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#### Climbing High For Christ

Moulmein, Salween, Mkong, Irrawaddy all familiar names today but formerly unknown quantities for the majority of us until the war reached Burma's outposts and the battle for Singapore was tortuously climaxed. However there was another and unheralded invasion along these same points some eleven years ago when Augustinian Canons of the Hospices of St. Bernard in Switzerland made their way to Tibet to live and teach the rule of charity taught by their great founder.

Right to the "roof of the world" the monks journeyed finally reaching the famous pass of Lata then continuing up some 12,000 feet to Si-la. True an avalanche destroyed this first foundation but the work of rescue, physical and eventually spiritual, continued for the thousands of Tibetans and Chinese who fanatically court death to pay homage to the deities peculiar to their religion. Now the sons of St. Bernard may be said to be firmly established in the Himalayas, although priest visitors must ski over snows some 33 feet deep to reach the monks and then endeavor to locate their buildings buried up to the third story in the snows of the "roof of the world." However, native pilgrims know the way to the hospice and even the brigade of the mountain passes are ready to acknowledge the good work being done by the monks from far-off Switzerland.

#### Lenten Suggestion

Lent to most Catholics is a time of special effort. For forty days we deprive ourselves of a favorite pleasure - or - using the positive approach, we make it a point to "do something" not included in our customary spiritual routine. Perhaps our resolutions may waver but generally there is a feeling of satisfaction in the heart of the Catholic who "had done something" during Lent.

May we make one suggestion for those who are planning something special for this holy season? Include a daily memento for the missionaries during the coming forty days. It will not impose any hardship upon you personally - it will prolong your devotions but a minute or two more but it will furnish a lifeline of spiritual aid for the men and women who are upholding Christ's standard throughout the world.

#### Laughter Is A Tonic

None is more thoroughly aware of the truth of this statement than the missionary working among the lepers. By its very nature this disease seems to smother the fine fire of health-giving laughter and one of the tasks confronting the religious working in a leper hospital is to provide means to distract the patients by showing them the brighter side of life. This is one of Sister Mary Zita's problems in Spanishtown, Jamaica, for she writes, "Somehow I must obtain the funds to provide an occasional ride to the seaside for the patients who are able to make the trip. This diversion seems to create new hope and spirit among them and they are better able to shoulder the Cross of their illness more joyfully."

#### Solution On The Cross

The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception remind us that "even in the midst of war, nothing is farther from the minds of our missionaries than retreat from the field of battle for Christ."

"The conquest by the Cross must and will go on. We would not think of abandoning our positions at the front. Shall we think less of those brave soldiers of the faith, fighting against the powers of evil for the salvation of immortal souls?"

#### Two Bishops Die

Brisbane, Australia—Two members of the Hierarchy of Australia—the Most Rev. Daniel Foley, Bishop of Ballarat, and the Most Rev. Claude Champion, former Vicar Apostolic of New Caledonia, have died recently.

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