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NAZI PERSECUTION SPREADING WIDELY

Bishops Committee In U. S. Learn

NEW YORK.—German Nazis have increased the vehemence of their persecution of Catholics, according to reports gathered by the Bishops' Committee for Catholic Refugees. This persecution, it is stated, extends to the confiscation of art treasures, financial restrictions, attacks on Bishops and priests as well as on the Papacy, dissolution of Catholic organizations, wholesale dismissal of Catholic employees, and "the most satanical methods of intimidation ever heard of."

"These methods are reported in the Free Germany, No. 2, Volume 3," it is stated. "A large number of Catholics are called before the Gestapo. Here they are told that probably a process will be started against activities of the Catholics inimical to the State. After this intimidation speech, the people are questioned as to what newspapers they read, with what people they keep company, what the people think politically, etc. Then they proceed to show illegal papers and documents which the Gestapo claims to have seized. The Gestapo also claims to know the sender as well as the addresses. If concentration camps and jails were insufficient, the Gestapo would have to apply the same methods used against the Jews—that is, to eradicate them.

'Cultural' Tax Assessed

"The N.S.D.A.P. have issued new regulations to the Gau-leaders in which they warn them to avoid anything that touches on religious life proper. The regulations that follow, however, show definitely that the Kulturkampf goes relentlessly on. The Church tax is replaced by the 'cultural' tax. Formerly, the salary of all the priests was taken from the Church tax. Now, it will be paid only to those priests who are 'politically reliable.' It will not be paid to them if they have been warned or punished. According to the same regulation, all convents, institutions and charities will have commissioners attached to them in the future. The report goes on to state that members of religious orders whose brethren have been involved in immorality trials can be expelled from Germany without any other reason. The next point curbs the Church financially. All Church institutions should be subject to severe taxation, for which measure tax officers have already received regulations. For instance, the convent of Westphalia, which has been tax exempt up to now, has been taxed 42000 marks a year.

"In spite of this fact, which cannot be denied, the German papers continue to claim that there is no persecution. The Schwarzes Korps under date of January 19 takes issue with the Osservatore Romano which, at the end of the year 1938, gave a survey of events. The persecution of the faith in Germany, the Nazi paper states, is a lie of political Catholicism! In the same paper on another page we find one of the vilest attacks against the Holy Father, who is called the Supreme Rabbi of all Christians. The Stuermer of February 5, 1939, surpasses the Schwarzes Korps: it calls the Vatican paper the newspaper of the Jews and a traitor to Christianity. It challenges the Osservatore Romano to attack the Jews and charges that the Osservatore Romano betrays Christ, religion and the interest of the Catholic Church. On another page, we read that the Catholic Church commiserates with the 'unjust treatment of the Jews' and agitates against the New Germany.

Inventory of Art

"Alarming is the report that, according to a new law, an inventory is to be made of all art possessions of the Church and of the convents. The reason being that the authorities wanted to have a survey of all art property in Austria (compare the inventory of the Jewish property in March, 1938, and the fine imposed on the Jews in November, 1938). The city of Magdeburg plans to take over the well-known library of the convent of Our Lady, and the St. Mauritius library of the Cathedral. This confiscation, it is asserted, is to 'protect t' se treasures from foreign ownership.'"

PRIEST SAVES SACRED IMAGES FROM FLAMES

MANILA.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Prudencio David, vicar and parish priest of San Fernando, Pampanga, for more than 20 years, was the hero in the saving of images from the church which, along with its imposing convent was destroyed by the recent $1,000,000 fire which swept the commercial and residential district of the provincial seat of one of the Philippines' leading sugar-producing provinces.

The gallant priest directed the men under him and P. I. Army trainees who helped him. He tried to use the church hose but found that the water pressure was extremely low. However, at the risk of being burned alive he was able to save his parish's images and treasures. His hands were bruised and his cassock was torn as the result of his fighting the flames.

The church was destroyed by another fire May 4, 1899. The edifice burned recently was rebuilt in 1918 by Monsignor David.

Appoint Official For Elizabeth Seton Cause

VATICAN CITY.—The Rev. Salvator M. Burgio of St. Vincent's Seminary, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., has been named Vice-Postulator of the cause for the beatification of Mother Elizabeth Seton, Foundress of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States.

Father Burgio accompanied His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, on his journey to Vatican City to take part in the Conclave to elect a successor to Pope Pius XI.

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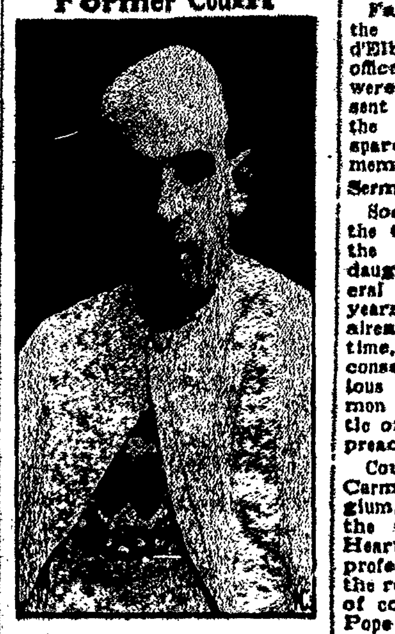
Former Count Heads Order; Countess Now in Carmel

BRAINE LE COMTE, BELGIUM—The newly elected Superior General of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, the Very Rev. John d'Elbee, is a former Count d'Elbee and member of an illustrious French family.

Former Count



Very Rev. John d'Elbee

Father d'Elbee is the oldest of the six children of the Marquis d'Elbee, whose five sons fought as officers in the World War. Four were killed. Father d'Elbee was sent to Morocco as a lieutenant in the French Legion in order to spare the life of the last male member of the family.

Sermon Decides Vocation

Soon after the war he married the Countess de Sees, daughter of the Marquis de Sees and granddaughter of a famous French general of that name. After four years of married life, a decision already contemplated for some time, was taken by the couple to consecrate themselves to the religious life. The occasion was a sermon by Father Matheo, the "Apostle of the Sacred Heart,' who was preaching in France at that time.

Countess d'Elbee entered the Carmelite Convent in Louvain, Belgium, while her husband joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts in France. Both made their profession the same day and were the recipients of personal messages of congratulations from the late Pope Pius XI.

Count d'Elbee, after receiving the sub-deaconate in company with the late Father Pro, the martyred Mexican Jesuit, was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Mercier in the Carmelite Convent Chapel in Louvain in the presence of the former Countess d'Elbee, who is now Mother Clare, Prioress of that house.

Held Many Offices

After his ordination, Father d'Elbee held successively the offices of Assistant Master of Novices in France, Professor of History in the Grande Seminaire of Poitiers, member of the Sacred Hearts' mission band in France during which time he preached devotion to the Sacred Heart and spread the Work of the Enthronement, founded by Father Matheo, throughout France and Belgium. He was made Master of Novices at Montgeron, France, when elected Superior General of the entire Congregation at the General Chapter in France.

Father d'Elbee, 44 years of age, is the youngest of six members of the Congregation who have been Superior General since the foundation of the Congregation in 1800. He is expected to visit the United States in 1940.

N. C. W. C. OPPOSES

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only indirectly a part of education, if they attend schools to which their parents feel bound in conscience to send them."

"At the present time," Dr. Johnson told the Senatorial group, "there are more than two million children in Catholic elementary and secondary schools. The right of the schools to exist is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. Their purpose is to prepare the young for the duties of American citizenship. They are supported by the Catholic people of the United States, who at the same time contribute, as do all other citizens, to the maintenance of the public school system. They have assumed this double burden, because they are convinced in conscience that the only sound basis for citizenship training is religion, that men will recognize their obligations to one another only if they have an intelligent recognition of their obligations to God."

"It is a negation of democracy, to do violence to the individual conscience; it is un-American to interfere with religious liberty," Dr. Johnson declared. "To say the very least, any action on the part of the government that would restrict such services to children, as transportation, books, care of health and welfare to those who attend tax-supported schools, would be penalizing those parents who, following the dictates of their conscience, insist on providing for their children an education rooted and founded in their religious faith. Such a discrimination is intolerable on the basis of American democracy."

MOSCOW OPENS SCHOOL OF ATHEISM FOR CHILDREN

MOSCOW A special school for children of both sexes between the ages of 6 and 11 years, in which they will receive instruction in atheism, will be established here March 22, financed by the Soviet Government.

Organization of children within this age classification into associations known as "Pioneers" is being undertaken by the Communist Youth.

1839—Golden Jubilee—1939.

National Legion of Decency List

CLASS A—Section 1—Unobjectionable for General Patronage

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Adventures of Jane Arden
Arizona Legion
Arkansas Traveler
Barefoot Boy
Billy the Kid Returns
Boys Town
Boy Trouble
Burn 'Em Up O'Connor
California Frontier
Campus Confessions
Charlie Chan In Honolulu
Christmas Carol, A
Convict's Code
Desperate Adventure, A
Down on the Farm
Duke of West Point
Durango Valley Raiders
Extortion
Father O'Flynn
Federal Man Hunt
Fisherman's Wharf
Five of a Kind
Flight To Fame
Flirting with Fate
Forbidden Music
Frontiers of '49
Fugitives for a Night
Gang of New York
Gangster's Boy
Girl Downstairs, The
Gladiator, The
Gold Mine In the Sky
Great Many Votes, The
Gunga Din
Hard To Get
Headleys at Home, The
Heart of the North
Held For Ransom
Hell's House
Highway Patrol
Higgins Family, The
Home on the Prairie
Homicide Bureau
I Am A Criminal
I'm From The City
In Early Arizona
In Old Chicago
Kentucky
King of the Sierras
Last Warning
1st Freedom Ring
Letter of Introduction
Little Princess
Long Shot, The
Mad Miss Manton
Man's Country
Men With Wings
Mr. Doodle Kicks Off
Mr. Moto Takes A Vacation
Nancy Drew Reporter
Out West with the Hardys
Orphans of the Street
Paris Honeymoon
Peck's Bad Boy at the Circus
Pride of the Navy
Ranger's Round-Up
Red River Range
Religious Racketeer
Renfrew of the Great White Trail
Rich Man, Poor Girl
Riders of Black Hills
Rio Grande
Road Demons
Rolling Caravans
Rolling Plains
Rhythm of the Saddle
Romance of the Limberlost
Romance on the Run
Room Service
Rose of Tralee
Safety In Numbers
Santa Fe Stampede
Secret Service of the Air
Sharpshooters
She's Got Everything
Shine On Harvest Moon
Silver On the Sage
Six Gun Trail
Song of the Buckaroo
Songs and Bullets
Sons of the Legion
Spirit of Youth
Spring Madness
Stand Up and Fight
Storm Over Bengal
Strange Case of Dr. Meade, The
Stranger from Arizona
Submarine Patrol
Sunset Trail
Sweethearts
Tenth Avenue Kid
Terror of Tiny Town, The
Texas Stampede
That Certain Age
Thrill of a Lifetime
Thundering West
Time Out For Murder
Titans of the Deep
Too Hot To Handle
Tom Sawyer, Detective
Torchy Blane In Chinatown
Touchdown Army
Tough Kid
Trigger Pals
Trip to Paris, A
Troopship
Tropic Holiday
Up the River
Valley of the Giants
Wanted by The Police
Water Rustlers
Western Jamboree
Where the Buffalo Roams
While New York Sleeps
Whirlwind Horseman
Wings of the Navy
Wild Horse Canyon
You Can't Cheat An Honest Man
Young Fugitives

CLASS A—Section 2—Unobjectionable for Adults

Ambush
Artists and Models Abroad
Beachcomber, The
Beauty for the Asking
Boy Slaves
Bulldog Drummond in Africa
Cafe Society
Chaser, The
Citadel, The
Code of the Streets
Crime Takes A Holiday
Dark Rapture
Dark Victory
Devil's Island
Disbarred
Dramatic School
Edge of the World
Fast and Loose
Four Girls In White
Gambling Ship
Girls' School
High Command
His Exciting Night
Honolulu
Hurricane—Samuel Goldwyn
If I Were King
Illegal Traffic
Inside Story
Jesse James
King of Alcatraz
King of the Turf
Lady Objects, The
Last Express
Law of the Underworld
Life and Loves of Beethoven
Little Miss Thoroughbred
Lone Wolf's Spy Hunt
Made For Each Other
Man Trailer (Reissue)
Marie Antoinette
Men Are Such Fools
Meet the Girls
Mr. Moto's Gamble
Newsboys Home
Numbered Woman
Nurse From Brooklyn
Off the Record
One Third of a Nation
One Wild Night
Pacific Holiday
Paradise for Three
Pardon Our Nerve
Pauper Husband
Peg of Old Drury
Penitentiary
Personal Secretary
Persons In Hiding
Prison Farm
Risenka
Road To Reno
Saint Strikes Back
St. Louis Blues
Say It In French
Shadows Over Shanghai
Son of Frankenstein
Stage Coach
Star Reporter
Sues
Tarnished Angel
Thanks for the Memory
The Great Waltz
The Storm
There's That Woman Again
They Made Me A Criminal
Three Musketeers
Three on a Week-end
Three Loves Has Nancy
Topper Takes A Trip
Toy Wife, The
Trade Winds
True Confession
Twelve Crowded Hours
Vacation From Love
Women Doctor
World's in Love
Young Dr. Kildare
Youth Takes A Fling
You Can't Get Away With Murder
Zaza

CLASS B—Objectionable in Part

Alexander's Ragtime Band
Angels with Dirty Faces
Brooklyn Musketeers
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Blonde of the West
Idiot's Delight
Mayerling
Merry-Go-Round of 1938
Never Say Die
Paroled From the Big House
Pearls of the Crown
Rage of Paris, The
Rat, The
School for Husbands
Secret of Any Actress
Spawn of the North
Sunset Murder Case
Tail Spin
This'll Make You Whistle

CLASS C—Condemned

Assassin of Youth
Damaged Goods
Damaged Lives
Ecstasy
Elysia
It's All In the Mind
Living Dangerously
Marriage Forbidden
Pitfalls of Youth
Private Life of Henry VIII (Reissue)
Race Suicide

SEPARATELY CLASSIFIED

The [illegible] — Observations: A documentary film containing [illegible] for the Madrid-Valencia Government in Spain.

LATEST U. S. LIST

Of Spain Aid Stirs Special Interest

WASHINGTON.—With the civil war in Spain virtually at an end, the latest report issued by the United States Department of State on money gathered in this country for Spain is of particular interest.

The tabulation shows that of the 23 organizations registered with the State Department as "relief" groups, approximately seven-eighths are Leftist organizations, collecting funds for the so-called Spanish Loyalists, emphasizing that radical groups in the United States have been the ones most energetic in attempts to bring the United States and the American people into a commitment for a particular side in the Spanish strife.

The sum total of contributions received by the organizations listed is more than $2,000,000, of which groups organized on behalf of Nationalist Spain and neutral groups have gathered approximately $279,614.

REICH OFFICIALS HARASS POLISH NUNS AT BORDER

WARSAW.—A new instance of the annoyances undergone by Polish Religious at the hands of German border police and customs officials is reported here by KAP, Polish Catholic press agency.

According to information Mother Ledochowska, of the Order of St. Ursula, returning from Rome was detained by German officials at the border to her extreme hardship. At Neu-Bentschen, the nun and her Sister-companion were forced to undergo a customs examination which lasted several hours. Their persons and luggage were subjected to the most minute search, their clothes and even their shoes being examined. Needless to say, the search produced nothing of a "suspicious" or "dangerous" character. However, the protracted examination caused the nuns to miss their train connections and they were forced to spend the cold night in the station. Mother Ledochowska is 70 years old.

MISSIONERS BUY ESTATE FOR NEW GENERAL HOUSE

WASHINGTON.—Announcement was made this week of the purchase of the former Illingsworth estate at Fox Chase, Philadelphia by the Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries.

This new foundation of the Society, the second in the United States, will serve as the General House of the community as soon as alterations on the property are completed.

Philippine Catholics Achieve ROTC Honors

MANILA.—Catholic universities and colleges made a splendid showing at the ROTC competition held at the Rizal Memorial Stadium last week when, of the five highest honors they won three, and gave sterling performances at the national meet.

The University of Sto. Tomas, oldest university under the American flag, took second place in the general championship rating by accumulating 135 points. The Ateneo de Manila, under American Jesuits, came out with third honors, obtaining 124 points. From the city of Cebu, 92 of 108 members were from the San Carlos College which American Fathers of the Divine Word conduct, placed fifth.

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NEW FILMS REVIEWED

Bulldog Drummond's Secret Police, A-1
Code of the Cactus, A-1
North of Shanghai, A-1
Outlaws' Paradise, A-1
Rolling Westward, A-1
Spirit of Culver, A-1
Blackwell's Island, A-2
Everybody's Baby, A-2
King of Chinatown, A-2
Oklahoma Kid, A-2
Yes, My Darling Daughter, B

AT THE THEATERS

PALACE
Oklahoma Kid, A-2
Everybody's Baby, A-2

LOEW'S ROCHESTER
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, A-1
Whispering Enemies (Not classified)

CENTURY
You Can't Cheat An Honest Man, A-1
One Third of a Nation, A-2

TEMPLE
The Saint Strikes Back, A-2
Pride of the Navy, A-1

REGENT
Wife, Husband and Friend (Not classified)
They Made Me a Criminal, A-2

LITTLE
The Adventures of Chico (Not classified)
Declaration of Independence, (Not classified)

CAPITOL
St. Louis Blues, A-2
Off the Record, A-1

RIVIERA & DIXIE
Stand Up and Fight, A-1
Garden of the Moon Not classified)

LIBERTY & STATE
Dawn Patrol (Not classified)
Zaza, A-2

GRAND
Out West With the Hardy's, A-1
Arrest Bulldog Drummond, A-1

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