

Rites In Chile Stress 'Brotherhood of Man'

By Katharine McKiever

SANTIAGO (N. C.)—The echoes of the soul-stirring Ninth Chilean Eucharistic Congress are dying away, although the spiritual waves emanating from the great manifestation of love and veneration for the Eucharistic King already are speeding across the Pacific and across the Andes to the far corners of a war-torn world.

But the memories are not dying, never will die. It is difficult to forget the sight of 300,000 worshippers from practically all the nations of the New World gathered in a vast but devout congregation at the Mass celebrated by His Eminence Luis Cardinal Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires and Papal Legate to the Congress. As difficult to tuck away casually in the storehouse of the mind so many other, breathtaking scenes and events, such as the torchlight procession and Men's Midnight Mass last Saturday in which 200,000 men and boys took part. To witness a half million men, women and children paying tribute to the King of Kings in the Blessed Sacrament at the final Benediction and closing of the Congress and not carry away an indelible experience is impossible.

Even the mortal ears of all of us would seem never quite to lose the vibration of the historic heartening words uttered by the Sovereign Pontiff of Christendom and borne on radio's wings across the seas and continents, words strongly redolent of hope for peace, hope for the achievement of its basis the brotherhood of men under God, for the Holy Father was addressing a host of his children, together as brothers and because they were brothers in acknowledgment and honor their King-Father.

Paper Catches Note

That the Congress note of brotherhood and close community among peoples through the unifying power of the Mystical Body of Christ was caught by the public is indicated in the commentaries of the Chilean press on the Congress. A representative reaction was that of El Mercurio, century-old daily in this city. Mercurio declared that at a time when so many nations are at war and men forgetful of their common origin and essential brotherhood, are taking one another's lives, the assembly of North and South American clergy and laity at the Congress should be the source of great spiritual fruit.

"Let us hope that this Eucharistic Congress will initiate a new era of love and understanding among all Chileans," the paper said, "so that all, emulating in their obedience the inextinguishable voice of Christ Who summons us to love, the pardon of offenses and understanding of souls, will contribute at least a daily offering of compassion for the work of national progress, which class hatred and

Uruguayan Jesuits Note Golden Jubilee

MONTEVIDEO.—The Jesuits at the Colegio del Sagrado Corazon have just celebrated a triple golden jubilee. The three jubilarians are the Revs. Jose Strassener and Nicolas J. Buil, and Brother Tapio.

Father Strassener has been rector of the Sacred Heart School for many years and has directed the education of more than one generation of pupils, many of whom are leaders in Uruguayan life. Father Buil, in addition to his teaching functions, is a noted theologian and writer and commentator on the Gospels. Brother Tapio, the beadle of the school, is beloved for his charity.

Missioner Builds Own Church

DURBAN, South Africa.—A large brick church built by a missionary with his own hands has been blessed at Howick, Natal, by the Most Rev. Henri Defalle, O.M.I., Vicar Apostolic of Natal, who also presided and preached at Solemn Mass following the blessing.

One of the finest church structures in the Vicariate, it is the gift of Mrs. Emanuel James, 80, and Indian Catholic who formerly resided in the district. The church is a memorial to her deceased husband.

The Rev. E. Conter, O.M.I., pastor at Howick, executed the entire

materialistic estrangement between the poor and the rich can defer to the sorrow of all and the calamity of the country."

These thoughts were inevitable as the Bishops of the New World and the clergy and faithful of Ibero-America disbanded and returned to their respective nations and homes among them, the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Military Delegate of the Army and Navy Diocese of the United States Legate Visits President.

For many the closing of the Congress did not mean the end of duties. Cardinal Copello, Argentina's Primate, as Papal Legate called upon Chile's ill-resident Pedro Aguirre, at the National Palace and there paid his respects to the Chief Executive who was unable to attend the Congress.

Mrs. J. W. McCollum, President of the National Council of Catholic Women of the United States, one of the many prominent American pilgrims, spoke at a session for women in the Teatro Imperial under the auspices of the Association of Women of Chilean Catholic Action. Mrs. McCollum, who spoke in English, brought greetings from the Catholic women of the United States. Her address was then read in Spanish by Senorita Raquel Tejada Lawrence.

Every morning during the Congress, Communion Masses were celebrated in all the churches. In the early evening there was a sermon and Benediction at the altar on the Plaza Bulnes. The afternoons were devoted to study sessions, and groups met in theaters, school auditoriums or elsewhere to report upon Catholic Action activities in their respective countries and to consider new and better methods for the future. All of the ceremonies were broadcast with the Rev. Oscar Larson giving a description of each night.

Pope Stresses Authority Of Parents On Newly-Weds

VATICAN CITY.—The normal exercise of authority does not depend only on those who have to command. His Holiness Pope Pius XII declared in a discourse on parental authority pronounced at an audience granted to 500 newly-married couples.

"God grants to some the natural gift of command, the gift of knowing how to impose one's will on another," the Holy Father said. "In clearer terms: the right to possess authority, the right to give orders is one thing and another is that moral pre-eminence which constitutes and adorns effective authority. Do not abuse it in dealing with your children. It

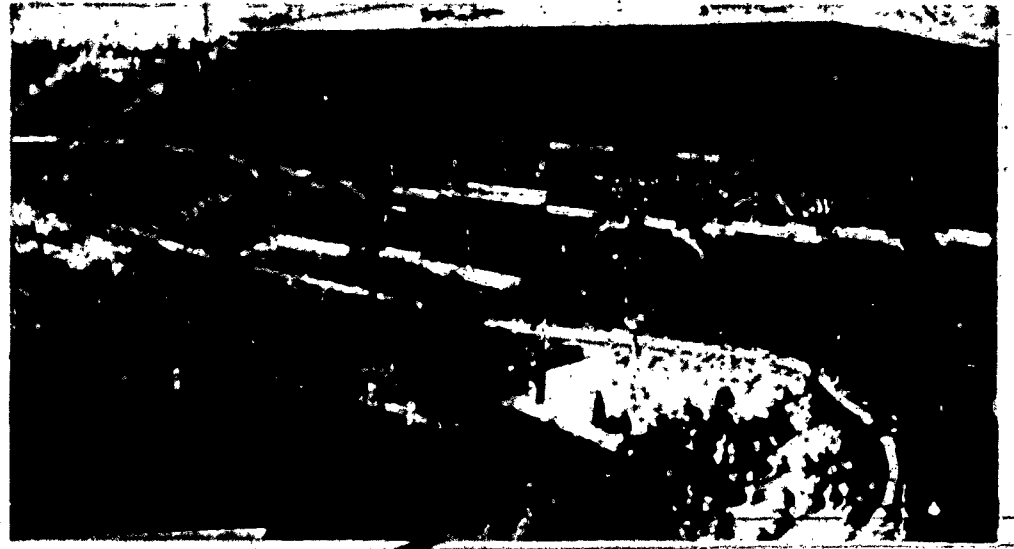
Papal Delegate Greet New Prisoners

VATICAN CITY.—(NC)—When a new contingent of Italian and German prisoners of war from Libya landed in Australia, among the first to visit them was His Excellency the Most Rev. Giovanni Panico, Apostolic Delegate to Australasia, it was announced at the Papal Secretariat of State here.

Many of the prisoners were able to attend a Mass which Archbishop Panico celebrated for them on their arrival. After Mass he gave them in the name of the Holy Father small sums of money to meet their urgent needs.

project himself, with the aid of a few semi-skilled native laborers. Both design and actual building, including plumbing, electrical installation and a native teak high altar, are Father Conter's work. The upper floor is occupied by pews, sanctuary and sacristy, while below are a large hall, catechists' quarters, garage and storerooms. In the belltower is installed a loudspeaker through which the sound of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, received by radio-gram, is reproduced. The sound is controlled either from the sacristy or the rectory. This installation also was done by Father Conter.

Half-Million At Chilean Eucharistic Congress



MEMBERS OF THE HIERARCHY from eleven countries were among the thousands who participated in the Eighth National Eucharistic Congress (upper photo) at Santiago, Chile, commemorating the Fourth Centenary of the founding of the city. Bishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Military Delegate of the Army and Navy Diocese of the United States (right) is shown officiating at Military Day. (N.C.W.C. photos).

Vichy Subsidizes Free Schools

VICHY.—Government subsidies will be provided for private and denominational schools offering free instruction, under a law just published in the Official Bulletin. The law provides for an allocation to each school based on the number of children listed in the register of the community. The subsidies provided for vary from 2 francs per pupil per year for schools in communities of less than 2,000 inhabitants to 250 francs per pupil per year for those in communities of more than 100,000 population.



Mexico Parents Spur Repeal Of Socialist Education

MEXICO CITY.—(NC)—Growing indications of government interest in the desires of Mexican parents for modification of Article 3 of the Mexican Constitution, commonly referred to as the "Socialist Education Article," and a renewed movement by the National Union of Parents for the abolition of the Article have marked recent developments in this country's educational question.

The National Union itself, in a circular sent to all its units in Mexico in connection with its present campaign, stresses that the knotty educational question shows signs of improving from the point of view of parents in that the Ministry of Education is undergoing a change in personnel whereby elements heretofore in favor of Socialist Education are being replaced by what the Union calls "qualified educators." The circular adds that Dr. Octavio Vajar Vasquez, Secretary of Education, has been working on behalf of an educational regimen more in consonance with the desires of parents "who wish to have their sons instructed in an education, which is at least not anti-religious."

The circular praises President Avila Camacho and Secretary Vasquez for "what they have done to benefit the nation's educational system and youth," but it insists that Article 3 must be eliminated. As part of its campaign, the Union has sent to its member units a prepared petition to be signed by parents and sent to the President, the Secretary of Public Education, and the Presidents of the Chamber

of Deputies and Senators. The petition repudiates Article 3 on the ground that it deprives parents of the right, or the possibility, of securing the kind of education for their children that conforms with their own convictions. This, it says, is the denial of a right "that belongs to all human beings, precedent to all written law" and thus makes it impossible for the parents to fulfill their paramount duty—the duty of educating our children in conformity with our conscience and our best knowledge and understanding."

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Exiled Diplomat Foregoing Place Of Honor, Serves Mass

LONDON.—(NC)—When the Belgian Minister for the Colonies and Minister for Justice, M. de Vleeschauer, arranged to attend Mass in the Slipper Chapel at Walsingham, ancient English pilgrimage shrine, a special seat was arranged for him in front of the sanctuary.

But he asked if he might have the privilege of serving the Mass, and of course his request was granted.

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Attitude, will not be lacking now as moral teachers, they show that freedom has its limitations. It is limited, first of all, by the rights of God, and next, by the rights of others and by the interests of the common good."

Sympathy For Labor
On the subject of labor, the statement said:

"We are hopeful that priests and leaders among the laity will show an ever increasing interest in the cause of the multitude who, in order to eke out a mere existence, are so largely taken up with the material things of life.

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