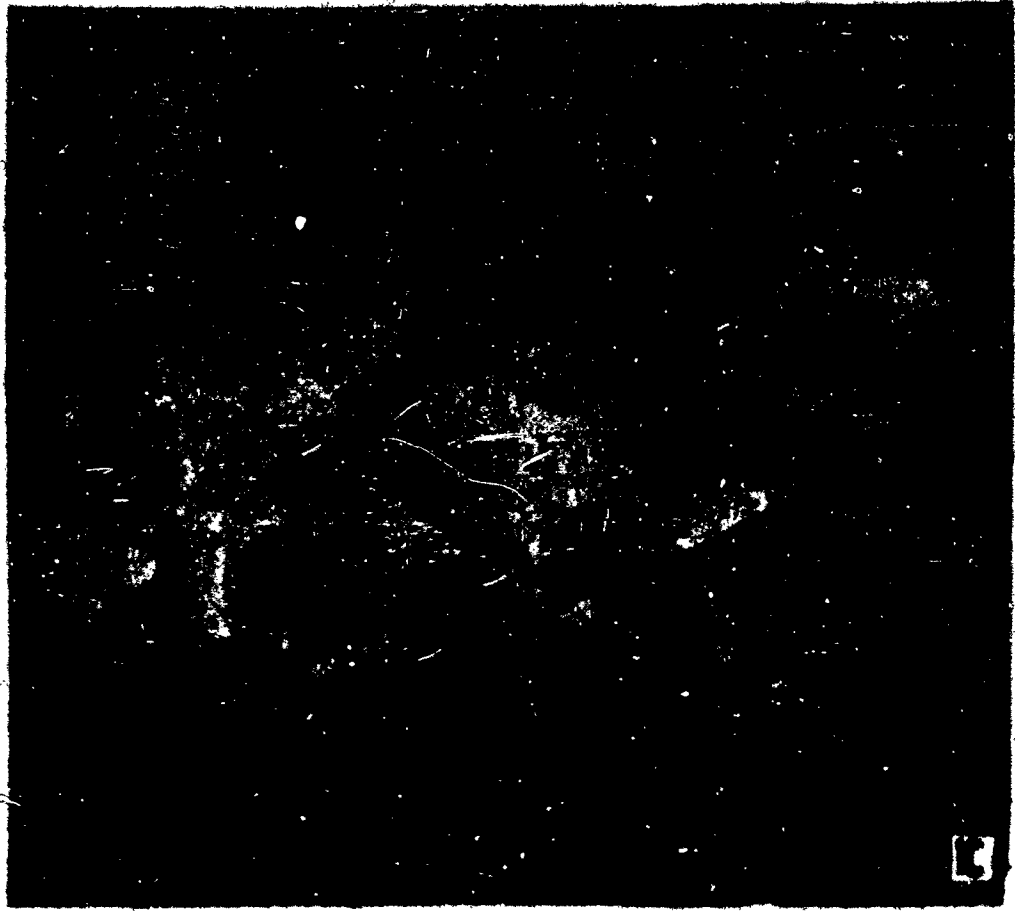


NEW SOLDIERS OF CHRIST



In the Post Chapel at Fort Devens, Mass., Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, confirmed 27 soldiers, WACs and wives and children of enlisted men. Sponsor was Lt. Col. Harvey Yeast, of Dayton, Commanding officer of the Special Training Unit on the Post. Official Signal Corps photo. (NC Photos)

Reds Pressure Ruthenian Catholics to Desert Rome

Paris — The spurious character of the religious "tolerance" promised by the Russians to inhabitants of newly acquired territories is exposed in reports which have come here from Carpatho-Russia, that easternmost section of Czechoslovakia which was recently ceded to the Soviets.

These reports indicate that the Soviets are making strenuous efforts to alienate the inhabitants, most of whom are Catholics of the Byzantine Rite (Ruthenians) from the Holy See, to destroy their ecclesiastical organization, and to force them into union with the Soviet-dominated Orthodox Church. The Diocese of Mu-

kaceve (Munkacs), which embraces the ceded territory, is to be completely liquidated, the reports indicate, and all the Catholic clergy have been "invited" to break relations with the Holy See, and the "invitation" is backed up by the threats of internment in concentration camps.

The provisional government said to be composed of irresponsible elements installed by the Russians, has issued a decree under which the vote of one-third of the population of any locality is sufficient to bring about the change-over of the parish from spiritual union with Rome to affiliation with the Orthodox Church of Moscow.

Under this decree, at least 70 churches of Eastern Rite Catholics have already been seized and assigned, with all their properties, to the Orthodox Church.

Matters of religious cult have been placed in charge of a Professor Linstar, who is known to be an atheist and a communist.

Fr. Cannon Cites Broken Homes Cause

New York — "Broken homes and warped lives are nothing new in history," the Rev. Robert I. Cannon, S.J., president of Fordham University, declared Sunday evening on the Catholic Hour radio program.

"They always exist in abundance when public opinion is easy on divorce — in other words, when society forgets the primary end of marriage and its own end; when men get used to a pagan atmosphere where libido is the first act and God is the last."

'Hands Off' Policy On Reich Religious Study Set by Allies

By DR. MAX JORDAN

Frankfurt On Main — (NC) — The Allied Religious Affairs Committee has decided that "no school drawing on public funds is to refuse to children the possibility of receiving religious instruction, and no school drawing on public funds is to make it compulsory for a child to attend classes for religious instruction."

Cure of Nun's Cancer Cited

Followed Prayers To Mother Seton

New Orleans — (NC) — The final session has been held by the Apostolic Court which has been conducting hearings in the case of the cure of Sister Gertrude, of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, following prayers to Mother Elizabeth Seton.

Documents have been sealed and delivered to the Rev. Salvatore Durgio, C.M., vice-postulator of Mother Seton's cause, to be taken to the Apostolic Delegate in Washington for forwarding to the Holy See.

An incision showed that Sister Gertrude had a cancer of the pancreas — an inoperable case. Soon after prayer to Mother Seton was begun, Sister Gertrude improved and in a remarkably short time was able to resume her duties at DePaul Sanitarium. After her death of a wholly unrelated malady, a post mortem examination showed the pancreas in a perfectly healthy condition, with no indication of cancer.

Released Time Upheld By California Court

Los Angeles — (RNS) — The California State law permitting schools to release students for one hour each week for religious instruction was declared to be constitutional, in a ruling by Superior Court Judge Charles Burnett of this city.

"The Federal Constitution merely guarantees freedom of worship," Judge Burnett opined. "That certainly has not been violated. Released time does not put the State of California in the position of 'supporting' any religious organization, as prohibited by our State Constitution."

All Henry Granda

Pittsburgh — (NC) — At a rally here in thanksgiving for Victory, sponsored by the 50 courts of the Catholic Daughters of America in the Pittsburgh diocese, a gift of \$1,000 for the birthplace of the Family Rosary Granda was made to the Rev. Patrick Poyan, C.S.C., director of the movement.

Crossifixion Marks Doubtful

Paris — (NC) — In an interview in La Vie Catholique, the Rev. de Vaux, O.P., secretary of the French Biblical and Archaeological School of Jerusalem and director of the Ecole Biblique, expressed doubt concerning the alleged discovery of inscriptions on pottery relating to the crucifixion of Christ in a tomb near Jerusalem.

He added that the Biblical School in Jerusalem is working to reconstruct the evangelized picture of the life of Christ step by step in order that Our Lord may be better known and loved.

Aids Asked For Migrant Farm Workers

New York (NC) — Inclusion of agricultural migrants in the legal guarantees of the Fair Labor Standards Act and the Social Security Act is urged in a joint statement issued here by Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders in the social welfare and rural life fields.

Expressing concern over "the spiritual and material welfare of migratory workers engaged in commercial agriculture," the twelve signatories review the conditions under which migrant workers, including those imported during the war from Mexico, Jamaica and the Bahamas, live and work, and assert that they are "the most depressed labor group in the United States."

The Catholic signers of the statement are Msgr. Luigi G. Ligutti, executive secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference; Msgr. John O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities; the Rev. William J. Gibbons, S.J., associate editor of America, and the Rev. Charles Philippe, chairman of National Catholic Rural Life Activities for the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

The statement charges: "There is a lack of decent housing for most of the workers employed in commercial agriculture," the statement asserts. "In many areas there is still an absence of health and educational facilities. Farm groups tell us about high hourly and daily rates of pay here and there but more important... is continuity of employment."

Colonial Days Ritual Found

Guatemala City — (NC) — A valuable missionary relic of colonial days has been discovered by Don Miguel Gutierrez, by the Rev. Clarence White, Maryland priest. The relic is a very human ritual, as set in the Constitution of the United States and Civil Rights, George Washington Society president.

Father White went to San Miguel to perform a number of baptisms. He discovered that he had forgotten to include his own ritual in his baggage. When he did the Indians that he could not perform the full sacramental without a ritual, he was not in a hurry to leave. He was a ritualist.

Through the Indians' prayers, he was asked — in Spanish, translated to Guatemala by a missionary, and then handed down by the Indians from generation to generation — an interesting

Sergeant Tells of a Priest-Hero

San Antonio — (NC) — After undergoing months of soul-searching and prayer in the inhospitable Japanese prison camp at Cabanatuan, and then in the Philippines, Sgt. Stanley was by two Japanese and was months of liberation in a village near the Japanese base in Luzon.

Writing in the San Antonio Express, Sgt. Stanley told of his heroic ministrations. "At daylight we sighted the Catholic Father who was leading our men. He was not ill, but was encouraging the men to stay with him and not to be taken away. We were to see

Father stepped forward to see the Jap who was in charge. After several minutes of hectoring and nagging, another hatch was opened in the stern of the ship, but not before this Catholic priest was pulled around, slapped and humiliated. He came back with a smile on his face and hope in his heart; then he began leading the men and carrying the sacrament to the other hatch."

Sergeant Stanley, with great conviction of the priest's return to hear the men who were still after the first ship-brook. "At daylight we sighted the Catholic Father who was leading our men. He was not ill, but was encouraging the men to stay with him and not to be taken away. We were to see

priest, who had volunteered to become a harborer when no other communication officer was available, continued his heroic ministrations.

One of the prisoners was bent on up to badly by his factory supervisor that he went insane and struck back. He was sent to the camp dump, given no food or water, and no blankets to protect himself from the very cold. After three days of this, Sergeant Stanley returned the priest went to the Jap commanding officer to intercede for the boy, but was refused. He went back again the next day to be slapped and kicked — in efforts — but the boy was rescued in an hour.

Many of the camp inmates were not members of any religion, and the priest's ministrations were those of a humanitarian.

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