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Statements of Interest

Leading financial institutions of this city present mid-year statements for your information—on pages 3, 7 and 8.

What He Found in Spain

On recent visit to Spain, a pastor from this diocese made his own investigation of the Civil war events. His story is on page 2.

State Honors Fr. Jogues

$75,000 Statue Dedicated to Him

LAKE GEORGE, N Y (NC) A $75,000 memorial to a Saint, hailing him as the discoverer of this lake, was dedicated Monday by a legislative commission of New York State. The granite memorial with a twelve-foot bronze statue of St. Isaac Jogues, French Jesuit missionary who was canonized in 1930, occupies a commanding site overlooking the southern end of the lake.

The dedication ended a two-year task of the commission during which a proper site for the monument was sought. It also climaxed 30 years of appeals by religious groups and patriotic and historical societies.

Memorial at Lakeside

The heroic figure of St. Isaac Jogues weighs about 1800 pounds. The granite shaft behind the statue weighs ninety tons, and the crushed stone foundation an additional 105 tons. The memorial is 25 feet high and nine feet wide.

The shield of Joan of Arc, the Maid of Orleans, is inscribed on the back of the memorial because Orleans was the birthplace of Father Jogues. The seal of the State of New York also is embossed on the shaft.

Father Jogues was martyred by the savage Iroquois at Auriesville, N. Y., about 100 miles from the memorial, October 18, 1646.

Beneath the feet of Saint Isaac Jogues on the front of the state monument are the words "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam. To the Greater Glory of God."

Tribute to the heroism of the early Catholic missionaries was paid by Chief Judge Frederick E. Crane of the Court of Appeals when he said:

"Much has occurred in the last three hundred years. Nations have disappeared. Kings and Emperors have been dethroned; the mighty have fallen and those of low degree have been exalted. The great headliners have passed into oblivion; many considered in their day to be wonderful have been forgotten ten days after death. What is greatness, what and who will survive? I do not know, and nobody else does. But we do know that a French Jesuit priest of humble parentage attempted to teach Indians in America the way of life that he lived with them about six years and they were so morally blind that they killed him. That's all. But the life of that priest is still with us; he is influencing us today and we who never saw him acknowledge with gratitude his work for those who did see him but could not understand. What he attempted to do for them he is still doing for us today. Here is the mystery of life.

"In our tribute to Father Jogues, I trust you will permit me, not a member of his faith, to remind you how much we owe in this Democracy to his Order and the priests of his day. In the Middle Ages it was in the cloisters that the doctrine of the Sovereignty of the People was born.

Greatest Cause in World

"This statue dedicated today will stand for many things many more than I have mentioned but I am sure that all who gaze upon it will instantly think of a man who gave his all for the greatest cause in the world, the welfare of others through peace. To the greater glory of God."

Protestants and Jews joined with Catholics in honoring the saintly Jesuit who was the discoverer of a lake now named for a British King but which he named in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. Even today there is at the village an Episcopalian Church styled Blessed Sacrament and the Masonic unit there is called Sacrament Lodge.

Non-Catholics who have associated themselves with the memorial have won praise from the Vatican. His Holiness having bestowed his blessing on Assemblyman Harry Reoux, a consistent Presbyterian, and Senator Benjamin F. Feinberg, a Jew, who sponsored the $75,000 appropriation in the State Legislature for the erection of the monument.

Scientist Dies Catholic

Budapest. Information has just been made public that Dr. Ludwig Winkler, university professor and member of the Hungarian Academy of Science who died April 15 had become a convert to the Catholic Faith.

Catholic Radio Hour On Auburn Station To Begin July 7

AUBURN. A Catholic Hour will be inaugurated over Station WMBO, this city on Friday, July 7, at 4:30 P. M.

This will be a fifteen-minute program once a week for the next twenty-six weeks.

The program has been prepared by the Rev. Richard Felix, O.S.B., of Pilot Grove, Missouri. Transcription has been made by National and Columbia Broadcasting Company artists.

This will be a non-controversial program dealing with the doctrine of the Catholic Church. The Auburn Catholic Hour is being sponsored by the Catholic Churches of Auburn.

Warning

Catholics should know the Church Law on Christian Burial. The Church Liturgy contains the whole service from the beginning of the prayers at the home or at the front of the church through the Mass, the blessing of the remains, and the interment of the body, in the consecrated ground of a Catholic Cemetery.

Agents of cemeteries who tell Catholics that they may be buried in such cemeteries in full accordance with the law of the Church are guilty of gross misrepresentation.

Catholics are warned against these statements, and are asked to send those who read them to the CHANCERY OFFICE, 50 Chestnut Street.

St. Joseph's Nuns Choose New Superior

Sister Mary Rose Miriam Smyth became the Reverend Mother Superior of the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph on Wednesday.

A member of the community since 1910, Sister Rose Miriam was elected at a Chapter comprising 200 Sisters presided over by His Excellency the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester. The Chapter convened at the Motherhouse, East Avenue, Pittsford.

Appointment of Sister M. Helene as Assistant Reverend Mother was announced.

The new Superior succeeds Rev erend Mother Mary Sylvester who was named to the Council along with Sister Mary Valerian and Sister M. Marcella.

Born in Ireland the new Mother Superior came to the United States at an early age. After her graduation from Auburn High School and College of St. Elizabeth she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1910.

Most of her years in the Sisterhood have been spent in teaching at Nazareth Academy and Nazareth Academy and Nazareth College where she taught the sciences. Last April Sister Rose Miriam was appointed Superintendent of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira.

As superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph, a complete community in the Diocese of Rochester, Reverend Mother Rose Miriam will have under her jurisdiction all of the St. Joseph nuns, many of whom conduct various parish schools in the diocese.

Also in her charge are the following: Nazareth Convent and Motherhouse, Nazareth Normal School, Nazareth College, Nazareth Academy, Nazareth Hall, St. Agnes Institute, St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Homes, St. Ann's Home for the Aged and St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira.

Religious Float Wins Prize At Elmira

ELMIRA. Numbered among the floats in Elmira's Diamond Jubilee parade June 26 was one representing the Catholic Churches of Elmira. The theme of the float was so attractive carried out that the judges awarded it fourth prize.

The stage of it was completely decorated in gold and white. Sitting on a throne, a girl attired as a queen represented the mother church, SS. Peter and Paul's. Standing in two rows before her were six girls dressed similarly, each representing a parish. Each girl carried a gold shield bearing the name of her parish and the year it was founded. Prominently displayed was a huge white cross. The float was called "The Progress of Religion" and was under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Kennedy.

Catholic organizations also represented with floats in the huge parade were Knights of Columbus with a ship "Santa Maria," carrying Christopher Columbus and two seamen in costume; the Catholic Daughters of America, a floral float, and the Junior Catholic Daughters whose float was escorted by a delegation of marching Juniors. No other religious organization was represented.

RELIGIOUS GARB FORBIDDEN IN STREETS OF VIENNA

AMSTERDAM. Priests and Religious in the Vienna archdiocese do not wear clerical garb on public streets and in public places any longer by special order of His Eminence Theodor Cardinal Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna, who found that the clergy were being made the object of venomous public attacks to such a growing degree that he found it wiser to prevent unnecessary conflicts.

Members of religious Orders who used to wear their hair cut in a special fashion, no longer may do so according to the same ruling. The laity has been invited to help in providing civilian clothing for the priests and Sisters.

'Sick' Stage Can Be Saved

Catholic Move Seen Salvation

WASHINGTON (NC) Catholic Theater is the means of saving the secular theater, which is "sick and needs attention," the Catholic Theater Conference was told in the closing moments of its second biennial convention here Wednesday night last week, by the Most Rev. Francis J. L. Beckman, Archbishop of Dubuque and newly-elected Honorary President of the Conference.

His Excellency was the principal speaker at the banquet, the final function of the two-day meeting which was attended by delegates from nearly 100 Catholic drama groups in 36 States and Canada and other members of the national federation of Catholic Little Theater parish, college and high school units.

He assailed the commercial theater as an institution exhibiting an astounding malomania which is in effect the sum total of all materialistic philosophy: cheapness of subject-matter and treatment, 'snappy' dialogue, a mongrel philology reared from the gutter and put into the mouths of doubtful stage characters." He cited "the wonderful possibilities which a normal healthy theater holds for the diffusion of an advanced spirituality among men," declaring that Catholic Theater "can exert a tremendous amount of good influence in this direction by reviving that standard classic repertoire which has long been accepted as 'beautiful theater,' revising the subject-matter and treatment of current dramas and providing every opportunity for development to younger dramatists, actors and technicians of exceptional 'Men' and in particular those of Catholic affiliations."

Other Officers Chosen

Archbishop Beckman's selection as Honorary President of the Conference took place at the last business meeting of the convention. The Rev. F. G. Dinneen, S.J., Director of the Loyola Community Theater, Chicago, was elected President. Other officers chosen are Mrs. Euphemia Van Rensselaer Wyatt, drama critic of The Catholic World, Vice-President; the Rev. Brendan Larnen, O.P., of Washington, Secretary-Treasurer; and the Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., of Providence, R.I., Director General of the Blackfriars Guild; Otto Wenzler, President of the Chevron Players, Toledo, O.; Mrs. James F. Looram of Brooklyn, Chairman of the Motion Picture Committee of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae; Sister Mary Peter, Head of the Drama Department, Rosary College, River Forest, Ill.; Emmet Lavery of New York, founder of the conference and noted playwright, and E. Francis McDevitt, Editor of Catholic Theater, members of the Executive Board.

One of the important results of the Conference's deliberations was the decision to affiliate with the Lay Organizations Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Church's Role Unquestionable

Speaking on "The Ideal Catholic Theater," Archbishop Beckman said the dramatic tradition of the Catholic Church goes back to the Saviour Whose Life and Death were great drama. Citing the continuation of this drama in the Mass and the liturgical ceremonies of the Church Archbishop Beckman asked:

"Who would question therefore the mature acquaintance with and proper place of the Church in the field of the drama? Who would question the propriety of her endeavor to assist and guide the secular drama into those correct channels of expression and inter-

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New Priest Is Only Son In Irish Family of 13

DUBLIN. The Rev. Brian Kelly, one of 17 priests ordained at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral here, is the only son in a family of 13.

Present at the ceremony were his father and mother and 12 sisters to whom he gave his blessing immediately after receiving Holy Orders.

FRIENDS SEND HIM TO LOURDES

The young man on the stretcher is David Van Wallace, former Notre Dame student who just fifteen years ago dived into shallow water and broke his neck. Given only nine days to live, he has survived though paralyzed from the neck down. Throughout those years his friends and alumni at Notre Dame University have showered millions of prayers and other religious works on him and now through the aid of benefit performances they have raised a fund to fulfill his dearest wish: a visit to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pictured, standing, left to right, are Elmer F. Layden, 25, director of athletics at Notre Dame University; Gene Tunney, former world's heavyweight champion and Harry F. Kelly, 17, Secretary of State of Michigan. (NCWC)

Second N. D. Youth Invalid To Make Visit To Lourdes

By John V. Hinkel

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—(N. C.)—Millions of persons have found inspiration in Frederick B. Snite, Jr., "the smiling man in the iron lung," who has returned to his Chicago home from Fla [illegible] his pilgrimage to Lourdes. Few, however, have heard of another Notre Dame man, David Van Wallace, whose case in [illegible] has [illegible] respect.

Fifteen years ago today Van, then a sophomore at the University of Notre Dame, dived into a shallow pool near his home at Mt. Clemens, Wash. The dive broke his neck. Doctors gave him nine days to live, but he survived, though paralyzed from the neck down.

His story since then is as thrilling and inspiring as that of the 29-year-old Fred Snite four years his junior and a graduate of Notre Dame in 1932. Fred was stricken with infantile paralysis in China three years ago and has lived ever since in an artificial respirator nicknamed an iron lung.

Have Much in Common

Both have much in common besides their Notre Dame heritage. The courage, optimism and religious devotion of each man in the face of terrific physical handicaps are unsurpassed. And then Van, like Fred, will soon have visited the Grotto of Our Lady at Lourdes seeking that spiritual consolation the world cannot give.

When Van entered Notre Dame in 1923 as a rollicking, handsome husky youth of 17, he wanted to be one an engineer. He had been a fine basketball and baseball player at the University of Detroit High School at Detroit. He played those sports as a freshman at Notre Dame and also stood high in his studies.

Then came the accident that crippled him. His case attracted immediate attention at Notre Dame. At once its great spiritual forces were set in motion for him. Through the years the priests, professors, students, alumni and friends of the university have showered millions of prayers, Holy Communions and other religious works on him as they have also on Fred Snite. To these spiritual exercises Van attributes the fact that he is still alive and happy.

Will Visit Lourdes

His happiness will shortly be immeasurably increased. As soon as necessary arrangements are completed he will realize his dearest wish to visit the Grotto of Our Lady at Lourdes.

For years he has secretly longed to visit the sacred spot. He refrained from mentioning this to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Wallace, however, because he knew it would be a great financial burden. They have already almost exhausted their limited means to give him medical care.

Somehow or other his secret leaked out to a few friends. Quietly, without his knowledge at first, they set about trying to make possible his wish. It was estimated that at least $5,000 would be necessary to send him to Lourdes.

The Notre Dame Club of Detroit pitched in to help. With the cooperation of the University of Detroit High School Alumni and the "Van Guards," an organization of women especially formed to help, nearly $3,000 soon was realized in private gifts. Among them was a contribution from Fred Snite's father.

An amateur boxing tournament with the best amateur boxers of Michigan participating was arranged as a benefit for the cheerful invalid. The benefit, held on June 14, brought $2,000 additional.

Spiritual Crusade

So Van is going to Lourdes. Meanwhile Notre Dame men and their friends in all parts of the country are intensifying their spiritual crusade for him. Many of them in addition are contributing

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Youths Down Communism

Reaction Forces New Resolution

NEW YORK. Heeding protests of groups outside the American Youth Congress in session here adopted by a unanimous vote Tuesday a resolution condemning all forms of dictatorship and including communism among them.

This action followed refusal on Monday to include in its official creed a declaration placing communism on a level with nazism and fascism as contrary to American ideals.

The issue of leftist control of the American Youth Congress broke into the open as a resolution was offered by a group within the Congress demanding the Congress oppose communism as well as Nazism and fascism.

Widely Protested

Together with a series of protests by groups outside the Congress, including members of the City Council here and 56 members of New York State Legislature, a group of the Congress injected the resolution on Communism. The resolution listed 23 youth groups as supporting the document.

When the resolution came up for vote on Monday there was a walkout of fourteen organizations of the anti-Communist bloc after it was voted down. Their spokesman charged that the Congress frequently in opposition to the policies of Hitler and Mussolini had never assailed Stalin's regime as dictatorial.

The dictatorship resolutions presented by James B. Carey, chairman of the resolutions committee and secretary of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and adopted on Tuesday differed from the amendment offered on Monday.

The resolution adopted read: "Whereas the American Youth is devoted to the principles of true democracy and the great constitutional freedoms of speech, of petition, of the press, of religion and of assembly. Be it resolved that this Congress of youth record its opposition to all forms of dictatorship regardless of whether they be Communist, Fascist, Nazi or any other type or bearing any other name that this Congress accord full freedom of speech and discussion to all young people regardless of race, creed, religion or political label, whether Republican, Democratic, Socialist, Communist, Fascist or any other and that this Congress be open in all its activities and deliberations to all persons regardless of race, creed, religion or political label who are willing to abide by the principles of democratic procedure."

The proposed amendment voted down Monday had said: "The American Youth Congress condemns Communism because it is opposed to the principles of a belief in God, the inviolability of private ownership of property and interpersonal peace. The resolution also attacks Nazism and Fascism as variously opposed to these principles of American democracy."

Deplore "Empty Gesture"

Members of the group that walked out over the Communist creed amendment met at their headquarters and in a statement declared that the second resolution was passed by the Congress as "an empty face-saving gesture."

"We tried in every way to make the American Youth Congress practice not merely give lip service to democracy and the American way. Their resolution is meaningless insofar as expressing their real attitude because it will not be accompanied by appropriate action removing the control and leadership from Communists and fellow travelers and making the congress truly representative of real American youth and acceptable to [illegible] youth agencies."

The declaration called the group "free and independent of all foreign ideologies including communism, nazism, fascism and anti-Semitism" and pledged the members to "a militant and active defense of democracy."

Elect Father Duff

Washington. The Rev. Edward A. Duff, former chief of chaplains U. S. Navy, was elected chaplain of the Military Officers of the World War at a meeting in the Hotel Mayflower.

Fr. Cox Urges Strict Neutrality To Keep America Out of War

Warning against insidious foreign propaganda designed to draw America into a European war, the Rev. Ignatius W. Cox, S. J., speaking at the Patriotic Pontifical Mass, Fourth of July in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral roundly denounced so-called "democratic nations" and called for real American neutrality as advocated by George Washington.

Professor of Ethics at Fordham University, Father Cox declared that both religion and patriotism are moral virtues and part and parcel of the great virtue of justice and said the patriotic service being conducted here emphasized what is too often forgotten.

In the present situation in which this country finds itself he strongly urged adherence to the principles enunciated in the Declaration of Independence and to the wise guidance against foreign entanglements given by George Washington in his Farewell Address.

Bishop Officiates

The Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester. A patriotic touch was given at the conclusion of the Mass with the congregation singing the Star-Spangled Banner authored by the Catholic, Francis Scott Keyes.

In his sermon on "Mother America and Mother Church," Father Cox reviewed contributions of Catholics to the discovery and colonial development of the country, Catholic participation in the American revolution and pointed out Catholics' predominant influence, through the political philosophy of Suarez and St. Robert Bellarmine on the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

Scanning the European scene, Father Cox asked:

"Are we to go to war every twenty years because of some European squabble? This thing must be stopped now!" he declared most emphatically. "We can save peace for the world and democracy for ourselves and our own prosperity by following George Washington's advice and what I think to be the clear indications of the moral and natural law."

He challenged the press of the country to print Washington's Farewell Address in full at this time that readers might see its almost prophetic application to our present foreign policy, our tremendous national debt, and to other matters of vital importance to the American people.

(Pertinent excerpts from Father Cox's sermon appear in the next column.)

The Bishop was assisted in the Mass by the following: Assistant Priest, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns; Deacons of Honor, the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey and the Rev. James C. McAniff; Vice Chancellor; Deacon, the Rev. Charles J. Bruton; Sub Deacon, the Rev. Alphonsus P. Crimmons, and Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. John T. Callahan.

In the Sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G.; the Rev. John H. O'Loane, C.S.B., principal of Aquinas Institute; the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, managing editor CATHOLIC COURIER, and pastor of St. Patrick's; the Rev. Joseph J. O'Connell and the Rev. Donald Murphy.

Holding the American flag before the altar during the special patriotic ceremony was little Richard O'Connor, Sacred Heart altar boy.

Highlighting Sermon On Neutrality Given By Noted Jesuit

In his sermon on "Mother America and Mother Church," the Rev. Ignatius W. Cox, S.J., professor of ethics, Fordham University, at Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral on Tuesday, Independence Day, declared in part:

"Another enemy to the continued prosperity and happiness of these United States arises from the prospect of European and foreign wars and the attempt on the part of some to force the United States to take sides, or to engender the idea that our final participation is inevitable, or to convince that at least any real neutrality on our part is undesirable.

"The Father of his country and our first president, in refusing the attempt of sincere and generous friends to persuade him that the country had need of him for a third term, gave a Farewell Address to the people of the United States, which is so prophetic of the condition of the country today as a result of a departure from that advice, that I would persuade every citizen to read it again.

"Likewise, I would implore the press of this country to print it in full. George Washington urged the preservation of our government and begged his fellow citizens that 'you resist with care the spirit of innovation upon its principles, however specious the pretexts.' Washington said in no unmistakable terms: 'As a very important source of strength and security, cherish public credit ... avoid likewise the accumulation of debt.' He pointed out 'of all the dispositions which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are the indispensible supports.'

Avoid Entangling Alliances

"With regard to foreign policy the Father of his country said explicitly: 'Observe good faith and justice towards all nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all; religion and morality enjoin this conduct; and can it be that good policy does not equally enjoin it? ... In the execution of such a plan nothing is more essential than that permanent inveterate antipathies against particular nations, and passionate attachment for others should be avoided.' 'As avenues to foreign influence in innumerable ways such attachments are particularly alarming to the truly enlightened and independent patriot ... against the insidious wiles of foreign influence (I conjure you to believe me my fellow citizens) the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake. ... Excessive partiality for one foreign nation, and excessive dislike for another, cause those whom they actuate to see danger only for one side and serve to veil and even to second the arts of influence on the other. Real patriots who may resist the intrigue of the favorite are liable to become suspected and odious; while its tools and dupes usurp the applause and confidence of the people to surrender their interests.'

Surrender of Interests

"Thus the Father of His Country. And we will undoubtedly surrender our interest, our moral and spiritual interests, as well as our democratic interest, if we yield to the propaganda that has succeeded in labelling some nations as aggressors and others as peace-loving and democratic.

"In fact, for centuries the so-called democratic and peace-loving nations have held in subjection large sections of Asia and Africa and are today economic and financial imperialists. Many of the difficulties we are suffering from in this country are traceable to 1917, when we went to war in defiance of the sound principles and sound morality of the Father of His Country. It is to our glory that we refused to sign the now universally acknowledged unjust treaty of Versailles and that that refusal was strengthened by a national referendum.

"The Father of His Country advised isolation for this country in the fights of the enmities and conflicts between European nations which have extended over hundreds of years over to this day. He gave such advice when as a nation we were weak and in our infancy. And now, when we are perhaps the most powerful nation in the world, we are told by some that we, powerful as we are, cannot save our democracy without taking sides, and without traveling along the road that finally brought us to the so-called war 'to make the world safe for democracy' and the war to end all war.

"Any novice in this matter can tell you that at the present to enter into another war would lose our democracy ... are already being made with regard to the control of our [illegible]

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2 Canadian Bishops Head New Dioceses

OTTAWA. (NC) Two new Canadian Bishops have been named by His Holiness Pope Pius XII to direct two new Canadian dioceses. The Most Rev. Joseph Aldee Desmarais, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Hyacinthe, Que., becomes Ordinary of the Diocese of Amos, in Northern Quebec, and the Most Rev. Joseph Charbonneau, Vicar General of the Ottawa Archdiocese, becomes Bishop of Hearst, in Northern Ontario.

The Diocese of Amos is a new See erected from a section of other dioceses in that area, and the Diocese of Hearst is promotion of the former Northern Ontario Vicariate Apostolic of which the Most Rev. Joseph Halle was the Bishop.

Bishop Halle was taken ill shortly before the National Eucharistic Congress a year ago and has been confined to a Quebec hospital since that time.

A keen student, Bishop Desmarais is also noted as a vigorous administrator whose abilities are particularly adapted to the opening up of a new Diocese in Northern Quebec. Besides being a Doctor of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy he is a Licentiate in Letters. He has always been most active in colonization work in the Province, and his new Diocese will include a large section which is being opened up through the co-operation of the Quebec government.

Bishop Charbonneau is also well known for his work as an administrator and as an educationist. He was ordained June 24, 1916, and spent two years at the Canadian College in Rome, where he received his theological degrees. On his return he spent a year at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C.

Weekly Round-up of News From All Corners of the Catholic World

NUNS SEE FALLS

Niagara Falls, N. Y. Twenty-six nuns who for 30 years, have lived six miles from Niagara Falls, have laid eyes for the first time on the great scenic wonder. They are Little Sisters of the Holy Family who for three decades have done domestic work at Niagara University. They are leaving for the motherhouse of their Order at Sherbrooke, Que., and on the eve of their departure university officials took them on a tour of the Falls.

UNEMPLOYMENT FILM

Breda, Holland.—Katholiek Filmfront, official organ of the Catholic Film Association of Holland, expressed the wish that someone would produce a motion picture dealing with the grave question of unemployment from the Catholic viewpoint. As a result, the Interdiocesan Youth Secretariat at Den Bosch has opened a scenario contest on the subject "Labor's Combat." The prizes will be 100, 60 and 40 florins for the three best scenarios submitted. (A florin is worth a little more than 50 cents.)

DEVOTIONS IN WOODS

Basle, Switzerland. An impressive devotion in honor of the Blessed Virgin was held in the woods near the suburb of Allschwil. Several hundred persons gathered around an altar temporarily erected. All joined in singing the ancient Marian hymns, carrying lighted candles in their hands.

FLIES FAR NORTH

Edmonton, Alberta. The Most Rev. Gabriel Breynat, O.M.I., Vicar Apostolic of Mackenzie, has announced that the Most Rev. Ildebrando Antoniutti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, will visit the missions of the Far North, from Ontario to British Columbia, during the months of July and August. He will travel on the Santa Maria, the airplane in the service of the Oblates of Mackenzie.

DESECRATIONS

Warsaw. Acts of desecration which involve the damaging or destruction of crucifixes and other sacred articles are reported here as frequent occurrences in German Upper Silesia. In addition to the destruction by stoning of an image of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Zlotow, a figure of St. Michael at a wayside shrine has been destroyed.

SYNAGOGUE DESTROYED

Prague. A night fire has destroyed the Jewish Synagogue at Maehrisch Ostrau in Moravia on the German-Polish border. An adjacent building owned by the Jewish community fell a victim to the flames. Incendiarism has been charged.

CONVERT ORDAINED

North Bay, Ont. The Rev. Ralph T. Sturgeon, former Anglican minister who was converted to Catholicism was ordained a subdeacon here by the Most Rev. R. H. Dignan, Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Sturgeon's parents attended, his father already having followed his example by embracing the Catholic faith. Mr. Sturgeon is studying at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto.

TERRORISM IN HOLY LAND

Jerusalem. The general situation in Palestine is growing worse since a new kind of terrorism has been introduced with bombs being concealed in the public buildings and electrical power stations.

50 YEARS IN BRAZIL

Tefle, Brazil. (NCWC-Fides) Brother Titus Kuster, C. S. Sp., who assisted Fathers Xavier Libermann and Berton when they founded this mission in the upper reaches of the Amazon has just completed his fiftieth year in Brazil. The actual building of churches and mission residences in this wild district is almost entirely his work.

FIFTH BROTHER PRIEST

Paris. On the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul, Camille Riolon will be ordained in the Cathedral of La Rochelle. The invitation to this ceremony and to his first Mass also bears the names of his four older brothers all of whom are either pastors or vicars in the Diocese of Poitiers.