

Liverpool Church Work Not Halted

LONDON.—Work on the construction of Liverpool's great Cathedral of Christ the King has suffered little on account of the war. The Rev. Thomas Turner, supervisor and organizer, says in his annual report. Father Turner speaks of increased costs and "somewhat reduced income," but he says the work is being continued.

Long Composure Dies LONDON.—Composer of two songs which are sung all around the world—"The Trumpeter" and "My Old Shanty"—John Francis Brown, a Catholic, has died at the age of 71. Named to Bolivia Valencian City The Most Rev. Daniel DiVero, Bishop of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, has been appointed Archbishop of Sucre, Bolivia. "There is great ability in knowing how to conceal one's ability."

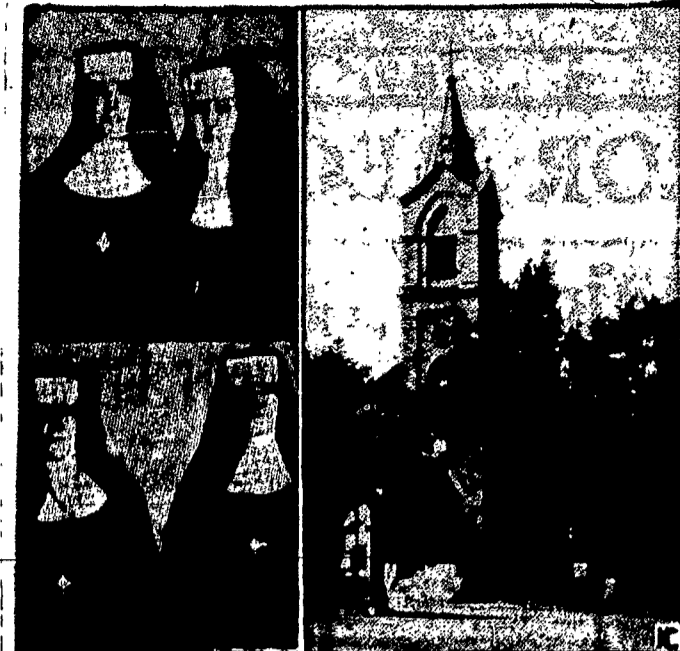
MEXICO AIMS TO HALT CATHOLIC ACTION

By CHARLES BETICO MEXICO CITY.—Mexico's new Education Law, now in effect, has gone beyond the previous Godless and socialist mandates in the schools themselves and imposed a censorship on any institution, and even individuals, who impart "out-of-school" education. The purpose is given as "preventing attacks upon the educative orientation of the State." The law is so worded that presumably, not even a parent is safe from the penalties of the law. There is little doubt here that the purpose is to strike a fatal blow at Catholic Action and other groups which have sought, after school hours, to give supplemental instruction calculated to meet the Godless education required in private as well as official schools in Mexico. One other feature of the new law regarded as particularly dangerous is that it is stipulated that there is no appeal against the decision of the Government that the law has been violated. This decision is vested in the Ministry of Public Education.

INTERNATIONAL

A Priest Lepers Revere — Parents Affected U. S. Nuns Remain At Posts in Finland

U. S. NUNS REMAIN IN FINLAND



The only Catholic Church in Helsinki, and the four Sisters of the Precious Blood, from O'Fallon, Mo., who have been laboring in Finland since July, 1939, are pictured here. Caring for their evacuated school children, in Sarmatti, Ylitalo, between Helsinki and Turku, are: Sister Clara Marie and Sister Linnea (above); Sister Wencesla and Sister Koska, Superior (below). N.C.W.C. Pictures.

Along The War Front

4 U. S. Nuns Remain At Finland Posts

Despite the horrors of war which have disrupted the normal course of missionary work in Finland as well as the life of the whole country four Sisters of the Precious Blood community of O'Fallon Mo. are at their posts caring for their school children in a town between Helsinki and Turku according to the Rev. Adrin Deelen who has been sent to the United States on behalf of the Finnish missions by the Most Rev. William Cobben, Vicar Apostolic of Finland. Father Deelen, whose headquarters in this country are at the monastory of the Sisters of the Precious Blood here, recounts how the four nuns Sisters Wencesla Koska, Clara Marie and Linnea went to Helsinki, Finland in the summer of 1939 but were interrupted in their missionary labors only a few weeks later by the threat of invasion. With the outbreak of war citizens were ordered to leave the capital and the Sisters took their school children to the little town between Helsinki and Turku where there was protection from Russian aerial bombardments. Bishop Cobben also sought refuge there "after fleeing from Helsinki." According to the present information, one priest is "moving" from place to place to take care of the scattered flock another is still in Turku, a third alone in Helsinki and two others near the war front. These priests must now care for the material as well as the spiritual needs of the people.

IN ONE EAR

By ART KELLY

Despite constant claims that we Americans are becoming sophisticated, hard to please and ultra-modern I can't entirely believe it. I have just seen two little girls capture the heart of listening America and that very act has bolstered my faith in human nature. It all started back in October of 1939. W.I.A.M. carried an NBC program titled "The Moylan Sisters." It turned out that the Moylans were not dazzling young women but instead two little girls... just five and seven years old.



They sang songs about doggies, little boys and meadows that are near and dear to the hearts of everyone. The wonderful part of the whole situation was the fact that these babies were doing an exceptional job. Their harmony was perfect... their diction beautiful. Since that time their popularity has steadily grown. Their success has been colossal. These little girls Marianne and Peggy Joan are not only America's youngest harmony team but they are the youngest children in American history to have a coast-to-coast radio program of their own.

The tiny stars are so very small that Marianne has to stand on three copies of the Encyclopedia Britannica to reach the microphone. Peggy Joan five must use a chair. Each week the girls receive thousands of letters. It is their daddy who does their musical arranging. If you want a real treat tune W.I.A.M. next Sunday afternoon at five o'clock and hear the Moylans. You'll agree that their angelic voices are a rare gift from Heaven.

While speaking about the Moylan Sisters, here is another interesting story that came to light from the NBC Press Division recently. It tells that Mary Martin who made famous the song, "My Heart Belongs to Teddy" has had a change of heart. It now belongs to Peggy Joan and Marianne Moylan. The change from age to youth occurred recently when Miss Martin played an engagement at the Paramount Theater in connection with the showing of her first starring picture, "The Great Victor Herbert."

Resting in her dressing room between performances Miss Martin tucked in the Moylan Sisters on her portable radio. Thrilled with their amazing harmony she called the studios had Mrs. Moylan asked and requested her to bring the children to see her. Mrs. Martin made the visit the next day and Mrs. Peggy Joan and Marianne exchanged autographed pictures and had a wonderful time. Miss Martin's autograph was read "With all my love to two dear little girls Peggy Joan and Marianne Moylan."

The Show MUST and DID Go On!

The show had to go on this week for Harlow Wilcox, announcer on the Fibber McGee and Molly program, even though his father, Dr. William A. Wilcox, of Omaha, Neb., was dead. Harlow, like the good trouper he is, did his Tuesday night stint for the McGees then took a plane for Omaha, to attend his father's funeral.

By Golly! It Works!

If you ever took the trip through NBC's New York Radio City you must have been impressed with the greatness of the setup. Here is a little item however that the guide may have forgotten to tell you... twelve hundred miles of wire, 100,000,000 feet in all, were used in connecting the technical equipment in the Radio City headquarters. The thing that amazes me is that it worked after the boys finished clipping the wires together. Who said "to err is human?"

Oh! Whatta Life...

If any of the readers of this column believe that radio is a soft job with plenty of spare time and boundless fun, read on a few lines and learn differently. The man on the flying trapeze has nothing on Ben Grauer, industrious NBC announcer who is spending his moments between broadcasts these days flying between Miami and New York. Wednesdays he announces Kay Kyser's "College of Musical Knowledge" classes from Miami, boarding a New York-bound plane immediately afterwards. Thursdays he announces George Jessel's "Celebrity" programs from New York. He m'c's the "What Would You Have Done?" programs from New York on Fridays and then heads for the airport again. He doesn't mind it, though, quipping: "In the airplane, it's practically the same thing."

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A PRIEST AMONG LEPERS

Just a year ago this month, the angel of death brought to a sudden close the short but fruitful life of a young Maryknoll priest who had dedicated himself to the lepers of China. Father Francis Connors of Roxbury, Massachusetts, died at the age of 38 after spending 11 years in the Orient as a Maryknoll missionary. For the last five years he had worked with Father Joseph Swensen among the leprosy-stricken in the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The new regulatory law, which regulates education throughout the country, differs on the side of moderation from the draft that was submitted to the Congress. Provisions which obviously went beyond the Constitution have been eliminated. As published in the Daily Official, the document is more legal in aspect than was the Bill drafted, supposedly, by the Ministry of Public Education. Much of the verbiage has been deleted, but on the whole the content remains unchanged. The National Autonomous University is excluded specifically from the effects of this law, and private institutions of university type will enjoy the same exemption but the question is whether the Ministry in order to exist, must be authorized by the Ministry of Public Education. Monopoly Protested. Protest against the law has centered upon this very fact. The Government not only seeks to monopolize all education in Mexico but enters this monopoly in the Ministry of Public Education. With respect to universities, other than the National Autonomous University, the authority granted the Ministry might be interpreted as a monopoly of charters to qualified institutions. On the other hand, the question is asked whether the Ministry has the authority to withdraw a charter at will.

LENT VERSUS RATION CARDS

Of course you have been reading the papers. You are fully aware that in many of the European countries men, women and children are eating just as much, but better bread etc. These restrictions are not the result of any penitential desire to observe Lent. According to the precepts of Catholicism they are the result of orders from governments who are intent upon the deadly work of destruction. They are necessary in order that more cannons be made more submarines launched, more airplanes built to wreak vengeance and destruction. For us, fortunately residing in our own beloved United States, there are no ration cards. However, Holy Mother the Church, the ever watchful guardian of our souls and bodies has designated this as the Lenten season. She urges us, for the sake of pleasure, our appetites, our territorial conquest to limit our stress. She asks Her children however during Lent to mortify themselves, not only spiritually, but physically, in order to prepare for the glorious resurrection of Easter. If for no other reason than gratitude for our own peaceful existence, it is to be hoped that every Catholic in the United States will make some sacrifice during this Lenten season. There is a tangible proof of sincerity an offering could be made to the great constructive work of the Catholic Church the expansion of Christ's Kingdom on earth. Contributions may be sent to the director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith and an offering, large or small, will be welcome.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS

A letter, written on paper torn from an old copy-book has just been received from the Rev. Arthur LeBlanc, M.S. an American missionary in Madagascar, the last of the continent of Africa. Last May during his first vacation in the United States after ten years of service in that mission field, Father LeBlanc paid a visit to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith where he gave a description of conditions in his field of labor. In his present communication, he presents a detailed account of his grata problem in Madagascar, the progress of the faith in Madagascar. In Madagascar the missions cover vast territories while the number of missionaries is small. Nevertheless, the people are intensely interested in the Faith and prove zealous Catholics when converted. Their greatest desire, however, is to have native catechists come to their villages to instruct them and the constant tutelage Father LeBlanc's problem. The catechists have a full time job but their remuneration is small — only \$4.00 a month in American money. In regard to the training of these catechists, Father LeBlanc writes: "The students are all married men. In fact, we refuse those who are not married. Each student has a house for himself and his family. These houses are

VATICAN RULES AGAINST DIRECT STERILIZATION

VATICAN CITY.—In response to the question whether direct sterilization, either permanent or temporary, of a man or woman, may be permitted, the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office has replied in the negative. Sterilization, the Holy Office points out, is prohibited by the natural law. It is also stated that the Holy Office already has condemned eugenic sterilization by its decree of March 21, 1931. "Direct" sterilization generally refers to steps taken with the deliberate intention of interfering with procreation, while "indirect" sterilization applies to that sterility which results incidentally from some other medical treatment. "Eugenic" sterilization refers to sterility imposed "for the betterment of the race."

Four Year Rummage Sale Finances Church Building

CAPTOWN.—More than four years ago the women of the tiny Catholic community of the town of Graaf Reinet started a rummage sale. They haven't finished it yet. A room in the presbytery was placed at their disposal and they have kept it stocked with goods of various kinds ever since. They get about 20 prospective customers a day. The idea was to raise funds to build a new church and they have their reward recently when their new building was blessed and the first Mass celebrated there. Speaking at the ceremony the parish priest said that words could not describe the untiring energy, patient attention to detail, and enterprise of these ladies.

Religious Needs

Vienna.—According to information published in the local press, religious instruction is now obligatory in the schools of Slovakia and the archdiocese has a place of honor in the class room. Members of the army are required to attend services on Sundays and Holy Days, this requirement holding good for members of the "Hitler" Guard. An ordinance strictly regulates the observance by commerce and industry.

Irish Pocket Warship Is Blessed At London

LONDON.—The first pocket warship of Ireland's new navy was blessed here when it was handed over by the Admiralty, the makers, to John Dulaney Irish High Commissioner in London. The Rev. John Tierney, chairman of the London Gaelic Athletic Association, boarded the ship in a Thameside dock to perform the blessing ceremony. The vessel's name is M1. It will form part of Ireland's coastal defense. All the members of the crew will be chosen from the Irish Sea Scouts organization. The nucleus of the new coastal fleet exists in the fishery patrol boats Muirchu and Fort Rannock. Commander Dulaney is organizing the new fleet. He lived in London for some time and was a prominent Catholic Evidence Guild speaker. After the blessing of the vessel, Father Cronin gave to the Commander a large Crucifix which now hangs in a prominent place in the ship.

Pope To Make Two Visits To St. Peter's

VATICAN CITY.—His Holiness Pope Pius XII, who visited St. Peter's February 10 on the occasion of the first anniversary of the death of Pope Pius XI, will make a second visit to the Vatican Basilica on March 3 to celebrate a Mass dedicated to the Roman people. The Holy Father is a Roman by birth. The Supreme Pontiff will descend to the Basilica for the third time on March 12 to observe the first anniversary of his coronation.

Honor India Bishop

Kottayam, Malabar, India.—At a general meeting of the Town Council, Kottayam, it was decided to present an Address of Congratulations to the Most Rev. Alexander Choolaparambil, Bishop of Kottayam, in connection with the celebration of his Episcopal silver jubilee. Bishop Choolaparambil's popularity among all classes is seen from the fact that not even ten per cent of the members of the Town Council are Catholics.

Religious Members Held Dublin Session

DUBLIN.—The first Study Day of the Belfast and Wexford sections of the J.O.C. (Young Christian Workers) was held in Dublin with 30 Missions and Jeets present. The J. E. C. (Young Christian Students) sent one delegate. The subjects discussed were "The Material Life of the Young Workers," "The Moral Life of the Young Workers" and "Christ Our Leader." Plans were made to study such problems as chronic unemployment, social misfit, bad working conditions, low wages, misuse of pocket money, dishonesty at work by young workers, and the use of leisure time.

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La Paz, Bolivia.—Father Francisco Oliver is one of the members of a large expedition, sponsored by scientific institutions, which will shortly attempt to reach the crest of the Aconcagua, a mountain 22,000 feet high in the Andes. Nature loves leisure and peace, but grace cannot rest and eagerly embraces labor.—The Imitator.

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