

POLISH REFUGEES RESETTLED IN AFRICA



Thousands of Polish refugees, after tragic wanderings through South Russia and Iran, have been resettled by the British Government in East Africa, and have received help from the American Red Cross. In the upper photo, refugee boys are shown attending a field Mass in their camp, where they receive manual and technical training with school supplies furnished by the American Junior Red Cross. Lower photos show the refugees doing their laundry (left) and unpacking (right) upon their arrival in their new home. (N.C.W.C.)

IF CHRIST IS NOT TRUE MAN, CHRISTIANITY IS FALSEHOOD

By Linus Riordan

Unless Jesus Christ is true man, we have not been redeemed and our faith is in vain. The very concept of the Redeemer of mankind demands that He be both God and man. If Jesus Christ the Son of God is not also true man He could not have saved us from our sins by His Passion and death because it would be impossible for Him, as God alone, to suffer. If Jesus Christ is not true man as well as true God the whole Christian economy becomes a shambling of lies. So cogent, however, are the historical facts of Christ's life on earth that few deny His human nature, and the majority of those who deny His Divinity extol the perfection of Christ as man.

Christ, in the New Testament, is always represented as a "man." Attributes predicated of Him show that He is like us in every respect except one: In Him there is not the slightest stain of sin. In every other way, He is a true and perfect man, since He assumed a real body from our race and a real rational soul.

That Christ assumed a true body is proved from the very terms used in the New Testament. St. John in the first chapter of his Gospel says "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (St. John I, 14). Time and time again the Scriptures, when speaking of Christ, use the term "flesh" in opposition to the word "spirit" and designate by the term "flesh" the attributes according to which Jesus is truly man. Thus the Son of God is said to be "made flesh," "born according to the flesh," "partaker of flesh and blood."

The Gospel texts, moreover, trace out Christ's genealogy, describing for us His life as lived among other men. Conceived miraculously in the womb of the Virgin Mary, He is born according to the flesh in a stable in Bethlehem of the royal house of David. He grows to manhood in the ordinary manner. He walks among men, feels hunger and thirst, eats, drinks, and sleeps just as we do. He suffers, dies, and is buried. After three days in the tomb, He breaks the bonds of death and rises triumphantly. Even after His Resurrection, He proves the reality of His body in the words addressed to the Apostles: "See My hands and feet that it is Myself. Feel Me and see; for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have" (Luke XXIV, 39). Christ also assumed a rational soul, for otherwise He would not

be a true man and the Scriptures would be proved false in so often proclaiming Him man. In the Gospels, however, He is shown to possess the sensitive passions that belong to a rational soul. Only a human soul could be sad and troubled. Christ says, "My soul is sad, even unto death" (Matt. xvi, 26). "Now My soul is troubled" (John xii, 27). It is impossible, moreover, to assume that He who conversed as man with men and shared their sentiments had no rational soul. St. Athanasius says: "The Saviour having become man it is impossible that His body should lack reason."

Many of the Fathers of the Church demonstrate the necessity of a rational soul in Christ under the general principle that whatsoever the Word had not assumed was not healed and thus maintain that our souls would remain unredeemed had not the Son of God assumed a rational soul. St. Gregory of Nazianus says: "For that which has not been assumed is not cured; but that which is united with God (that is, the Word) partakes of salvation. If only half of Adam fell, let but half of him be assumed and saved. But if the whole (Adam) sinned, He (the Word) is also united with the whole and the whole (man) attains to salvation."

It follows logically then that the body and rational soul of Christ constitute as in other men one composite human nature. This truth the Church has expressly and repeatedly declared. In the Second Council of Constantinople in 553 it defined: "The unity of the Word of God with flesh animated by a rational and intellectual soul took place according to composition or according to subsistence. . . . The Word of God was united to the flesh hypostatically."—The Western Catholic.

Teachers, Pupils Die In London Air Raid

LONDON.—Two Catholic teachers were killed by a bomb which demolished an elementary school in London killing more than 40 children and injuring many others. The school was not Catholic.

WEDDINGS

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Mary Tolster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Tolster of Front Avenue, and John James Grentlinger, son of Mrs. Ada Grentlinger of Grifth Street, took place on Saturday, Jan. 30, at 9 o'clock at Immaculate Conception Church.

Rev. Edward J. Tolster, brother of the bride, performed the ceremony, and the Rt. Rev. Magr. Joseph E. Cameron and the Rev. George Wood were present in the sanctuary.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Hazel Ecklund, maid of honor, and by Miss Marie Hale, flower girl.

Edward Sheldon was best man, and ushers were Edward Collins and Walter Madison.

The wedding breakfast was served at the Roosevelt after which Mr. and Mrs. Grentlinger left on a short trip. They will reside at 208 Grifth Street.

MEXICAN SINARCHISTS UPHOLD NATIONAL DEFENSE

MEXICO CITY.—The National Sinarchist Union, which has been the object of attack from extreme Leftists who charge that it is detracting from the spirit of national unity so essential in time of war, has issued a statement clarifying its attitude with respect to compulsory military service.

The Sinarchists, the statement says, "respect the dispositions dictated by the authorities for the defense and security of the country" and are "unconditionally disposed to be instructed in military service to defend the integrity of the national territory and to reject anyone who attempts to attack it; but we do not agree that Mexicans should go to fight away from Mexican soil."

Christian Peace To Be Stressed At SSCA

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Methods of inspiring public assistance of inclusion of Christian principles in the peace pattern will be stressed at 1943 Summer School of Catholic Action, it was announced at The Queen's Work here, national Sodality secretariate, which sponsors the annual touring enterprise. The results of a survey being made of various approaches to the problem of civilian morale also will be analyzed. So far, sessions have been scheduled at Morrison Hotel, Chicago, July 5 to 10, and Fordham University, New York, Aug. 16 to 21.



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