

# Myron Taylor Speaks On Vatican Visits

NEW YORK—(N. C.)—Ending a long silence concerning his visits to Vatican City as personal representative of President Roosevelt, Myron C. Taylor Sunday paid a beautiful and moving tribute to His Holiness Pope Pius XII that brought prolonged applause from 500 persons attending a Communion breakfast of graduates and friends of the University of Notre Dame.

Among those present was the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Military Delegate and former President of the university, who conveyed to Mr. Taylor the personal greetings of the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

Speaking of "the majestic figure of the Holy Father in the Vatican," Mr. Taylor said:

"In him we can well have a supreme confidence founded solidly not only on his holy office, but also on his embracing spirituality, his vision and his very great talent."

### Atmosphere of Tranquility

"Within the historic walls of the Vatican," he added, "one finds as in no other place among the war-torn nations an atmosphere of tranquility, of thoughtful analysis, of deliberate judgment and of courageous and unchanging resolve."

"There is a timelessness about the Vatican which impels one to believe that in the life of the spirit, human interests cannot always be measured in terms of a generation or of a life or of a century. Thus the solution of the principal difficulties and trials which from time to time eclipse the children of God must always be brought into accord with the great fundamentals, and never be the subject of temporary compromise."

"In the world of the spirit, no weakening or compromise and no surrender of Christian principles will be witnessed. The Vicar of those basic tenets on which Christianity rests, and which has survived the blasts of intrigue and the wars of many generations, holds firm the golden cord that reaches from our world of today back to the very Garden of Gethsemane."

"In the presence of these sublime historical facts, one can almost feel himself in the presence of St. Peter and St. Paul. And, as one feels the presence, it is borne to that somewhere along the line of life, man has failed in his obligation to mankind."

### To Fortify Our Faith

"It is trite and easy to say that civilization has failed. But civilization is only what we are as individuals. It is not something that can fail. Shall we say that we have failed? Does that matter? God has not failed. He cannot fail. Rather is the challenge to us to fortify our faith, renew our vows and take up the good fight the fight of the spiritual over the material."

Commenting on his previous silence, Mr. Taylor said that "it has not been possible or wise for me when my recent visits to the Vatican to speak in public and it has likewise been my judgment that I should observe a certain amount of restraint in speaking of my experiences, wonderful as they have been, in private."

"You have just assisted in the

### CENTENARY MARKED

Ottawa. The centenary of the birth of the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who was Prime Minister of Canada from 1896 to 1911 and leader of the Liberty Party from 1887 until his death in 1919, was observed throughout Canada, but especially in the Province of Quebec, of which he was the most distinguished son.

# Prayers For Canada Bishop's Cause Sought By Oblates

ROME. The Oblates of Mary Immaculate have undertaken to spread the knowledge of the life of their late confessor, the Most Rev. Ovide Charlebois, Titular Bishop of Beronice and first Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin, so that the prayers of the faithful may help to advance his Cause for Canonization. Bishop Charlebois died at Le Pas, Manitoba, Canada, in 1933, and his Cause for Beatification and Canonization was introduced in 1937.

Born at Oka, near Montreal, Feb. 17, 1863, he made his classical studies at L'Assomption College, L'Assomption, Que., and was ordained to the priesthood as an Oblate of Mary Immaculate on July

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and, although I am not of your exact Church, I have had a considerable and most reverent contact with it and know something of the refreshment and strength which flow from it," he said. "And so I take it that you who, a little while ago and in another edifice have together and in all humility renewed your faith and sought the strength of Grace through partaking of the Blessed Sacrament, have carried that spirit into this edifice, and thus we come into the fraternal and cooperative atmosphere of this Communion breakfast."

### Praise For President

"From the Western peace-loving hemisphere, our President has labored with vision and understanding and rare foresight, to still the passions and to restrict the area of action in which men were to engage, or have engaged, in conflict. With unequalled courage he has sought to pioneer the field for international understanding and to preserve the peace entirely without display of militant aggressiveness."

"In those wide and unhappy lands where tragedy and death are present, there remain but few reservoirs of peace. Among them there is one toward which the eyes of all are turned with reverence and confidence and hope the majestic figure of the Holy Father in the Vatican."

Mr. Taylor is an Episcopalian. He is a vestryman of St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal Church in New York.

# Wins Vatican Prize



Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard Observatory, Cambridge, Mass., who is the recipient of the Pope Pius XI Prize of 50,000 lire, for his studies in astronomy. The award was announced at the opening session of the Pontifical Academy of Science, in Vatican City. Wide World photo. (N.C.W.C.)

# DRAMA CRITIC DIES

New York. A Requiem Mass was sung in St. Agnes' Church here Dec. 2 for Grenville Vernon, drama critic of The Commonwealth. Author, journalist and drama and music critic, Mr. Vernon, 58, had a long career in Catholic and secular journalistic fields.

# Chinese Magazine Edited By Rochester Missioner

NEW YORK—Published in Chinese, "The New Southern Star," a Catholic monthly now circulating among Chinese in the Malay States, Netherland East Indies and in China itself, has as its editor a Rochester missioner, Rev. Charles P. Hilbert, Pro-Vicar of the Maryknoll Preparatory Seminary at Kaying, South China.

Father Hilbert, the son of Mr. James Hilbert of 146 Normandy Ave., Rochester, and brother of James C. Hilbert of 408 Arnett Rd., owes his knowledge of the difficult Hakka Oriental language to the fifteen years he has spent in China as a Maryknoll missioner, one year of which was devoted exclusively to the study of Chinese.

"At present," writes Father Hilbert, "the circulation of 'The New Southern Star' is only 1,400, which in China is a respectable figure. It is welcomed by Chinese emigrants and pastors in the Malay States and the Netherland Indies, and its circulation is on the increase in seven of the neighboring Provinces here in China."

"Even though the low subscription price does not cover the cost of the publication now, because of rising prices, we feel more than justified in continuing it with the assurance that it will eventually be on a self-sustaining basis," Father Hilbert concludes.

# Zouave Founder

QUEBEC. The memory of Colonel C. E. Rouleau founder of the Quebec Association of Zouaves, who went to the aid of Pope Pius IX when the Papal States were attacked was honored at a special dinner held here with His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, as the guest speaker.

# WRITES IN HAKKA



Rev. Charles P. Hilbert, M.M.

# Odd Paradoxes Result From War In China

NEW YORK. Five years of war conditions have resulted in some strange paradoxes in Szechwan, where Rev. Charles P. Hilbert, M.M. of 146 Normandy Ave., Rochester labors with other American missionaries of the Maryknoll Fathers.

The cost of living today is ten times higher than before the war, yet the (bank and file seem) to have much more actual cash to spend. The army has taken a big toll of the country's young men, but school enrollment is higher than in years, with a noticeable lack of poor boys among the students, there is a dearth of imported materials, yet in their place are hundreds of local products available to the purchaser.

Father Hilbert's superior Bishop F. X. Ford of Kaying describes interestingly the situation as witnessed by the missionaries.

"Although I believe that the average family suffers some undernourishment, nowhere (here) have we had the extreme sufferings of large groups of refugees, which missionaries elsewhere have been called upon to help. This is remarkable in the fifth year of war. The war has really hit the merchant class more than others but in this section it is numerically small, and better able to stand the hardships of almost complete stoppage of imports.

"As far as farmers are concerned, their fields are providing more than enough income for them to live on, in spite of the fact or probably because of the fact that prices have increased ten-fold."

"This increase in income of the average worker is evident in the school enrollments. The Middle Schools and there are more than a score of them locally have had their highest enrollment in years. The teachers tell me that, while formerly there were many poor boys struggling for an education, the present pupils actually seem to have a little change in their pockets. I believe, however, that the latter may be explained by the fact that many of the very poor boys have gone into the army, which has thus absorbed many who otherwise would have suffered from the extremely high prices.

"The ingenious and concentrated effort of the Chinese to replace non-existent foreign imports with native products impresses me greatly," concludes the Bishop. "Of course, some of the substitutes are inferior, possibly because of a dearth of satisfactory raw materials, but native cloth and some local products compare favorably with the former imports. As an example of ingenuity in the minor luxury class, we now have on sale here hundreds of brands of 'home made' cigarettes."

Therefore, I say unto you, all things whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive and they shall come unto you.

# Denies Constitutional 'Reforms' Have Brought Religious Freedom In Russia

NEW YORK. (N. C.) "Freedom in the Communist conception expressed in the Soviet Constitution, is not freedom from State intervention, but independence from Capital," writes N. S. Timasheff, assistant professor of sociology at Fordham University in the current issue of Thought, Fordham University Quarterly.

In an article on the "Soviet Constitution," Professor Timasheff traces the history of the various Russian Constitutions, national and Soviet, pointing out that while many persons inside and outside Russia have asserted that the present Constitution indicates a marked development of democracy in Russia, actually the 1936 Constitution "contained no such democratic institutions as were ascribed to it" and that "its application during the few years of its existence has sufficiently confirmed this position."

### Dictatorship Remains

When the 1936 Constitution was adopted in Russia, he says, "the general impression abroad was that dictatorship would be curtailed, democracy introduced, and political freedom established." As a matter of fact, nothing of the sort occurred in the Soviet Congress, he adds, quoting Krylenko, the People's Commissar for Justice, as saying that "the revolutionary dictatorship was, is, and will remain the only form of our Soviet Government."

The writer says that "the new Constitution introduced important changes in the structure of the Soviet system," a fact, he adds, that was "corroborated the failure of

the Soviet idea," but he says "many clauses of the 1936 Constitution which seem to introduce new principles will appear to be merely restatements of older rules."

"The freedom proclaimed by the new Constitution is the same as that proclaimed by the Constitution of 1918," Professor Timasheff declares. "It need not be added

that in reality there had been no such thing as freedom of the press, assembly or association under the Constitutions of 1918, 1923 and 1925. There was a wide discrepancy between constitutional theory and practice in the first place, freedom in the Communist conception, expressed in the Soviet Constitution, is not freedom from State intervention, but independence from Capital, the instruments of forming and expressing public opinion were to be transferred from Capital to Labor."

### Other Provisions

This theory, he said, predicated the establishment of a vanguard party to be at the head of the struggle for the true interests of the working class and according to the theory, the dictatorship of the vanguard party is indispensable until the definitive creation of a classless society throughout the world. "Under such a theory," he adds, "the transferring of instruments of printing, etc. from Capital to Labor means placing them at the disposal of the vanguard party that is, of the ruling Communist Party. This is just what happened in Russia in 1917-18, and that is the situation today."

"There are several other provisions concerning political freedom. The much-debated Clause 124 guarantees freedom of religious worship and of anti-religious propaganda. This is an echo of Clause 1 of the Constitution of the RSFSR of 1925, modified, in an important point in May, 1929. Before 1929, both religious and anti-religious propaganda were equally guaranteed, thereafter only the latter. It is noteworthy that the new legal definition of religious freedom recently issued by the spokesman of the Soviet to prove that religious liberty exists in present-day Russia, was introduced in place of an older and more liberal formula with the explicit intention of curbing religion."

# Young Korean Priest Translating Bible Into His Native Language

MARYKNOLL, N. Y. "Translating the Bible into Korean so that his people may have easier access to the Book of Books is the task which a young Korean priest, the Rev. Paul Kang has set for himself and already partly completed."

Father Kang is now assisting the Rev. Donald V. Chisholm, M.M., Chancellor of the Vicariate Apostolic of Keijo, Korea, which is under the jurisdiction of the Maryknoll Fathers. He will return in a few months to the Benedictine Monastery in Tokugun, where he began his work.

# Pope Arranges Visit of War Prisoners To Holy Places

By MSGR. ENRICO PICCI. VATICAN CITY. (N. C.) With the approval of the British authorities and at the expense of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, hundreds of Italian prisoners of war detained in Palestine have been permitted to visit the Holy Places. The pilgrimage was headed by the Most Rev. Gustavo Testa, Apostolic Delegate to Egypt and Arabia.

Archbishop Testa has cabled to the Holy Father the enthusiastic gratitude of the prisoners and their fervent prayers for the Vicar of Christ.

# Catholic Leader Dies

BUDAPEST. Karl Huszar, former President of the Hungarian Parliament and former Prime Minister of Hungary, has died at the age of 59. He was the founder of the Christian Social movement in this country and was secretary of the executive committee of the International Eucharistic Congress held in this city in 1933.

# Newfoundland Woman, 114, Mourns Death of Son, 74

EAST CHESTER, N. S. Mrs. Ellen Carroll, 114-year-old, resident of North River Newfoundland, believed to be the oldest active woman in the British Empire, is mourning the death of her son, Sylvester, which occurred here. He was 74.

Mrs. Carroll does knitting for the soldiers despite her venerable age. Sylvester Carroll's funeral service was held in St. Augustine's Church.