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Frances Keyes Enters Church

Conversion Due To St. Therese

By KATHARINE McKEEVER LISIEUX.-(NC) On April 29, 1923, Frances Parkinson Keyes, noted American author, attended an impressive ceremony in St. Peter's Basilica. By chance, rather than by design, she witnessed the beatification of St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower of Jesus.

Holy Father's Blessing

LISIEUX A blessing and best wishes from His Holiness Pope Pius XII was received here by Frances Parkinson Keyes, noted American writer, on the occasion of her reception into the Catholic Church here.

Mrs. Keyes journeyed from Washington to Lisieux for the specific purpose of receiving the sacraments of the Holy Father.

The significance of the event was enhanced by the presence of two Benedictine nuns who had known the little Therese Martin and several of her schoolmates.

A delegation representing the Carmel was present and several of the Petit Clero de St. Therese, boys from various sections of France, were present.

After the ceremony in the abbey church, the guests were entertained informally in the ancient refectory where repairs were served when St. Therese was a pupil and in which Mrs. Keyes prepared the

Theophilus Lewis Enters Church

NEW YORK Theophilus Lewis, well-known Negro writer, was received into the Catholic Church here Wednesday at the Church of St. Benedict the Moor, at Jamaica, L. I.

Conditional absolution was administered to him by the Rev. John LaFarge, S. J., Associate Editor of America. George K. Hinton, Editor of the Interracial Review, official publication of the Catholic Interracial Council of New York, acted as sponsor.

Born in Baltimore, Md., Mr. Lewis is self-educated. He was a dramatic critic of the Interracial Review since 1937.

At one time Mr. Lewis was an editor of the Messenger, a Negro magazine which has ceased publication. He also has been columnist for the Amsterdam News, here and the Courier, Pittsburgh, two of the most influential Negro newspapers in the United States.

Mr. Lewis is an employee of the United States Post Office Department. His wife and three children are Catholics.

WRITER CONVERT

Dismiss Plea Of 'Hardships'

Must Transport School Pupils

Excuses of undue hardships—financial or otherwise—will not permit a Board of Education to escape its obligation to provide transportation for non-public school pupils who are in need of it.

This was made emphatically clear in a letter which the Catholic Education Office in Rochester received today from Acting Commissioner I. Ernest Cole in behalf of the State Education Department.

Orders are given to the Board of Education of Southampton, Suffolk County, to provide transportation for the pupils of St. John's Parochial School, Center Moriches, who live adjacent to the district.

The decision says: "This appeal from the action of the annual meeting held in the above-named school district on the 11th day of July, 1939, in refusing by a vote of 97 to 4 to authorize transportation for elementary school pupils residing in said district to St. John's Parochial School, Center Moriches, N. Y.

"Appellants' children reside from three to seven miles from the said parochial school which is the nearest parochial school to their residence."

The Board of Education enumerates "hardships" which would ensue if it were required to provide the requested transportation, then goes on:

"Due to the action of the Legislature in decreasing State aid to school districts for the present school year the district will receive \$1,800 less State aid than during last year. The cost for transporting parochial school pupils will probably be not less than \$1,000; that the tax rate will need to be substantially increased if such transportation is provided; that if the district is to transport pupils for whom transportation is sought in this appeal, approximately \$1,300 additional State aid, if said transportation is provided, the district will be obliged to discontinue the manual arts and home economics classes which this will cause non-resident pupils for whose attendance the district receives State aid to attend school elsewhere with consequent decrease in the tax rate of the district and a further increase in the tax rate. The Board further alleges that transportation is not and has never been provided for the parochial school pupils in this district.

The decision follows: "It is ordered that the action of the annual school meeting held in the above-named district in refusing to authorize transportation for the pupils of St. John's Parochial School, Center Moriches, N. Y., be and the same is hereby set aside and vacated and that it is further ordered that the Board of Education of said district proceed forthwith to provide transportation for said pupils to St. John's Parochial School, and pay the reasonable cost thereof out of any funds of the district available for such purpose subject to the approval of the district superintendent of schools and of this Department. In the event there are no district funds available for such purpose, said Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to raise by tax on the taxable property of the district a sum sufficient to pay for same."

SEN. O'CONNOR, NOTED CANADIAN LAYMAN, DIES

TORONTO Noted for his many benefactions, Senator Francis O'Connor was honored at death here by Church and State. He was one of the best known Catholic laymen in Canada.

The Most Rev. J. C. McGuigan Archbishop of Toronto, pays tribute to his memory, said: "The worldly success which his honesty of purpose and business ability brought him did not cause him to neglect his boyhood friends or the religious connections of his early years."

Senator O'Connor's many benefactions ran into hundreds of thousands of dollars. In 1925 he gave Archbishop McGuigan \$500,000 for charitable purposes. In 1929 he started the fund for the new St. Michael's College with \$125,000, he gave generously to the Newman Club and he was largely responsible for the foundation of the Christian Brothers De La Salle Oakland College, Churches, orphanages, hospitals, a 11 benefited through his charity.

Heads I. S. Innsbruck Alumni Cleveland - The Rev. Arnold F. Schneider, Assistant Pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church, Detroit, was elected President of the American Innsbruck Alumni Association at the organization's annual convention.

Priest Aids Labor Cause

WASHINGTON. With the bitter strike on the Green Mountain Dam, part of a \$44,000,000 federal reclamation project in northwestern Colorado, finally settled after six weeks of strife, labor and government leaders who participated in the conciliation agreement, credit for a major share of the settlement at the door of the Rev. J. W. Maguire, S. C. V., prominent priest-negotiator in labor disputes.

Marking the eighty-sixth labor dispute in which he has played the role of mediator, Father Maguire entered the Green Mountain Dam strike picture after several weeks had elapsed in which the dispute reached the proportion of a serious physical clash between strikers and anti-union forces in Colorado. Picketers operating around the dam from July 22 into August were shot at early in August by deputy sheriffs and several union men were wounded. Trade unionists in Denver hastened to the scene and a pitched battle was averted by officials called out by Gov. Carr.

LAUDS POPE'S WORK FOR PEACE

Rulers Echo Pope's Plea

Belgium and U. S. Ask Peace Parley

VATICAN CITY.—The latest appeals for peace of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and King Leopold of Belgium echo the plea for peace through justice which His Holiness Pope Pius XII addressed to leaders of all nations via radio Thursday, Observatore Romane points out in an editorial.

The leader of the great American Republic, the ruler of the Belgians, the editorial remarks, follow the Holy Father in their declarations that solution of the problems that underlie the present world crisis, cannot be found in having recourse to arms but only through true neutrality agreements and conferences that will remove causes of international rivalries.

All Lost by War Commenting on the three peace appeals, Observatore remarks that King Leopold, speaking in the name of the governments and sovereigns of neutral European States, asserted it is necessary to return to a normal peace and to hold open negotiations, and the Holy Father, in his editorial, stated similar appeal. Both, it says, agree with the Pontifical warning that nothing is lost with peace but that all may be lost with war.

Meanwhile, at Castel Gandolfo the Holy Father is occupying more than the usual number of hours in prayer in his private chapel, imploring the Lord to remove from humanity the terrible threat of war.

The Observatore editorial, continuing its comment on the crisis, states it is highly useful that it be stated immediately that there will be no recourse to arms. This, it states, will give reassurance to humanity and an atmosphere of peace will be created. The efforts of all will be lightened, thereby, it is stated, and the distrust that too often clouds the minds of men, and the ideas of peace will disappear.

Way to Justice The nations of the world, it states, cannot continue to live in a stormy atmosphere and repeated revolutions. "Should things continue as they are," it declares, "people will come to consider war as a lesser evil in the same way that pathological psychology makes suicide preferable to incurable disease. An end must be put to this hanging over an unknown abyss and that which the Holy Father terms a solid peace must be attained. One must, as the Pope said, open the way to justice by the path of reason and not by that of arms."

His Holiness, on Saturday, Poland, France, Italy, Poland and Spain. The Secretary of the British Legation had an interview with His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State.

Card. Hinsley Asks Prayers For Peace LONDON.—As England busily prepared in case of war this week, His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, has issued a message on the crisis.

"I pray God that this shadow of war will be removed and I beg all Catholics to intensify their prayers," he said. "For some time past, in our own country, a prayer for peace has been said at each Mass, and a public prayer at each Benediction. I do not think it necessary to add to these devotions—but I do urge that the prayers now being said shall be said with special fervor."

The Cardinal declared that the Holy-Father has worked for peace ever since his election to the Papal Throne, "peace with justice and charity.

Peace pilgrimages to Lourdes which was to have left here this week under the leadership of the Most Rev. James Day, Bishop-Ordinary to His Majesty's Forces, has been cancelled.

Some of the priests who were to have made the trip are chaplains in the forces and their duties prevented them from going. Cancellation was received from other sources, too. No other Catholic pilgrimages or tours have yet been cancelled.

Soviet-Reich Pact Blow To Red Dupes In U. S.

As waves of varying emotion swept the United States over the announcement of an accord between the red Soviets and the German Nazis, undoubtedly the most bewildered, distressed and humiliated of the news were those persons who for many months had busied themselves drumming up support and sympathy for the Soviet Government as one of the "democratic" forces in the world.

Those who classed themselves as "intellectuals" and "liberals" were particularly hard hit. In the midst of their fervent denunciations of Hitlerism and autocrats or indirect commendations of Sovietism as the great foe of Nazism, they were suddenly confronted by the spectacle of these two totalitarianisms, both enemies of religion, clasping each other in friendship and that at the height of the great crisis for democracy.

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Some of our American liberals," says the Detroit News, "recently launched a campaign to prove that Communism and Fascism are not brothers under the skin, and that the former has a soul of goodness which is wanting in the latter. They now have their answer."

The list of persons stultified by this embrace between Stalin and Hitler is indeed a long one.

Only a few months ago, Russia was hailed as the leader of the fight for democracy against Nazi-Fascism, says the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

"It is surely a lightning change to see Hitler pictured as reaching out to embrace the Red leader as a long-lost brother and Stalin rushing in tearfully to meet him. Se-

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Polish Ships Carry Marian Shields

WARSAW.—(NC)—The Board of Directors of the Polish shipping company Zegluga Polska, has decided to affix shields bearing the image of the Blessed Virgin on all its boats.

More than 40 of these shields were blessed in the Church of the Sacred Heart at Gdynia at a ceremony presided over by representatives of the Zegluga Polska line.

The Blessed Mother is revered as the Patron of Fishermen throughout Polish-Pomerania.

Has 75 Catholic Publications Zagreb.—The Croatian Catholic Press has 75 publications. According to the Miroslav Benedictine, it consists of one daily, Miroslav, twenty-two weekly papers and 62 magazines.

50,000 Expected At Mass

MONTREAL.—A religious ceremony with 50,000 Catholic workmen of Canada paying tribute to St. Joseph, patron of the labor class, will highlight the Labor Day weekend here next Sunday.

Perpetuating an ancient tradition, members of the Catholic labor unions and their families will march to the Oratory of St. Joseph atop Mount Royal to pray for help and guidance during the year to come. Civil and religious authorities will also participate in the procession.

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Over 1000 Attend Summer Sessions

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NEW YORK.—Nineteen states, the District of Columbia and three foreign countries were represented among the 1000 priests, religious and lay persons who attended the six-day Summer School of Catholic Action which concluded the fourth session of its 1939 series of lectures here today at Fordham University.

The faculty of 16, headed by the school's founder and director, the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., Editor of the Queen's Work, St. Louis, Mo., left for Chicago where the fifth and last session of 1939 is to be held.

A total of 122 priests, 252 nuns and 691 lay persons attended the Fordham sessions, including several Rochesterians.

In the eight years of its existence more than 14,000 priests, brothers, nuns, seminarians and laymen and women from lay organizations, parishes and schools have taken the Summer School courses.

Catholic Newsstand In Downtown Detroit DETROIT.—A Catholic newsstand has been opened in downtown-Detroit. Open every weekday, it offers a complete supply of Catholic newspapers, magazines and pamphlets.

Newsstands from the stand go to the athletic fund of St. Aloysius Boys' Club, organized by the Rev. Aloysius Delmo, assistant at St. Aloysius Church.

60 Years in Far East Lisbon.—Half a century in the Far East and 65 years in the priesthood in the ranks of the Rev. Sebastian Mary Aparicio da Silva, S. J., who has celebrated his thirtieth birthday in Portugal, reports Lumen Service.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 marched in the parade here today. The affair yesterday was regarded as providing a test of the effect of the non-aggression pact between Russia and Germany.

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