

Bishop Hits Mixed Youth Movements in Germany

Frankfort — Germany — (RNS) — Roman Catholic Bishop Albert Stohr of Mainz, who was charged by the German bishops at Fulda with reorganizing the Catholic Youth Movement, has announced he does not favor a boy scout movement in Germany "as it is foreign to our traditions."

His statement was made in view of reports that occupation authorities are planning to inaugurate the boy scout movement in the British zone of Germany, and that several American youth experts are propos-

ing a German Scout organization. "Of course, we are in sympathy," Bishop Stohr stated, "with many of the ideals of the boy scout movement, such as cleanliness, honesty, kindness and helpfulness, but there are traditions going back into the centuries in each country which must be followed. Merely to try to force German youth into the mold of the boy scout movement which has its roots in the Anglo-Saxon tradition would be a great mistake."

The bishop expressed opposition to any mixed youth movement in which Catholics are members with Protestants, Jews, Socialists, Communists and others.

"We had that system in the pre-Hitler free youth groups," he explained. "We found that these principles as applied to Germany led to a weakening of the spiritual content of the youth movement. Only the lowest common denominator of all groups could be used. It was mixing wine with water. We desire for our youth a firmer religious and ideological foundation."

Marianists Unhurt in Raids on Japan

Honolulu — No Marianist priest or Brother in Japan was killed or wounded during the American air raids. Brother Joseph Vigroux, S.M., a former teacher in the Peers' School in Tokyo, has informed the Rev. George Melnhager, S.M., in a letter received here.

Holy Childhood Association

Rev. John S. Randall
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Thread of the winning ways on mission topics, this one is from a St. Mary's School, Elmira, eighth grade pupil.

OUR FIGHTING MEN HAVE LEARNED ABOUT MISSIONS

By Andrew Von Henny
Before the war the young men who are now our soldiers had only an average Catholic conception of the missions and those who were non-Catholics had even less knowledge. They thought of the missions as far off places which they would never see. They supported them in several ways but few of them realized the work which was being done. In their comfortable, well equipped homes they could not comprehend the struggles of the missionaries. But in 1941 came Pearl Harbor and the war!

The Japanese armies had long been prepared for war and they advanced rapidly against the Allies. As they swept onward they came into possession of mission after mission. They had little respect for the missions or those in charge of them and thousands of missionaries went to their reward.

On most of their landings on remote atolls and unheard of outposts our brave troops reaped the fruits of the missionaries' labors. The natives always treated them well and seldom caused any trouble. The lovelessness of the natives was impressed upon those who had been brought up in the best of Catholic homes and especially upon non-Catholics.

Several instances have been recorded of natives aiding wounded and helpless servicemen who had had to bail out from planes or come ashore from wrecked ships. In one instance an Army bomber ran out of gas near a small island not far from the coast of New Guinea. The plane crashed several hundred yards from the shore of the island and the crew jumped out and inflated their rubber life-boats as their plane sank rapidly. When they reached the shore several natives appeared to assist them. From them the four men of the crew learned that there were Japs on the island. The natives took them to a place where they could hide. This cave was also used as a meeting place where the natives prayed. All of them were devout Catholics despite the lack of a priest. They were led by a man named John, who was also the only one who could speak English well. Eventually the natives helped them to escape from the island. Only one of the Americans was a Catholic — but they were all impressed by the Christian devotion displayed by the poor, ignorant natives. It was at times like this that the natives showed the value of the training they had received from their missionaries.

When the war is over and peace and normalcy have returned, the missions can count on reinforcements of all kinds from the soldiers who have seen them. The men who have gazed on the ruined buildings of deserted missions cannot forget the eager natives who cling to their Catholic teachings so strongly. Our boys have understood at last the great need of the missionaries because they have seen the results of their super-human efforts in fields afar. Many non-Catholic soldiers also have been so impressed by the missions that they have joined the Church. So the Church will go on and the missions will salvage prosperity from the depths of ruin.

Back to Philippines
Maryland — (NC) — After three and a half years of imprisonment...

Trip Necessary—How to Make It Told Teen-Agers

By Sheila John Daly
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SO YOU'RE about to hit the road? Perhaps you're due to make your annual pilgrimage to Aunt Millie in Maine, or you're going to visit a brother or cousin still sweating it out at an army base, or maybe you've just been struck by a wave of lust and are heeding the call of the open road. But the urge to roam is on you and you're set to leave town. Well, you'd be smart to make sure that the trip really is necessary, for travel still isn't what it was in pre-war days.

Plan your wardrobe carefully. Bring one coat that will fit with all your costumes rather than two or three for special outfits. Pack in one small bag everything you'll need on the journey — your night clothes, your cold cream and curlers, and the book you're going to finish while traveling. No porter will appreciate it if he has to run back and forth with your heavy luggage.

German Chaplains Freed

Vatican City — (NC) — One hundred and fifty German priest-chaplains who had been held prisoners by the Allies recently returned to Germany from camps in Northern Italy, including the portion of Venezia Giulia occupied by Tito.

Some of them, before crossing the Alps, were able to make a pilgrimage to Rome.

Rosary Circles Doomed Captive

Prisoner of Japs Takes Beads to Execution

Melbourne — (NC) — Many stories of almost incredible heroism and self-sacrifice, of horrors and unspeakable atrocities are reaching Australia as the liberation of about 25,000 Australian prisoners of war progresses.

Among reports is one from Nauru Island where five civilian administrators, who voluntarily stayed behind to protect the native population, were beheaded by the Japanese in March, 1942. They are said to have been executed in retaliation for the first American bombing attack on Nauru after its capture by the Japanese.

Among those executed was Dr. Bernard Quinn, a former student at the University of Melbourne and the Jesuit Xavier College. He was seen by a native boy marching to the death place with a rosary around his neck. He is mourned by a widow and five young children.

just because you can't locate your tooth powder.

Once you're all neatly packed, you're almost set to go — but do not quite. Perhaps you plan to hitch-hike all the way or make the journey on foot, your suitcase strapped to your back and your hatbox balanced on your head, but there are simpler ways. If the trip you're making is short, all that's necessary is to take your bags to the station in plenty of time, buy your ticket, and then hope you find a seat. But if the trip is long and you plan to make reservations, do it as far in advance as they'll let you, just to make sure you don't have to stand all the way. A first class ticket is the basic requirement, and then additional fare for the accommodations you plan to take. You are offered an upper, a lower, a compartment, or a bedroom for steadily increasing rates. So decide how comfortable you want to be, look into your financial status, and then buy your tickets accordingly.

When train time comes, and you've made your farewell to all those who came to see you off, give your bags to the porter on your car, keeping only the one you'll need during the trip. No need to worry about them — he'll take care of them as you would your favorite letter sweater.

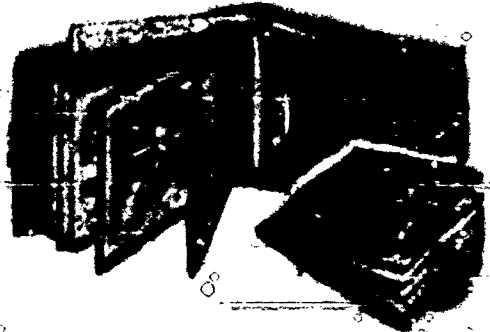
But go easy on the refreshment for entertainment angle. You may be able to eat nails and thrive on them, but the chocolate bar that to you is a definite delight may be exactly what your fellow passengers are most allergic to. So unless you're traveling in a separate compartment, keep the food for the diner. You'll be a much more popular young character that way.

But you're bound to get hungry. And that's where the diner comes in. The porter will be glad to tell you where it is, if you haven't already explored the train. Let the steward seat you, for he's running his little dining room in the most efficient way and will do the best he can for you. He'll give you a check and a menu, you'll write your choice of the meal, and presto — your dinner is served! When you've finished the waiter will present the check. Don't forget your change, but don't forget, either, that 10 per cent of the amount of the check is still the minimum tip. Of course no one will complain if yours is a little more liberal.

When you're ready to turn in, ask your porter to make up your berth, while you make your night time preparations in the dressing room at the end of the car. Be sure you tell the porter when to call you in the morning, then scramble up the little ladder if you're in an upper, or just crawl into the berth if it's a lower. It's all as simple as that.

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