

Expose Jap Broadcasts On Missioners

(By N.C.W.C. News Service)
An official Japanese radio broadcast saying the "Catholic mission" of Hong Kong had sent a message to certain missionaries in the Philippines expressing the hope that they would cooperate with the Japanese army, is labeled as sheer propaganda without any basis in fact by those in this country familiar with the Catholic missions in the Orient.

It is pointed out that the particular Catholic missionaries in the Philippines are not subject to anyone in Hong Kong, and that the person in Hong Kong would be competent to instruct, or indicate procedure to, the missionaries of the Order in the Philippines. Rather, it is the reverse, since the community house in Hong Kong is under the jurisdiction of superiors in Manila.

It is further pointed out that in any case, 95 per cent of the members of the particular Order in the Philippines are Americans and hence subject to orders from the United States and not from anywhere else.

Those familiar with the missions also say that this patently baseless broadcast is of the same stripe with a palpably false report from Tokyo that the Archbishop of Manila and another Bishop pledged "whole-hearted cooperation" with the Japanese forces for the creation of a "new order" in East Asia.

It has been observed that Japanese propagandists have been attempting to persuade missionaries as well as all

others that their best course is cooperation with the Japanese, on the score that thus they would have an easier time of it than if they resisted. These reports are, in the judgment of students of the missions, linked with this propaganda.

It also has been observed that in recent official broadcasts, Japan's authorities have apparently been making serious efforts to "play up" religious angles in a manner that is so exaggerated that the broadcasts are obviously stamped as nothing more than propaganda. An instance was a recent broadcast alleging that U. S. troops desecrated church property in the Philippines. At the same time, the Japanese radio has been stressing freedom of religion in Japan.

Famed Quintuplets To Rejoin Family In '42

By J. F. Williams

CALLANDER, ONT. (NC)—This year will see the world's most famous little girls—the Dionne quintuplets—reunited with their parents and seven brothers and sisters in a large new home to be built on property not far from their present nursery.

Last Christmas and New Year's the entire family was together, but that was only a taste of the real home life they will have, once the new home is built.

The Dionnes have always been known as a good Catholic family in which the parents brought up their children to love and honor their religion and their French ancestry. They are typically Canadian, for Canada is their homeland, and this district the one they have loved best. It was in the very home where the Quints were born that their father was born in 1904.

Competent Farmer

Oliva Dionne was 19 when he married Elsie Legros, who was 16 years of age. That was in 1925. A competent farmer, Oliva is devoted to the land, of which he received 20 acres from his father. His oldest son, Ernest, in his sixteenth year, helps him at farming during the boy's holidays from the college he is attending in North Bay. Any little "rough edges" which Oliva had as a young farmer have been worn off and he now presents the appearance of, and is a very competent businessman, who will not be taken in by city "slickers."

Madame Dionne is a true mother, in manner and appearance. Her thoughts are centered on her home and her children, and it has been a heartbreak for her to have been separated from the Quints for so long. Her faith is deep and all consuming. With her children close about her, their religion will not be subject to the dangers of outside influences. Madame Dionne is a hard worker, for, at the age of 19, she had to take over the housework in her own parents' home when her mother died.

The other children in the family are looking forward to having their five sisters with them. They are Ernest, Rose and Therese, 15 and 14, respectively, who have been attending a convent in Aylmer, Que.; Daniel, 10; Pauline, a little less than a year younger than the Quints; Oliva, 5, and Victor, 3.

Develop Individually

The Quints will be eight on May 28. They are developing quite individually. Emilie, gay, loves to imitate; Marie, very affectionate, ready to sacrifice herself for others; Cecile, somewhat of a mimic, full of spirit; Annette, more quiet, seems to look in everything with moderation, and has an aptitude for music; and Yvonne, more outspoken and fearless, has a will of her own which makes her pretty much the leader.

Each Sunday the Quints assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion. Each day they recite the rosary and say their prayers in common.

The new family home will not mean that the Provincial Government has lifted all control. It is understood that the Government, through the Official Guardian of Ontario, will continue to exercise control over the Quints' investments, which are about \$1,000,000.

While the final plans for the new home have not been completed, it is understood the present nursery would be used as a classroom and quarters for the nuns who will then take over their instruction under the Director of French Education for Ontario.

Surveys already made show the new home will have every convenience, including an office for the Quints' physician, Dr. Dafoe.

While it is the parents' desire to have all tourist "rubber-necking" stopped, it may not be possible to cut off the visits of tourists immediately; in which case the present enclosed yard may continue to be used this year.

Converts Family



Dr. John C. H. Wu, noted Chinese jurist, and convert to Catholicism, who is known as the "Father of the Chinese Constitution." Dr. Wu's wife has just entered the Church and the six Wu children are recent converts. (N.C.W.C.)

Chinese-Jurist Wife Enters Church, Also

(By N.C.W.C. News Service)

Spiritual reunion of the large family of Dr. John C. H. Wu distinguished author of the Chinese Constitution, has taken place with the conversion of the eminent jurist's wife to Catholicism, the Rev. Charles Meens, priest-citizen of China, reports at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Ill.

Father Meens, a Belgian who became a citizen of China, stated here that Dr. Wu, whose conversion a few years ago marked one of the most notable developments in the progress of the Catholic Church among the intellectual classes of China, also saw 13 of his 14 children embrace Catholicism. Now his wife has entered the Catholic Church.

Dr. Wu, Dean of the National School of Law of China, Supreme Court Judge of the Chinese Republic, and holder of several degrees from American universities, was baptized a Catholic by the Rector of the Aurora University in Shanghai, finding, in his own words, "a mother in the Catholic Church."

Well versed in both Eastern and Western philosophies, Father Meens pointed out, Dr. Wu did not wait long after his conversion to analyze, for the benefit of his non-Catholic associates, the Catholic and the Chinese philosophies and their relationship.

SCOTTISH CATHOLICS OPEN DECENT AMUSEMENT DRIVE

LONDON.—Scottish Catholics are opening a drive to clean up current radio, stage and film productions. The Catholic Union of Glasgow has prepared a comprehensive report, covering also indecent literature, and is presenting it to the Archbishop of Glasgow, the Most Rev. Donald Mackintosh.

Nuns To Direct New Peru Public Hospital

LIMA.—The Daniel A. Carrion Hospital, built at Callao by the Society for Public Assistance of the Capital, has been dedicated to and will be directed by the Sisters of Charity. A convent with chapel is a part of the edifice.

The 1,200-bed hospital is named in honor of the student who sacrificed his life in the interest of science. He was inoculated with the autochthonal disease, Verruca Peruviana I. Bertoni, to prove that it was transmissible by inoculation and to afford clinical observation of the disease's development.

Philippine Catholic Lepers Now Facing Starvation, Is Fear

6,000 Cullion Colony Patients Imperilled

Many of the 6,000 Catholic lepers on the Island of Cullion in the Philippines will die of starvation within a month unless the Japanese blockade of the colony is lifted, declared the Rev. Hugh J. McNulty, S.J., former chaplain of Cullion now residing at Brooklyn Preparatory School. Father McNulty returned to the States in 1938, after having spent six years with the lepers.

"Within three months the entire food supply will be exhausted," he said.

New York Jesuits, who are entrusted with the spiritual care of this largest leper colony in the world, were gravely concerned over the lepers' plight. First news of which came in a radiogram received by the Leonard Wood Memorial Association of New York. According to the radiogram, the 6,000 lepers face an "appalling prospect" unless the Japanese agree to allow food to enter.

Food Sent from Manila

More than 95 per cent of the food used by the lepers in Cullion is sent by ship from Manila, 180 miles away, explained Father McNulty. This food is dispensed to the lepers from a central government kitchen. Most of it is uncooked and is taken by the lepers to their huts or dormitories. Normally, it is not a large amount which each leper receives, because the government allows them only 3 cents a day for food.

The ones who would be in immediate danger of starvation, according to Father McNulty, are those who live outside the main center and who would be unable to obtain any of the rapidly diminishing food supplies. The Island of Cullion is volcanic in character and its soil does not permit the raising of much food stuffs. Father McNulty told of an experiment he undertook to raise tomatoes which turned out very poorly.

The Leprosarium at Cullion was begun in 1905 by the Philippine Government under the direction of Dr. Victor Heiser. Dr. Heiser obtained the services of the French Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres and the Jesuits. For some years most of the nursing on the island was done by the Sisters, and Dr. Heiser in his book, "An American Doctor's Odyssey," pays them tribute. At present there are two French Sisters and about 14 native Sisters of the Order on the island.

At present in charge of the spiritual care of the lepers at Cullion is the Rev. Anthony L. Gampy, S.J., a native of Buffalo and a member of the New York-Maryland Province. Father Gampy is assisted by a Father Agavilla, a native secular priest, who is himself a leper. Father Gampy's other assistant, the Rev. Paul M. Carasig, S.J., was called into the Philippine Army as a chaplain at the outbreak of the war.

New Diocese

Vatican City.—The Diocese of Oliveira has been erected in Brazil. It comprises territory which formerly formed a part of the Archdiocese of Bahia. The territory which it comprises is a mountainous

'In Custody'



Rev. Robert Cairns, M. M., of Worcester, Mass., one of the 185 Maryknoll missionaries in South China. Father Cairns, who has been engaged in relief work in Canton, recently returned to his mission post on Sancien Island, at the Shrine Church of St. Francis Xavier. Latest reports state that he has been taken into custody by the Japanese, and his whereabouts unknown. (N.C.W.C.)

Halt Biblical Drama Broadcasts By B.B.C.

LONDON.—(NC)—Decision to continue the proposed series of monthly dramatic biblical broadcasts, written by Dorothy Sayers under the general title "The Man Born to be King" has been deferred by the British Broadcasting Company as the result of opposition by some non-Catholic organizations.

The first play given before Christmas, was given a cordial welcome by Catholics in general, although a Catholic Times writer took exception to modern language used in the dialogue.

The first episode dealt with the Birth of Our Lord and the Adoration of the Magi. It was proposed to introduce the voice of Our Lord in other plays, which were to be given monthly throughout 1942 and a Catholic Shakespearean actor, Robert Speaight, had been chosen for the part.

Main objection has come from the Lord's Day Observance Society, which has booked full-page space in several non-Catholic journals. The campaign began before the presentation of the initial play.

Be nothing solicitous, but in everything, prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God.

Former Envoy Sees Russia Parting With Communism

MONTREAL.—Joseph E. Davies, former United States Ambassador to Russia, told a meeting here that Russia is moving away from Communism and that "there is a God in the heart of the Russians."

Speaking in aid of the Russian Medical Aid Committee, Mr. Davies said "Russia is moving definitely to the right." "Communism would not work, and human nature is finding its way out," he added. "In order to make their magnificent factories work they have had to apply the profit motive, which is capitalism. They have put in a piece-work system that would make our labor unions here just growl and roll over and die. The Soviet Union has issued bonds. I have some of them. It is the complete negation of Communism. They won't admit it. And if I were in their shoes I don't know as I would admit it. I have kidded them about it, and I could point to proof

that would be conclusive to any judge, American or Russian, that they are leaving Communism because they have to."

"I know there is God in the heart of the Russian people," Mr. Davies asserted. "I was there two years. I know them. I saw them go into the orthodox cathedrals, some of them almost in rags, with straw boots, passing through doors that were watched by local police, who were hostile to religion, going in at considerable cost of ostracism, to kneel at the altar and worship God."

NEW NAZI PENAL CODE FOR POLES, JEWS ENACTED

WASHINGTON.—The Polish Embassy here has confirmed the report of a Nazi decree this year establishing a new penal code for Poles and Jews in the territories incorporated into the Reich.

The Embassy said no details of the new code are in its possession. Reports reaching here from London, quoting Secretary of State Freaker of the German Ministry of Justice, state that Poles in the incorporated territory are deprived by his new code of the usual rights of natives, that suspicion of a crime is declared sufficient for arrest without explanation, and that full liberty is granted German judges and prosecutors in sentencing Poles and Jews.

Communion 30 Times A Year Is Average Of Parishioners

ST. PAMPHILE, Que.—In the parish here there are 2,610 persons, of whom 2,105 are able to receive Holy Communion.

Last year 60,000 Communions were distributed. This means that, on an average, each man, woman and child, not prevented by age or health, went to Communion 30 times a year.