JUSTICE DEMANDED BY CHURCH DECLARES IRISH BISHOP

DUBLIN—The Most Rev. Michael Browne, Bishop of Galway, in his address to the Galway Conferences of the St Vincent de Paul Society, said in reply to attacks on the Church, that the Church did not put forward charity as a substitute for justice.

Nowadays, he said, among some non-Catholic circles, there is hostility to such Christian work as was performed by the St. Vincent de Paul Society and to the very idea and name of charity. The cry is often raised by Socialists, 'We want justice and not charity,' he said. He declared the Church's answer to that is: "We want both justice and charity."

Archbishop Advises Catholic Youths To Become Boy Scouts

LONDON—The Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Rev Richard Downey, is urging all the Catholic boys in his archdiocese to join the boy scout movement.

"It matters not whether the boy be rich or poor," he says, "he will assuredly be the richer in mental, moral and physical stamina; that is to say, richer in character, for having trained as a scout. The movement offers to the average boy advantages which cannot be gained in any other way.

"The Scout must be faithful to God and the Church, careful in the observance of his religious duties. In this way he will perfect by grace in the supernatural order the good habits which he has formed in the natural order, and become a man of character and a man of God."

U. S. Pastor Honored

TOLEDO—The Rev. Paul K. Malouf, Pastor of St. Joseph's Syrian Melkite Mission here has received honorary appointment as Archimandrite in the Syrian Rite of the Oriental Church the Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, Bishop of Toledo, has announced.

Lo Pa Hong, Catholic Leader, Slain In Shanghai, Mourned by Many

Philanthropist Ardent Apostle of Conversion Honored by Pope

(By NCWC NEWS SERVICE)

The sentiments expressed by Bishop James E. Walsh, Superior General of Maryknoll, were echoed by many leaders in this country when word was received that Lo Pa Hong, great Chinese Catholic leader, had been slain by an assassin in Shanghai. Bishop Walsh served for many years in China and was closely associated with Mr. Lo in his charitable undertakings.

Mr. Lo Pa Hong

Outstanding Catholic layman as well as one of the great industrial leaders of his country, Lo Pa Hong was world famed for his philanthropies. In Shanghai alone he created 16 charitable institutions which he supported with donations exceeding $200,000 a year. A director of electric, shipping and transportation enterprises, he gave freely of his time and his fortune in his zeal for souls and his charitable impulse to aid the less fortunate.

The warfare of recent years in and about Shanghai had stripped him of much of his means, but to the day of his death he continued his works of charity and his apostolate for the conversion of his fellow-countrymen.

Only a few days before word of his death was received, dispatches coming from Shanghai told how Mr. Lo went out daily on missions of mercy to the wounded soldiers and war refugees, baptizing the dying and bringing comfort to the stricken, starving civilian population.

Knighted by Pope Benedict

As far back as 1920, knowledge of his zeal for the starvation of souls was world-wide and in that year he became the first Chinese ever to receive knighthood in the Order of St. Sylvester. This honor was bestowed upon him by Pope Benedict XV and, in an accompanying letter, Cardinal Gasparri recalled and praised the charitable works which he was performing.

Mr. Lo built a total of 16 buildings, some very large, filling the surrounding compound in the heart of Shanghai which constitutes St. Joseph's Hospice, the largest charitable establishment in China's greatest city, housing 2,000 inmates and caring for 500 dispensary cases daily. Some three and a half million cases have been treated gratis here in a score of years. Here all species of social cast-offs were represented. "Nobody wants them, we take them," was Lo's excuse for harboring them.

There was a section for wayward girls with a large building to accommodate 200, newly built. There was a section for sick from the city prisons, under guard. The man in charge, a convert, first learned of the place when sent there, himself a sick prisoner in shackles, for treatment. There was a coffin department for an average of 20 died there daily.

Many Daily Rounds

Mr. Lo could be seen there on his daily rounds, hailing a poor wretch, chatting with children, inquiring some detail of an employe, taking the kowtows of the old people who looked after him with awe and saw this benefactor as a great figure from another world.

In the great hall where over a thousand refugees had gathred during the Sino-Japanese incident at Shanghai in 1933, Mr. Lo by his speeches won the respect of these poor creatures. Asked what he had said to rouse them from their pagan apathy, he replied:

"I try always to talk very simply. I told them we all had a great papa, God. We were sons and daughters of God. We were all sinners. God became man for us and died on the cross. If we wished to be saved we must love our God and pray to Him. Then you saw how they repeated with me all the invocations which I suggested: 'Jesus save me,' 'Mary save me,' 'God bless you.'"

In another part of the city, Mr. Lo founded the Sacred Heart Hospital, where the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary care for 600 patients from the Shanghai slums daily.

Mr. Lo called himself the "coolie of St. Joseph" and revealed everywhere his profound faith in the foster father of Christ. He has also been called the "chaplain of the brigands" because of his frequent

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MARYKNOLL'S TRIBUTE

By Most Rev. James E. Walsh, Superior General of Maryknoll

Any country in the world could be proud of Mr. Lo Pa Hong. And Catholics throughout the world can be proud of him in his embodiment of the finest spiritual ideals in his daily life.

Mr. Lo was not a mere pious visionary. By his business acumen, he built up a large street railway company in Shanghai and an important coastwise steamship company. He was known in Shanghai as a prominent and forward-looking Chinese gentleman of affairs. It was an interesting experience to watch his efficiency and despatch as he sat at his desk in his office.

Nor was he a mere marginal Catholic. He did not limit himself to giving of his abundance after life's battles were won. For a quarter of a century he set aside a generous portion of time for prayer, serving at least one Mass every morning. During these long years then, he sacrificed time to organize and support large charitable institutions, for which from his own possessions and from friends in the city he raised over five million Chinese dollars.

He loved deeply to share the faith with others. He engaged untiringly bringing non-Christians into the Church and would rush off from his office to Shanghai's jails to baptise a criminal condemned to death.

Certainly he goes before the Lord bearing heavy sheaves.

Layman Supported Missions Until Left Bankrupt by War

His Eminence mentioned particularly the desirability of agitating for minimum wage legislation.

After noting that the Holy Name Society was instituted originally as a spiritual organization, intended for the spiritual advancement and the personal sanctification of the members, His Eminence said the time had come for wide Catholic Action to combat growing evils.

Action Needed

"But now comes another period," Cardinal Mundelein said. "The Holy Father calls on us for Catholic Action, to rally us to combat the growing evils of the time, the various kinds of isms, atheism, communism, or whatever other name they may bear. Of course that means organization, without it we remain weak. The old adages still remain true 'in union there is strength,' 'united we stand, divided we fall.'

"They had no organization worth while, no organization of men in Spain, or in Mexico, and so the trouble began and spread. The persecution of the Church in Germany did not begin until they had first disbanded their Center Party, and until they had muzzled the Catholic Press.

Too Many Wrong Alliances

"The trouble with us in the past has been that we were too often allied or drawn into an alliance with the wrong side. Selfish employers of labor have flattered the Church by calling it the great conservative force, and then called upon it to act as a police force while they paid but a pittance of wages to those who worked for them. I hope that day is gone by. Our place is beside the poor, behind the working man. They are our people, they build our churches, they occupy our pews, their children crowd our schools, our priests come from their sons. They look to us for leadership, but they look to us too for support.

"Now when I speak of the Church, I mean not only our clergy, I mean the great body of our Catholic laymen, I mean particularly an organized laity. I mean our Holy Name Society. And when I speak of the Holy Name Society, I include Holy Name men individually. Of course there is danger of the spread of Communism in our midst. The Holy Father points that out to us. But don't let others use that as a cloak to cover corrupt practices, when they cry out against Communism and they themselves practice social injustice, when they fight against a minimum wage law and we find girls and women trying to live on ten or fifteen cents an hour, surely we can see for ourselves there is something wrong here."

Holy Name Men Called To Crusade

Cardinal Mundelein Points To Need of Wide Catholic Action Here

CHICAGO, (NC)—Calling upon Holy Name men to enroll in a campaign of Catholic Action to combat atheistic movements and to work for reforms which would bring social justice, His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, told members of the Holy Name Society at their annual meeting that they should work individually and collectively to curb incorrect practices.

Cardinal At White House

WASHINGTON — George Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago was a luncheon guest of President Roosevelt at the White House Tuesday and described his visit as a "social call."

Asked if he had discussed President Roosevelt's message to Congress yesterday with the Chief Executive, the Cardinal replied:

"We referred to it. We naturally would under the circumstances."

Asked if he had any comment to make, the Cardinal said:

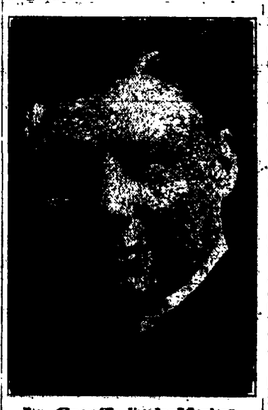
"No, except that in Chicago the night before the message was delivered in Congress, I spoke to 2,000 men, comprising the Holy Name Society, and half of them thought I had an advance copy of the President's message. I did not.

"I found the President in good health," the Cardinal added, "and, as always, in good humor."

King of Belgians Honors Pastor of French Church

Leopold III Bestows Title On Fr. VanderMeulen As Church Prepares for Its 90th Anniversary Celebration Sunday; Bishop To Speak

On the eve of the ninetieth anniversary of the founding here of the little French church known as Our Lady of Victory, the Rev. Camille A. VanderMeulen, its pastor, has been signally honored by His Majesty, Leopold III, King of the Belgians.



Rev. Camille VanderMeulen

The parish celebrates its founding in 1848 this Sunday, Jan. 9.

The royal decree conferring the title of Knight of the Order of the Crown upon Father VanderMeulen stated that the honor was bestowed upon him at the request of the Minister of Foreign Affairs who called the attention of the Sovereign to the frequent services rendered for a quarter of a century to the Belgian people residing in the United States by the pastor of Our Lady of Victory.

King Offers Felicitations

The decree was published in the official court paper, The Moniteur Belge.

King Leopold extended his felicitations to Father VanderMeulen on the occasion of the anniversary to the Belgian ambassador in Washington who forwarded it to the local priest with his personal congratulations.

Founded expressly for the purpose for which Father VanderMeulen has been honored, Our Lady of Victory Church Sunday will be the scene of a solemn High Mass celebrated in the presence of His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney, Belgian and French officials, parishioners and former parishioners and members of the clergy.

Bishop Kearney to Speak

The Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a. m. by Father VanderMeulen, with the Rev. Leopold Jeurissen as deacon and the Rev. Edward J. Byrne as subdeacon. The sermon will be delivered by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay and the address will be given by Bishop Kearney.

Expressing a wish that former members of the parish would be present, Father VanderMeulen today asked that all who were baptized, confirmed, married, or any who attended school at Our Lady of Victory would join in general communion at all Masses Sunday.

Fifty Masses will be offered for all those who attend the celebration. Masses on Sunday will be at 7:30, 8:30, and at 9:15 in addition to the High Mass at 10:30.

Father VanderMeulen will observe his silver jubilee with the parish in August of this year. He has been pastor since the death of Rev. A. A. Notebaert in 1928.

Edifice Redecorated

The church has been completely renovated under Father VanderMeulen's direction. The main altar has been repaired and redecorated as have the other altars and the entire church. The historic Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes which was built in 1864 and rebuilt in 1923 has been refurbished.

All the statues, most of them imported from Europe, have been repainted and the stations of the cross have been retouched.

The ceilings and walls have been refinished in Byzantine style. The ceiling in the nave of the Church carries paintings of eight angels four on each side, carrying illuminated scrolls with the single word "Sanctus."

Redemptorists Once in Charge

Originally founded for the French-speaking people of this section, the church has become in addition cosmopolitan and Belgian.

French Catholics in this city organized in the old German Church on Ely Street, which edifice was built in 1848 located on the south side of Ely, near the street which was known as "Minerva Place." The French congregation designated their new church as St. Mary's French Church.

The Redemptorist Fathers of St. Joseph's first attended the parishioners. Then Rev. Father Macon was in charge during the years 1848-49, and Rev. E. Van Campen from 1849 to 1852.

The first resident pastor was Rev. A. Saunier. He was at the head of the parish until 1854.

The first trustees were Antoine Langie and Ambroise Durcont.

Father De Regge Pastor

The succeeding priests were Rev. P. Bricoh, who had charge from 1854-57 (he was from St. Joseph's Church), Rev. B. F. LeFevere (1858-59, and A. Pierard until 1863. Then followed Rev. C. J. Magnee who labored up to the year 1882, as also did Rev. P. Matricori. The latter was succeeded by Rev. A. Anatore who was in charge in 1862 and 63, and during a part of the latter year Rev. Father Le Breton was also the head of the parish.

It was in 1863 that the little French Church of Our Lady of Victory really came into being. After Father Le Breton left in 1864 the Rev. Hippolyte De Regge became pastor and it was he who was instrumental in having the present structure built.

When Father De Regge accepted the assignment to minister to the French Catholics of Rochester, he found the edifice on Ely street (the

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FAMOUS CATHOLIC NOVELIST, 78, DEAD

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Frank H. Spearman, noted Catholic author, died here last Thursday at the age of 78.

Mr Spearman was a native of Buffalo, N. Y., and was honored by Notre Dame University in 1935 with the award of the Laetare Medal. Earlier Notre Dame, Santa Clara and Loyola (Los Angeles) Universities awarded him the degree, Doctor of Literature.

Several of Mr. Spearman's novels, notably his "Whispering Smith," were made into motion pictures. His first book, "The Nerve of Foley," was published in 1900. Then followed "Held for Orders," "Dr. Bryson," "The Daughter of a Magnate," and "The Close of Day." Later he wrote his best-known novel, "Whispering Smith."

Mr. Spearman also wrote a study of American railroading called "The Strategy of Great Railroads," and several articles on economic subjects. Others of his books include: "Robert Kimberly," "The Mountain Divide," "Nan of Music Mountain," "Laramie Holds the Range," "The Marriage Verdict," "Selwood of Sleepy Cat," "Spanish Lover," "Flambeau Jim," and "Gunlock Ranch."

'PHILIP II' IS SELECTED BY CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

NEW YORK—The January selection of the Catholic Book Club is "Philip II," by William Thomas Walsh.

In the book says the club, Dr. Walsh has vindicated the much maligned character of Philip II and presents a Philip of reality, a man of his age who used his immense power to preserve what he felt were the eternal verities.

The statement declares that one of the most turbulent periods of history centered around the monarch, and that stories of Mary Stuart, Elizabeth, the Inquisition, William of Orange, the Armada are told with historical accuracy.

Land Group Gets Aid

LONDON — After negotiations lasting more than three years the Ministry of Labor has allowed a grant to certain unemployed men who are in training at the Parbold, Lancashire, farm of the Liverpool Catholic Land Association. Previously the farm has depended on donations and upon its produce.

FR. LA FARGE TALK ON INTERRACE WORK SET BY ALUMNAE

The Rev. John La Farge, S.J., Associate Editor of America and editor, Inter-Racial Review, will be guest pastor at the Nazareth College Alumnae Association dinner meeting to be held Monday, January 10 at Hotel Sagamore Solarium at 6:30 o'clock.

Father La Farge will address the group on "Inter-Collegiate Inter-Racial Work Among College Alumni and Alumnae."

Open Forum will follow the talk.

A recognized authority on the question of Inter-Racial differences, Father La Farge has recently published a book on that topic.

In 1935, he was a guest at the National Catholic Rural Life Conference held in Rochester and in 1936 Father La Farge attended an Inter-Racial meeting at Columbus Civic Centre.

Miss Rosemary Ratigan is chairman of the dinner meeting, assisted by Miss Helen Guntert, who will introduce the speaker. Miss Lucille Kunz is chairman of reservations and Miss Ida Herman chairman of arrangements, aided by the Misses Frances Owens and Margaret Mary Morrow. Publicity is in charge of the Misses Kathleen Mannion and Mary Moran.

Church Is Scored By Nazi Paper

BERLIN—The newspaper Angriff this week demanded the suppression of the special privileges of the Catholic Church. Occupying one-half of the front page the article apparently was meant to be the opening gun in a campaign for the disestablishment of the church as prophesied by Hanns Kerrl, Reich Minister for State Affairs, in his addresses last autumn.

As usual the Catholic clergy is charged with political ambitions and of attacking the present regime for political reasons.

For what reason, asks Angriff, should the regime continue to grant the church a special position under such circumstances.

Reports In Error Hitler Extended Greetings To Pope

(Cable, NCWC News Service)

VATICAN CITY—Reports published in the secular press to the effect that Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany had exchanged personal New Year greetings with His Holiness Pope Pius XI are at variance with information elicited at the Papal Secretariat of State, where the reports were stated to be misleading.

German Ambassador Von Berger, as dean of the diplomatic corps, sent Christmas greetings to the Holy Father, as is the diplomatic custom. Later he was received in private audience by His Holiness on December 28 for the presentation of good wishes, as were the heads of all diplomatic missions at Vatican City. Thus it is clear that the exchange of greetings was purely that regularly extended by and to representatives of nations having diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

SPAIN REDS SPARE JESUIT SCIENTIST TO RUN OBSERVATORY

BILBAO—With scores of its members slain and as many more missing or in hiding in the Red-dominated sections of Spain, the Society of Jesus counts one notable exception.

Father Rodes, well known in the United States because of his scientific conferences and his Astronomical Observatory at Tortosa in Catalonia, has escaped the fury of the Reds. When the government dissolved the Jesuits, there was not a layman in Spain with sufficient scientific knowledge to substitute for him at the Observatory.

A group of armed Red militia went to the Observatory to burn it. Father Rodes met them and invited them to take a look at the apparatus and the scientific investigations which he was conducting. He convinced them that they ought not to destroy these and he promised to remain there as a prisoner to continue caring for them, a task which had been entrusted to him by the Republican government. Finally he told them that he was going to reveal to them the great secret of the Observatory—the chamber of magnetic apparatus.

When they reached the door, Father Rhodes began removing all the metal objects on his person—keys, a watch and even a small crucifix. He asked them to do likewise because the presence of metal would interfere with the movement of the apparatus and would jeopardize the life of the one wearing it. When he told them to put aside their arms, they looked at one another and then at the Jesuit but finally did so and entered. When Father Rodes had closed the door and they stood in the semi-obscurity of the red lamps, he smiled and said: "See what science can do. One poor priest has disarmed four galant militiamen."

At this the visitors showed some alarm, but Father Rodes calmed their fears and explained the workings of his apparatus to them. As a result, they returned to their commanders and said it would be better to leave him where he was. Guards were placed around the Observatory and Father Rodes has continued his work with more or less tranquility.

Scholarships for CCC

WASHINGTON — St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Ia., is among the 20 colleges and universities granting scholarships to CCC enrollees for the current academic year, Howard W. Oxley, Director of CCC Camp Education, has informed Robert Fechner, Director of the Corps. This is the third year that institutions of higher learning have cooperated with the Civilian Conservation Corps to help enrollees continue their education.

Eskimo Tribute to Christ Last 1937 Celebration

By REV. BERNARD R. HUBBARD, S.J.

(Telegraphed to NCWC NEWS SERVICE)

KING ISLAND, ALASKA—The last New Year's Eve celebration for 1937 in the New World was held in this solidly Catholic community of Eskimos near the top of the globe. King Island is the westermost bit of land in this hemisphere before the International Date Line.

The Eskimos here live in dwellings which cling to the sides of rocky cliffs. On the moving ice cakes of the Bering Sea they hunt seal and polar bear.

On Friday, the last day of 1937, the writer and some Eskimo boys carried magnesium flares and several hundred pounds of inflammable materials to the top of the island, where stands the life-size bronze statue of Christ the King. There several feet above the sea they set the flares and near midnight the fires were lighted. The flames shot over 100 feet into the air as the Eskimo hunters sang the Te Deum and fired a salute to Christ the King with their rifles.

Thus ended the year 1937 in the New World.

The flares forming an aura about the great statue were visible from both Asia and North America.

The city of Nome formerly enjoyed the distinction of being the last place in the New World to celebrate the death of the old year and the birth of the new.

One of the most impressive chapters in his dramatic and colorful life was written by Father Hubbard, the "Glacier Priest," when, last October 31, the Feast of Christ the King, he saw realised his ambition to dedicate a life-size bronze statue of Christ on King Island in the Bering Sea.

Every inhabitant of King Island is a Catholic. This striking fact is due to the labors of the Rev. Bertarmino Lafortune, S.J. who has worked among the King Islanders for more than 25 years. The Eskimos live clean and comfortable lives in houses built on stilts and lashed to the cliffs on the lea side of the island. Because of its proximity to the International Date Line, one can stand on King Island's table-like top and face Monday on the one side, then turn and "look at Tuesday."

Detroit Enrollment In Schools Increases

DETROIT—The elementary and secondary schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit have had an increase of eight per cent in enrollment in the last year, it is revealed by the Rev. Carroll F. Deady, superintendent of schools.

The total enrollment in the grade and high schools is 98,381, an increase of 1,172 over the previous year. Actually there was a decrease of 73 in the elementary schools, but the high school enrollment gained 1,245.

Express Sympathy

SALAMANCA, SPAIN — The Heirarchy of Paraguay has addressed a message to His Eminence Isidro Gardinal Goma y Tomas, Archbishop of Toledo and Primate of Spain, expressing sympathy for their sufferings and lauding the struggle of Nationalist Spain to defend Christian civilization.

Priest Gives Blood, Last Rites To Neil

SARAGOSSA, SPAIN (NC)—Despite several blood transfusion operations, Edward J. Neil, Associated Press war correspondent died at the Red Cross Hospital here Sunday of shell wounds he received New Year's Eve on the Teruel front.

The Rev. Joaquin Borrero, who administered the last rites of the Catholic Church to Mr. Neil after giving his blood for a transfusion Saturday night, assisted at a Requiem Mass for him and two other newspapermen who were killed when a government shell exploded in front of their parked car in the village of Caudete.

The last absolution was pronounced over bodies of Mr. Neil and Bradish Johnson, correspondent for Spur and News-Week, when all three coffins were carried out of the beautifully decorated chapel in the Saragossa Medical Faculty Building. Richard Sheepshanks of Reuters British News Agency was the third killed.

Six huge wreaths from General Franco, General Moscardo, Colonel Garnica, the local press association and fellow correspondents covered the three hearses.

Mr. Neil was a native of Methuen, Mass. Widely known as a sports writer before becoming a war correspondent, he had won the Pulitzer prize for his description of a ride down the Lake Placid bobsled run. His widow, the former Helen Nolan, resides in New York.