

Tell of Missioners in Solomons

MELBOURNE, Australia. First-hand stories of the plight of missionaries in the Solomon Islands and China have been given to the Australian Catholic Press by refugee priests, Brothers and Sisters. Two Marist priests and three teaching Brothers, who have arrived here, were made prisoners by the Japanese in the South Solomons and at first were well treated. Later they were falsely suspected of communicating by means of a concealed radio with American planes and were manacled and threatened with death. Later the Japanese fled before the American forces and the missionaries were rescued. A terrifying account of outrages in China was given by American Missionary priests and nuns forced to flee from their destroyed mission property there. Interviewed by this correspondent of the N. C. W. News Service, they insisted upon anonymity to safeguard their mission colleagues and orphan children who were in their care.

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Six Sons Serve

CHICAGO. — Six of the seven boys in the Grubb family are in the service. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. August Grubb of St. Constance's parish. Left at home are Matthew, 13, a defense worker, Bernice, 21, and Laverne, 18, also a defense worker.



NURSES OPEN HOUSE program at St. Joseph's Hospital included registration. Sister M. Leona, superintendent (center) registers Anne Marie Fohn, Corning, and Josephine Alois, Susquehanna, Pa., at Student Nurse Madeline Ruddle, of Union looks on.

Hospital Open House Draws 35 Interested In Nursing

The "Open House" held at St. Joseph's Hospital on May 16 for high school students of the vicinity, was attended by 35 interested girls. The program, designed to spur recruitment of student nurses in order that graduate nurses may be released for service with the armed forces, lasted from 1 to 5 P. M.

Following registration, the applicants were interviewed by Sister M. Leona. A tour of the nurses' home and the hospital was conducted by student nurses of St. Joseph's, after which the girls returned to the living room of the nurses' home for refreshments and to view a movie depicting the duties required of a nurse who is engaged in war activities.

The students' guests, representing eleven high schools, were as follows: Southside High, Catherine Pearson, Mary Ellen Murphy, and Margaret Kelly; Academy, Helena Moran, Marguerite Hogan, Philomena Liberatore, Lorraine Kopszynski, Marion Blend; Catholic High, Dorothy Affeldt, Mary Lou Murphy, Theresa Milliken, Eleanor Carey, Helen Kelly, Eleanor O'Hanlon; Batavia High, Julia Kelly; Thomas Edison High, Margaret Norwood; Breeseport Union School, Florence Bryan, Geraldine Cernick; Laurel High Academy, Susquehanna, Pa., Josephine Alois, Ann Comptel, Helen Kenyon, Mary Cotter; Hornell High, Patricia Grace; Addison High, Helen Lyons, Helen Auringer; Watkins Glen High, Mary Jane Connelly, Edith Dominick; Corning High schools, Cella Serdula, Beatrice Aker, Marguerite Kinney, Mary Yario, Freda Rouse, Anne Marie Fohn, Mary DiMaggio, Evelyn De Muth.

An evening service in honor of Our Lady was conducted on May 14 by the student nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital. Led by Charles DesJardine, cross-bearer, a procession marched to the first (freshman class) shrine where the Rev. Philip McGhan, hospital chaplain, led in an Act of Consecration and the recitation of the rosary. Proceeding to the first floor of the nurses' home, hymns were sung before a second (junior) shrine, and Miss Virginia O'Malley, prefect, crowned the statue of the Blessed Virgin.

In the chapel where the senior shrine stands, the nurses placed lighted candles and flowers before Our Lady's statue. The service closed with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Encyclical Talks Feature Forum

FLUSHING, N. Y. — Discussions based on the "Reconstruction of the Social Order," the Encyclical of His Holiness Pope Pius XI, and led by Miss Louise McGuire, of the Ways and Means Board, the Rev. William Kelly, of the Priests' Social Action Committee, and Peter Pranty featured the closing session of the St. Michael's Forum on Social Action at the parish school here. The Very Rev. Magr. John D. Wynne, pastor, presided.

National Honors Won By Corning K. of C. in Membership Drive

CORNING.—George Varney, official representative of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus announced at a meeting, held Thursday evening, May 13, at the K. of C. Home that the local Council was the winner of the Century Club prize, awarded for having signed 175 new members since the beginning of the membership campaign, in addition to the reinstatement of 68 former members.

Also announced by Mr. Varney was the fact the Corning Council is one of the top three of the nation in enrollment of new members in accordance with a quota established by the Supreme Council.

Third Degree, May 23. A feature of the meeting was the exemplification of the first and second degrees, 17 candidates taking the former and 26 the latter. Final presentation of these two degrees, in preparation for the third degree on May 23, took place Thursday evening, May 20.

Those who received the degree Thursday, May 13, were: The Rev. Stanley Blaszewski, Dr. John D. Murray, John H. Kessler, Michael F. Bonady, Francis D. Giblin, Thomas P. Walsh, Thomas E. Murray, Peter J. Crispino, James G. Webb, Frank J. Astoin, Herbert E. Kenneth, Francis Bequart, Gerald Gerhart, Thomas E. Tuttle, John A. Collins, Tony B. Inagli, James F. Schroeder, Joseph C. McIntyre, Ted A. Sutrek, Bob Young, Michael Mikalke, Joseph F. Lasso, Joseph P. Merola, Paul Colacacchi, Edmund Baker, and Felix Tocio.

The degree team: Paul Tammaro, grand knight; Paul Lovette, deputy grand knight; Albert M. Lynch, chancellor; Arthur Kramer, warden, and Colton Marx, inside grand.

Communion Breakfast. Paul Tammaro, general chairman for the Third Degree announced that plans are nearing completion for the program. Holy Communion will be received in a body at the 8:30 a. m. Mass at St. Mary's Church. A Communion breakfast will follow after which the candidates will be prepared for their degree.

Committee chairman for the degree are: John E. F. Osborne, reception; Henry Alsworth, honorary guards; John L. Clark, brakeman; Raymond Older, publicity; Robert Hallahan, house; J. Emmett Fitzgerald, finance; Paul V. Lovette, tickets; Frank Schroeder and Donald Rhinehart, lighting; Dr. R. L. O'Brien, Dr. Thomas L. McNamara and Dr. Fred Gorman, medical; James J. McMahon, luncheon.

TUNISIAN CAMPAIGN HERO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE

DUBUQUE.—Private Vernon E. Eagle, Tunisian campaign hero who received a five-minute ovation at the closing banquet of the 57th annual convention of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association in New York, received his education in Catholic schools of Iowa.

Private Eagle, who took part in Commando raids at Dieppe and Bizerte and later lost a leg while on patrol sorties in Tunisia, lived for ten years in St. Mary's Orphans' Home, here; made his secondary studies at Holy Rosary High School, LaMotte, Ia., and studied for two years at St. Paul's Preparatory Seminary of the Divine Word Fathers at Epworth, Iowa.

Catholic General Given High Command

OTTAWA.—Brigadier E. J. Renaud, latterly Deputy Quartermaster General at Canadian Army headquarters here, has been promoted to the rank of Major General and named Officer Commanding Military District No. 4 (Montreal).

General Renaud is one of the many graduates of LaSalle Academy, Ottawa, directed by the Christian Brothers, who have won distinction in the present war.

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Illustration of a woman in a patterned dress. SECOND FLOOR.

Three More British Prisoners in Italy Escape Into Vatican

LONDON. (NC) — The names of three more British prisoners of war in Italy who have escaped to Vatican City territory have been disclosed here. They are Major Vincent Anley, Sergeant William Cook and Corporal Frederick Nightingale.

They were patients in the Cello hospital in Rome. As the large iron gates of Vatican City, near the Palace of St. Annas, swung open one morning the three men walked over the border. It is stated that they were taken to the Papal police station for questioning by an official of the Secretariat of State.

Negotiations have been started for the exchange of these prisoners.

NEWEST CHURCH IN DIOCESE ALSO IS ITS SMALLEST

WINNFIELD, La.—The newest church in the Diocese of Alexandria is also the smallest church in the diocese.

The Church of the Nativity, which was dedicated by the Most Rev. Daniel F. Dremont, Bishop of Alexandria, is a rented building in the center of town. The congregation numbers approximately 30.

It succeeds a much larger church, which was destroyed by fire 20 years ago. As time went by the parish dwindled to such an extent that for several years no services were held. Later Mass was offered at least once a month in private homes until the present building was rented and renovated.

Navy Duty Calls

SEATTLE.—Commissioned in the Navy, the Rev. Thomas M. Fayne, formerly stationed at St. Ann's Church, here, has reported at the Chaplains' Training School at Williams and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va.

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