

Nazis Allow Only 9 of 193 Priests To Serve Diocese

NEW YORK—It is that portion of the Diocese of Ljubljana, Slovenia, which has been occupied by Nazi Germany only nine priests are permitted to function today, according to information received here by the American Slovene Parish Relief.

The area formerly embraced 148 parishes served by 193 members of the clergy.

And of the nine priests remaining all but two are old men, one of them, Father Savian of Kranjska Gora, being more than 90 years old.

This information is contained in a detailed report from the Most Rev. Gregory Rozman, Bishop of Ljubljana.

Well Known in U. S.

Another of the nine is the Rev. James Choris, who is well known in Milwaukee and Shobogan, Wis., having been active among the Slovenes in that section of the country until he left for the "old country," planning to spend his remaining years in retirement there. He is now active in the ministry again, serving the Slovene Catholics in the vicinity of Bled.

Included in a recently-announced allotment of additional funds for war relief by the Bishops' Relief Committee was \$20,000 for Slovenian war sufferers. This sum, it was announced, would be disbursed by Bishop Rozman. Nine thousand dollars of the amount was contributed to the Bishops' Relief Fund by the American Slovene Parish Relief. To that sum the Bishops' Relief Committee added \$11,000 out of the general fund.

The diocesan College of St. Stanislaus at St. Vid has been occupied and the members of the faculty have been ejected," Bishop Rozman's report said. "The library has been destroyed and many of the precious volumes have been taken away. Scientific apparatus has been burned.

"The spiritual damage to the Diocese is, of course, even greater. More than 200,000 of the faithful are without priests, without Mass, without the Sacraments. The dying lack spiritual consolation. It is difficult to obtain permission for a Catholic burial."

Since most of the parishes are closed and the faithful are not permitted to congregate in the churches even for private devotions, the nine remaining priests celebrate Mass twice daily and three times on Sunday. Sometimes the Masses are said in the morning, at other times in the evening, as the occasion offers.

The abandoned churches and the shrines strewn through the countryside still serve a good purpose, the American Slovene Parish Relief is advised, for individual Catholics visit them and spend many hours in meditation and prayer. Priests travel in disguise.

Priests from the Italian-occupied section of Yugoslavia, it is stated, must travel across the border in disguise to bring spiritual comfort to the neglected faithful.

While general conditions in Italian-occupied Slovenia are not much better than those in the area held by the Nazis, the information stated, the Slovenes there enjoy religious freedom and in this section of his Diocese Bishop Rozman has retained his episcopal authority.

Teaching of Japanese Reported Compulsory In Philippine Schools

NEW YORK — Information received by the Jesuit Philippine Bureau states that the teaching of Japanese is being made obligatory in all Philippine schools. Recently intercepted short-wave broadcasts from Tokyo, it was stated, mentioned that schools were being opened in the Philippines, but the dates given were uncertain.

One of the reports said "schools were opened June 1," and another said "32 more elementary schools opened June 7." There was no specific information concerning colleges and high schools.

Mexico Sanctuary

Mexico City. — Construction of the Sanctuary of San Jose in the Conde Park section of the Capital began this month. Workers are now trying to finish the Lourdes Chapel which will be an annex of the Sanctuary.

For Inter-American Seminar



Leaders of social thought and action from various Latin-American nations Canada and the United States will attend the Inter-American Seminar on Social Studies to be held in Washington, Chicago, Notre Dame Buffalo and New York, August 24 to September 12. Among those participating are upper left, Bishop M. D. Miranda of Tucumango, founder of Mexican Catholic Action, upper right, Monsignor Restrepo, rector of Xavier University, Bogota, Columbia; lower left, Dr. Julio Tober Donoso, of Quito, president of Ecuador Catholic Action; lower right, Dr. Rafael Caldera, of Caracas, attorney and young deputy to the National Congress of Venezuela. (N.C.W.C.)

Persecution of Church Feared In Belgium

NEW YORK (NC) Threat of a "regular persecution of the Church" in Belgium on the pattern followed in Germany" was seen by the Belgian Information Center here in statements made in a public address by Nazi Military Commander Roeder to Belgium.

Citing the refusal of the Belgian Hierarchy and clergy to allow military Masses for Belgian Nazis killed fighting for Germany, Herr Roeder said, according to News From Belgium, the Information Center's publication "The German military administration will in future not tolerate such acts.

Commenting on this section of the address in an editorial, News From Belgium said:

"These sentences probably forecast a regular persecution of the Church on the pattern followed in Germany. After the accusations of political crimes follow accusations of 'civil transgression.' Soon, the disgusting arsenal of vile abuse heaped so lavishly on German priests will be unceremoniously used against the Belgian clergy."

'Village of Death' Set Up By Germans

LONDON — (NC) — The Nazis have set up a "village of death" outside Warsaw where from 12,000 to 15,000 of Poland's political and educational leaders have been executed by firing squads or have died on the gallows. Stanislas Mikolajczyk, Deputy Premier of Poland's Government-in-Exile stated here, he estimated that at least 200,000 Jews have been executed since they entered this country and that 138,000 Poles have been executed since the terror campaign gained momentum last November.

Invaders Put Age Ban On Marriage of Poles

LONDON (NC) — The Nazi invaders of Poland have placed new restrictions on marriages of Poles, according to information received by the Polish Catholic Press Agency, KAP. In the Archdiocese of Poznan an order has been issued prohibiting the marriage of Polish women before they have reached the age of 25. Men are not permitted to marry until they are 28.

In order to stop secret marriages, KAP is advised, the Nazis have decreed that children born of such unions be officially declared "illegitimate" and taken into State institutions and the mothers sent to stragler (punishment camps).

The Nazi campaign against the Catholic Church is being intensified. In the Dioceses of Rypin and Lipno all Polish priests have been removed from their parishes. A few German priests, none of them able to speak Polish, have been appointed.

Washington. — The editorial office of The Catholic Home Journal, publication of the Capuchin Fathers, has been transferred from Washington to Averno, Sallabury, Pa.

War-Hit China Parish Sends Gift To Holy Father

NEW YORK (NC) — Bombs and destruction have left intact Catholic China's love of the Holy Father. A small parish in South China has sent \$29.90 local currency to Pope Pius XII as a gift for his twenty-fifth anniversary. This touching story of generous sacrifice amid grave need is related by the Rev. Thomas S. Langley, a Maryknoll Missioner, whose mother, Mrs. Flora Langley, lives at Framingham, Mass.

"Air raids have not killed the love of my Christians for the Pope," writes Father Langley.

Nuns Driven From Orphan Care Seen Mexico's Loss

MEXICO CITY — (N. C.) — The expulsion of Religious from welfare institutions, particularly orphanages, and the substitution of "salaried personnel, not working for love of God but by the clock" has caused enormous damage, Mexico, a recent editorial in Ecclesial states.

The editorial was occasioned by the "compassion and pity aroused in us" by publication of photographs of those who, because they have the misfortune of being orphans, are dependent upon "the protection of the Secretariat of Public Assistance."

"When the impartial observer passes within the walls of official institutions," the editorial states, "from the fruit of his observance he can render an account of the enormous damage that religious disputes have caused the country and, furthermore, of the absurdity of allowing to exist for almost half a century, situations which were motivated by a belligerent legislation."

It is evident that such legislation is contrary to the popular will, the editorial continues, because "not only the governed but many of the governing daily violate the law by allowing their wives, mothers, daughters or sisters to protect and support orphanages and schools directed by Religious, or to be cared for in sanatoriums where the nursing service is in the charge of nuns, or who have relatives in some asylum in the care of friars."

U. S. Missioner Saves 'Flying Tiger' Downed By 2 Enemy Bombers

CHUNGKING, China, (NC) — When an American aviator, a Texan, was forced down by Japanese bombers in fighting over Yungfu, 55 miles west of Kweilin in Kwangsi Province, he was saved from violence at the hands of Chinese troops by a Maryknoll missioner who identified him as a friend who had just downed two enemy bombers.

The Chinese troops surrounded the grounded "Flying Tiger," whose language they did not understand. Fortunately, however, he was taken to a telephone and permitted to speak to the Rev. Herbert V. Elliott, Maryknoll missioner, of Elmhurst, N. Y., who hurried to the scene and explained the situation.

Later while the priest and aviator were eating at the mission the people of the city assembled around them, bringing firecrackers to celebrate the event. A cheering throng escorted the aviator to the railway station.

J. O. C. Tenth Year

Montreal. — Representing the 22 branches of the Jociat movement in Montreal and district, 500 young men of the Catholic Young Workers (J.O.C.) and 1,200 young women of the affiliated J.O.C.F. attended a special Mass at St. Joseph's Oratory here to mark the tenth anniversary of the Jociat movement in Canada.

How Nazis Tried To Mislead French Catholics, Revealed

(This is the fifth of a series of articles based upon remarkable documents which have come out of France and are now in the possession of the N. C. W. C. News Service. These pamphlets and leaflets, secretly circulated, make known to Frenchmen the character of the offenses committed by the Nazis.)

So-called German Catholics and French Catholics who had been won over to the "New Order" cause were selected by the Nazis as emissaries and sent as "bearers of the most beautiful promises" to the French Bishops and priests regarded as most influential. Cahiers du Temoinage Chretien says in discussing the Nazi "perversion and destruction" program as applied to France. Their mission was to circulate the following whippers in the most advantageous places:

1. The Germans had been struck with the puissance of Catholicism in France—the only institution that has remained standing in the universal collapse—and with the difference between the "non-political French Catholicism" and the "Center Catholicism" of the German Episcopate.

2. The Racism of Rosenberg was only his "private opinion" and had no bearing on Hitler's acts which are solely concerned with the political field.

3. The French Bishops ought to inform the Vatican how "correct" the Germans were behaving in France and how "comprehensive with respect to Catholicism," and to explain to the Pope that the condemnation in the Encyclical *Mi Bressender Borge* had been due to a "misunderstanding" for which the German Bishops were responsible; furthermore, that this condemnation could be lifted or at least, not enforced.

4. The Church in France could render a signal service to the cause of religious peace in Germany.

5. All financial difficulties of the dioceses, their works and schools would be solved because the French Government could not afford to be less generous than the German which, "as everybody knows, pays its clergy well."

"All this is not fiction," the article states, "but a resume of certain 'overtures' that actually occurred."

The same method was pursued by a "cultural fifth column" in connection with institutions, colleges, seminaries and more or less prominent persons: "Whenever a German could worm himself in, he developed the same arguments, adapting and trimming them to fit his audience, desiring to transform these listeners into new apostles of 'collaboration.'"

To win over the mass of the faithful, the article says, the favoring of "inoffensive ceremonies—pilgrimages, processions outside church buildings, etc. would suffice" and meanwhile press and radio never ceased to "perpetuate the equivocation by exalting the gilded fruits of the defeat" which has delivered us from the "rotten regimen" of laicism and the "Lodges." But when it was a question of placing the word "God" in school programs, the article notes that "an authoritative veto came from the Germans."

In Nazi Germany the "common enemy" was "Marxism and the Jew," but in France, Cahiers notes, it was "always Masonry and almost always the Jew." Some restrictive measures were taken against Masonry, it adds, but these "remained on paper because Masons were too numerous in the preceding Government to be altogether eliminated," besides some of them were "sufficiently supple to comprehend that it was to their interest to 'collaborate.'" On the other hand, "anti-Semitism supplied the best platform for engaging the spirit of the masses in an effective collaboration, including the recognition of the spiritual principles of Nazism."

Monumental Calvary Being Erected

BUENOS AIRES (NC) — A monumental Calvary is being erected on the Cerro Redalati, at Tandil in the Province of Buenos Aires, under the auspices of the Society of St. Joseph of which the Most Rev. Miguel de Andres, Titular Bishop of Temuco, is ecclesiastical counselor. The 56-foot cross is made of wood from a millenarian tree.