

Fr. Braun's Successor in Moscow

Washington — (NC) — The Rev. George Antonio Laberge, A.A. former professor at the Assumption High School in Worcester, Mass., has arrived in Moscow to take over duties as pastor of the only Catholic Church in the Soviet capital — the Church of St. Louis des Français, according to radio advices received here.



REV. G. A. LABERGE

Father Laberge succeeds the Rev. Leopold Braun, also an Assumptionist priest, who has been stationed at the Moscow church for the last eleven years. Father Braun will return to this country for reassignment.

The Church of St. Louis des Français in Moscow is French property and is operated in connection with the French diplomatic mission to Soviet Russia. As rector of the church, Father Laberge, like Father Braun, will reside at the French Embassy. He was ordained at the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome on March 7, 1936.

When told some weeks ago that he probably would be selected to succeed Father Braun in Moscow, Father Laberge under-

took an intensive study of the Russian language. "I already have a working knowledge of Russian," he said, "and I don't anticipate any difficulty in making myself understood." Father Laberge said he had been given every consideration by officials at the Soviet Embassy in Washington when he applied for his visa.

Father Laberge said that Father Braun will remain with him for several weeks in Moscow to acquaint him with his new duties.

Several months ago Father Braun was brought into a Soviet court on accusations of assault and battery made by a Russian employed as a janitor at the French Embassy. The court found Father Braun guilty and assessed a fine of 100 rubles (\$20). The 32-year-old priest appealed to a higher court, which reversed the finding and exonerated him.

PRELATE OPPOSES TRAINING PLAN

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of youth during the war," the Bishop continued. "High government and military officials were responsible, and are now responsible, for such immoral instruction in the Army and Navy establishments of our country.

"One week of Army or Navy life frequently is enough to undo much of the moral teaching and Christian idealism inculcated in America's youth by parents and teachers and pastors. Chaplains will have a few chapters of history to write on official Army and Navy attitudes toward fundamental moral principles in training youth.

"The propaganda that military training produces good character is just plain hokum. The best defense of our country is a sense of decency and honor and justice in our citizens.

"To this can be added," Bishop Ready concluded, "a world-wide program of instruction on the goals of the San Francisco Charter, a program which will awaken the people of all nations to the necessity of striving for and guarding zealously the principles of the Four Freedoms.

"After decay in a nation's morals the next incentive to war is injustice between classes of the nation and between nations themselves. The money spent for military training, if used to establish a sound national and international economy would remove the ordinary urge to war," the Bishop said.

Plea for Chest Heard At Charities Dinner

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as a passing incident — a pause to get together for an expression of appreciation to all who have helped.

Garth A. Shoemaker, president of the Chemung County Community Chest, of which Catholic Charities is a member, said that up to the present, the fund is \$45,000.00 short of the goal of \$252,000.00, and made a strong appeal for additional subscriptions or an increase by those who have already made pledges.

Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, executive secretary of Catholic Charities made her annual report, sketched the work of the organization for the past sixteen years and urged the continued support in the future.

The Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes church and the Reverend Moderator of the Ladies of Charity, was toastmaster.

Those seated at the speakers table were: Thomas R. Burns, grand knight of the Knights of Columbus; City Judge William H. Phillips; Rev. John McCarthy, executive director Catholic Charities of Binghamton; County Judge John A. Matthews; Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, diocesan director of Catholic Charities; Mr. Shoemaker, Miss Fitzgerald, Father Schwab, Bishop Kearney, Father Betowski, Mayor Emory Strachen, Supreme Court Judge Bertram L. Newman, Levi Ginsburg, president of the Arctic League; Rev. Arthur E. Ratigan, family and child welfare director of Catholic Charities; Oscar F. Kerlin, superintendent of public schools.

After the dinner a birthday cake was presented to Bishop Kearney by the charities organization.

Bishop Treacy to be Installed on Nov. 8

La Crosse — (NC) — The Most Rev. John P. Treacy, Coadjutor Bishop of La Crosse, will be formally welcomed to the diocese by the Most Rev. Alexander J. McGavick, Bishop of La Crosse, at a testimonial dinner which Bishop McGavick and priests of the La Crosse diocese will give following Bishop Treacy's installation in St. Joseph's Cathedral here on November 7.

Catholic Teaching In Schools Asked

Prague — (RNS) — An intensive campaign of Catholic instruction in schools and universities will be promoted here by Czech Catholic Action, organization of laymen.

The program will stress a course of four weekly lectures discussing morals, the Gospel, psychology and apologetics. They will be designed chiefly for students and educated adults, and will be conducted by priests of the Dominican Order.

Catholic leaders here said that although the new government has not interfered with Catholic Action activities.

Christian Principles Urged Boston — (NC) — The world must adopt Christian principles or face destruction, the Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S.J., of the Catholic University of America, told 1,500 jurists gathered in the Church of the Immaculate Conception here for the annual Red Mass, which was offered by the Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston.

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Cincinnati Prelate Warns Against Anti-Semitic Moves

Cincinnati — (RNS) — An estimated 35,000 Holy Name Society members held their annual parade here, renewed their pledge against the use of profanity, and participated in religious rites conducted by the hierarchy of the Cincinnati Archdiocese.

A sermon prepared by Archbishop John T. McNicholas, but in his absence read by the chancellor of the diocese, condemned all hostile movements toward the Jews; warned labor against making unjust demands on management; warned management against taking more than its share of profits; and suggested that "a world moral sense" was the most potent influence in the control of atomic force.

"How grateful we must be to the Jews for preserving the revelations of God in the Old Testament," said the Archbishop. "In

these after-war days, hostility will be manifested in many places against the Jews. No true Catholic can join a hostile movement; moreover, every true Christian must fearlessly condemn such hostility."

Cardinal Villeneuve at Chicago Midnight Mass

Chicago — (NC) — The week-end visit to Chicago of His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, O.M.I., Archbishop of Quebec, was marked by his participation in two events at Notre Dame Church, where he was the guest of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers.

Cardinal Villeneuve assisted in the sanctuary during the Holy Hour of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, followed by midnight Mass, a monthly service customarily attended by 800 Chicago men.

Cardinal Villeneuve is enroute home from Mexico City where he officiated as legate of His Holiness Pope Pius XII at the golden jubilee of the Coronation of the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Named Floor Secretary Vatican City — (NC) — The Most Rev. Leone Giovanni Battista Nigris, Titular Archbishop of Filippi, has been named Secretary General of the Sacred Congregation for Propagating the Faith, according to Osservatore Romano.

Cardinal Baptizes Atheist's Child

By OIP Press Service

An incident on a Mexican trip, which Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, made as the Pope's Legate to the Guadalupe Jubilee, illustrates the tremendous impression which this first visit of a Cardinal to Mexico made on the Mexican people.

At Valles, not far from the capital, Cardinal Villeneuve was asked whether he would be willing to baptize a Mexican baby. The father of the child was an atheist, the mother a Catholic.

The father had violently objected to the child's being baptized and had finally shouted: "Only if you can get the Cardinal to baptize him, will I give up my objections."

When told about this, the Cardinal remarked: "If this helps to bring a new Christian into the Church, I shall do it with pleasure." He baptized the child, so there is now in Mexico a father who calls himself an atheist but who is proud that his child has been received into the Church by a Legate of the Holy Father.

Not 'Official' Catholic Party

Paris — (RNS) — The Movement Republican Populaire, which won 128 seats in the French Constituent Assembly, is in no sense an official Catholic party, Francisca Gay, a leader of the party, told Religious News Service here.

"Most of the party's leaders," he said, "are Catholics, but there are Protestants also among them. The party's inspiration is a spiritual and anti-materialistic view of life, but its ranks are open to men of any religious conviction, or even to men of no religious beliefs."

M. Gay, a well-known Parisian journalist, declared that the MRP which polled 4500,000 popular votes, favors a sweeping program of nationalization and social security. Its outlook, he said, is essentially that the state was made to serve the citizen and not the citizen the state.

Red Cross Aide Buried

Paris — A Mass of Requiem was offered in the Madeleine Church here for Frederick A. Carroll, Boston banker and American Red Cross Commissioner for Great Britain and western Europe, who was killed in an automobile accident.

His Eminence Emmanuel Celestine Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, was celebrant of the Mass, which was attended by U. S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, Red Cross officials and representatives of the French War Ministry.

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