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Cites Status Of Church Under New Japan Attitude

NEW YORK (U. S. C.)—Status of the Catholic Church in Japan in view of the Japanese Government's recent disposition toward the removal of foreigners from the headships of the churches is told in a statement from the Rev. Bruno Estler, S. J., of Iowa University, Keokuk, Iowa, and released by the National Office of the Propagation of the Faith here as authoritative.

In this matter Father Estler, who has lived and worked in Japan for many years, has written to the National Office as follows:

"As soon as the Catholic Church became aware of the desire of the nation to purge its cultural expression from all foreign trappings, she took steps to reconsider her position and to bring her outward appearance more into harmony with the new spirit. In September of this year those headmasters of Catholic schools who were not Japanese decided to resign from their positions to make room for competent Japanese successors. This they did in the best interest of the very cause they are serving. Such a change of personnel can have no serious repercussions in a church which is truly Catholic. Thus Bishops and Prefects Apostolic, too, at a plenary session, have declared their readiness to resign in favor of Japanese clergy. Shortly after this declaration took concrete form in the Vicariate of Hiroshima, where Bishop Ross, S. J., proffered his resignation in favor of a Japanese. On October 11, the Holy See appointed Father Ogihara, S. J., as Administrator Apostolic of Hiroshima."

The Catholic Church In Lithuania

Introduction of Catholicism in Lithuania

The Lithuanians were the last of the European nations to accept Christianity. This occurred in the year 1000, the nation's first Apostles very fittingly being its own people Jogaila (who gave to Poland a glorious dynasty of rulers, and one of whose grandsons has been crowned with the aureole of sainthood, St. Casimir) and Vytautas the Great.

This to Lithuania belongs the role of Benjamin of course, reasons will be sought in exonerations or at least of explanation for this salutary acceptance of Christianity, and they will be found in the conditions of the time. On the one hand, the inhabitants of Lithuania were surrounded by a dominating Eastern Church which should not offer them a substantial faith, while on the other hand, those sent to them ostensibly as Apostles bearing the glad tidings of the Gospel, turned out to be predatory hordes of the sword. Since that time the "Gentile" (Kraights who could not make any permanent appeal or effectively present the message of Christianity) and more propitious times had to be awaited.

However, once gathered into the fold of the Catholic Church, the Lithuanians held steadfast to the faith, weathering all storms. At first there were heathen practices which could not be eradicated in Lithuania, but even these difficulties were overcome. The See of Vilna was erected and to provide for the maintenance of Bishop, clergy and the people, the revenues of the State were assigned to him in the beginning of the fifteenth century. A second See of Samogitia was established the first Bishop of which was the Lithuanian priest Matzev.

Beginnings of Education

With the introduction of Christianity Lithuania also experienced a rebirth of the education of the masses. Simultaneously with the erection of the Bishopric of Vilna the first Lithuanian school set up, which later in the latter sixteenth century grew into the renowned Vilna Academy. The seminars of many famous men of letters, along with churches, monasteries, there sprang up schools which first spread and later multiplied, while spreading along the course of the century the rudiments of reading and writing.

The Protestant Revolution of the sixteenth century attempted to penetrate and draw to itself Lithuania, but without success. True, the nobility and landed gentry, led by motives of opportunity, embraced Protestantism, but it never penetrated to the mind and hearts of the Lithuanian peasants. The wealthy, worldly minded and ambitious land barons attempted to convert their subjects to Lutheranism, and following the example of all "reformers" engaged in systematic persecution and annihilation of all adherents of the ancient faith.

At one time there were left in Lithuania only a few priests. The Bishop of Vilna, Protestantism, concerned with the fate of the faith in Lithuania, invited the Jesuits from abroad, and in 1579 in the Episcopal city established the Academy, whose creation was approved by Pope Gregory XIII, granting to it all the privileges enjoyed by other Catholic Universities.

The Academy exercised an unbounded influence in checking the spread of the revolt by 1600 became a full fledged University and was liquidated only in 1832 by the Russian Czar as an "undesirable influence."

First Books Printed in Lithuania

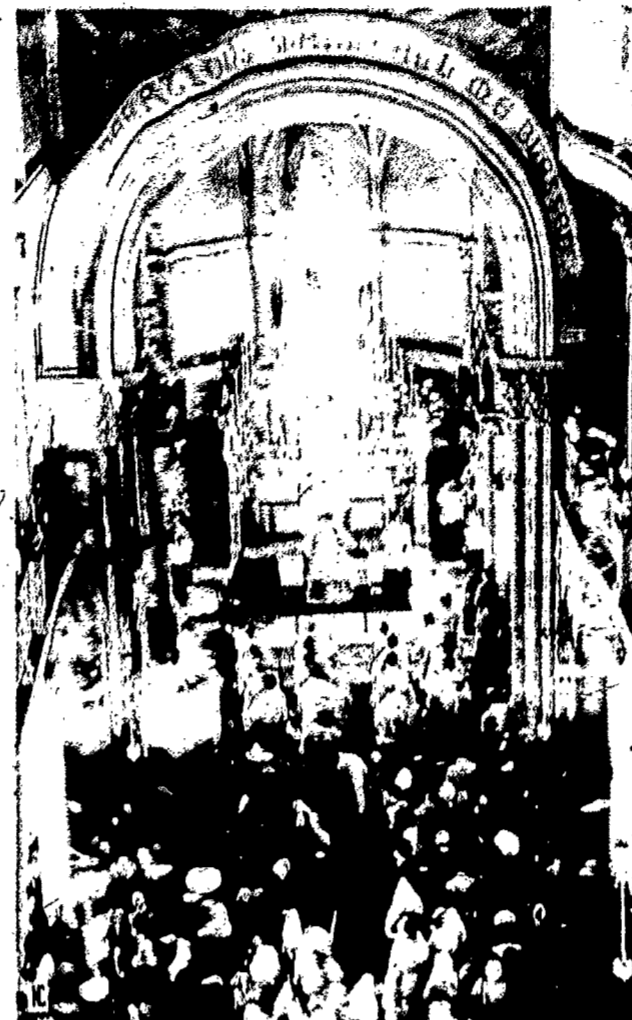
From its beginning the Church in Lithuania, blessed with zealous priests who lived and worked in close contact with the people, spreading the Gospel in the native language. The end of the sixteenth century saw the introduction of printed books in Lithuania, and these were religious in character. The pioneer in the field was the Bishop of Samogitia, Markeles the Great, who published a Lithuanian Catechism in 1603, and in 1659 issued a book of Gospel extracts and explanations. The Jesuits in 1629 published a collection of sermons in Lithuanian.

Reputed Descendant of Columbus Dies

MADRID—Ramon Colon, Carvajal, Duke of Veragua, reputed to be a descendant of Christopher Columbus, died here. The Duke's title passed to his brother, Cristobal Colon Carvajal, husband of the Marchioness of Bonifacio, Latin American diplomat who maintained close relations with the Duke and paid their respects.

EFFORTS FOR PEACE SAINTHOOD CALENDAR

India Prays for Peace



In Bombay India, the Catholics of Bombay assemble in the Chapel of Our Lady the Queen of Peace, on the National Day of Prayer for Peace. The picture shows the congregation at the Mass, celebrated by the Archbishop of Bombay, (N.C.W.C.)

Raid Kills Priest Who Wrote Poem To Slain Colleague

LONDON—A young priest who was killed in an air raid on Liverpool the Rev. W. H. Keefe was a promising poet. His last poem was a tribute to the Rev. Henry Newman, one of the "Angelic Fathers" who was shot down in an air raid exactly three months earlier. They were slain together at the seminary.

Michael Williams Talks On War Crisis

WINSTON Churchills, the most illustrious leader of the century did not keep a free hand in London, but was bound by the chains of war. Michael Williams, the author of the "Angelic Fathers" series, the founder of the "Angelic Fathers" Association, spoke at a meeting of the Association, and the President, World Crisis.

Canadian Bishop In Japan Resigns

QUEBEC—Japan's new invitation to admit its "cultural expression" from foreign indications has resulted in the resignation of the Most Rev. Marie Joseph Levesque, O.P., as Bishop of Sendai, according to word received here.

Catholic Weekly Scores 'Wakes'

CHICAGO—TRUFFELLO D. R. N. C. W. A. S. says the paper, "Wakes" is a "waste of paper" and "a waste of money" and "a waste of time." The paper is "a waste of paper" and "a waste of money" and "a waste of time." The paper is "a waste of paper" and "a waste of money" and "a waste of time."

ITALIAN NEWLYWEDS TO GET PORTRAIT OF POPE

VATICAN CITY—All newly-married couples in Italy hereafter will receive autographed portraits of the Holy Father. According to the request of the President of the Catholic Men's Union, His Holiness Pope Pius XII has ordered that the following inscription be inscribed by the Holy Father.

ITALIAN BISHOP URGES SACRIFICES DURING WAR

VATICAN CITY—The Most Rev. Carlo Maggioni, Bishop of Gorizia, has issued a pastoral letter to his flock urging more frequent prayers in these fateful times and reminding that all must willingly accept the sacrifices brought about by the war.

Bishop Plans New College in Canada

QUEBEC—The Most Rev. J. A. Desmaris, Bishop of Amos, has given notice in the Official Gazette here of his intention at the next session of the Quebec Legislature to seek the necessary authority for the establishment of a college at Amos. It is intended to have commercial, scientific and classical courses.

Niece of Pope Pius Is Wedded

VATICAN CITY—His Holiness Pope Pius XII officiated Thursday morning at the marriage of his niece, Giuseppina Rossignoli, and Count Giulio Rizzardi of Milan. The bride is the daughter of the Holy Father's sister, Elizabeth, and the Comendatore Luigi Rossignoli of the Vatican City administration.

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