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Babies Sold for Bread as Death Faces 3,000,000 in East Germany

A Clothing Plea

My dear People:

Were any one of you to awaken one of these cold mornings to find a neighbor and her children half clad and shivering on your door-step, you would waste little time in finding garments to warm their bodies and protect them against the chill of winter. If one were to mention a family, so stricken in your neighborhood, you would find it very easy to assemble a package of clothing and would feel a sense of happiness that God had put you in a position to spare something for those less fortunate.

That is just the position of America today. The peoples in stricken areas of Europe are our neighbors just as really as if they begged at our doorsteps. They are begging us to stand between them and death from the rigors of winter.

Our nation-wide collection of clothing is America's answer to this appeal. There is not one of us who cannot take time to gather together some personal wear that can be spared for our stricken neighbors. Every man, woman and child should feel it a privilege to have made a personal contribution to this clothing campaign.

Our recent food campaign bore eloquent testimony to the heart of America. I am sure that our heart is big enough to make this clothing campaign an outstanding evidence of the charity of our people.

May I urge then your enthusiastic cooperation with your local campaign offices during the clothing appeal which will be conducted this month.

With sincere blessing for the New Year, I remain

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
* JAMES E. KEARNEY,
Bishop of Rochester

Diocese Joins Civic Drive for Clothing

Detailed plans for Rochester's part in the National Victory Clothing Collection Campaign were announced today by Mr. William T. Nolan, chairman of the Rochester civic committee.

Mr. Nolan called attention to the fact that the drive will be concentrated in the period January 7 through January 31. Co-operating in this campaign are the Council of Civic Clubs and Catholic, Protestant and Jewish Organizations. The Rev. John S. Randall is chairman for the Catholic group in this Diocese.

As a bitter aftermath to the war, hundreds of thousands of people in war-wrecked Europe and the far East are facing a winter of terrible deprivation and misery. No less than 100,000,000 garments are urgently needed. Specifically, the committee is asking for such items as: coats, suits, trousers, skirts, dresses, shirts, sweaters, knitwear, underwear, pajamas, nightgowns, blankets, bedding and shoes. Any serviceable garment, regardless of its age, is acceptable.

Those desiring to contribute are asked to wrap the clothing if possible in paper or cartons, taking particular care to tie each pair of shoes together. In the last campaign in April much confusion resulted from untied pairs of shoes being contributed. It was impossible to match the odd shoes up correctly. The gifts of clothing may be taken to your nearest firehouse or church. The central collector depot is the Salvation Army Industrial Home, headquarters at 100 Exchange Street.

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Returning home from the Moscow Conference, Secretary of State Byrnes assures us that "cordial relations" have been re-established among the Big Three, but despite Mr. Byrnes' "jubilation" there is the real fear that his diplomatic achievement may have cost the United States too high a price.

In terms of American democracy and American interest how

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Bishop's Reception

Keeping up a custom inaugurated by Bishop Kearney, members of the laity will go to the Episcopal Residence, 947 East Ave., Sunday, Jan. 8 to exchange New Year's greetings with His Excellency.

Many delegations of organizations and individuals of various creeds will be received from 3 until 8 p. m. in the Bishop's parlor.

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will assist in the reception.

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Those who find it inconvenient to take their clothing donations to any of the points listed above may wait until Sunday, January 27 when there will be a curb collection conducted throughout the city. The City of Rochester will donate trucks and drivers for this pick-up as will the Salvation Army and a number of industrial concerns.

Service in these times means much. BLANCHARD FLORIST, 26 Lake Ave. deliver flowers daily to private homes, hospitals, etc. (Sundays excepted). For Quality Flowers artistically arranged, call MAin 1946.—Ad.

BY MAX JORDAN

Berlin — (NC) — The severe plight of some 12 million German displaced persons and refugees now streaming into Germany proper was the main topic at a meeting here under the chairmanship of Bishop (Cardinal-designate) Konrad von Preysing of Berlin, Archbishop Jaeger of Paderborn and Bishop Maximilian-Kaller of Ermita were among the participants.

The Catholic charity organizations in various parts of Germany bear a heavy burden in providing food and shelter for the unfortunates who arrive from the East, by the thousands, in packed transports. Most of them are in pitiful condition.

The vast majority have lost all their possessions, and many are in such poor health, due to the privations suffered en route, that some three million of them are expected to die during this winter, according to conservative estimates.

Reports reaching here from the Eastern provinces confirm the appalling conditions still prevailing in many areas affected by this forced mass exodus of Germans. The Catholic clergy of one district, now under provisional Polish rule, have addressed a direct appeal to the Holy Father that he might intercede on behalf of their flock.

It appears from this document, that the German language was banned entirely in that particular area comprising 4,000 Catholics which is still nominally German, even though the people don't understand Polish. No German textbooks for religious instruction may be used in the schools.

In the town of Neustadt, Silesia, 7,800 Germans, including a Catholic priest, were relegated to a ghetto after being evicted from their homes on one hour's notice. In Grottkau, Silesia, 2,000 Germans have been confined to an internment camp since last July. They are so badly underfed that the death-rate is now about 60 per week.

The overwhelmingly Catholic German population of such cities as Oppeln, Gleiwitz, Beuthen in Upper Silesia has been forcibly evacuated and many were interned in concentration camps, the

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Refugee Fund Use In Anti-Catholic Red Drive Probed

Soviet 'Anti-God' Drive a Washout, Says Fr. Braun



FATHER BRAUN
On Arrival from Moscow

Washington — (NC) — Two-thirds of the people of Russia—or 100,000,000 souls—are now believers in God.

This is the judgment of an American priest who has just come out of the land of the Soviets, after almost 12 years' continuous labor as the sole Catholic pastor in Moscow. (When the diplomatic corps left the Russian capital at the imminent approach of Hitler's Nazis, he stayed with his flock.)

He is Father Leopold Braun, A.A., who arrived here on the same airplane which brought Secretary of State James F. Byrnes back from the Moscow meeting of the "Big Three" Foreign Ministers.

Father Braun explains his statement concerning the number of believers in Russia thus:

When the Communists took control in Russia, they made the

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Father O'Callahan Gets Honor Medal



Washington — (NC) — The Rev. Timothy Joseph O'Callahan, S.J., has become the only chaplain in the nation's history to receive the country's highest honor for valor.

The Navy Department has confirmed that the Congressional Medal has been awarded Lt. O'Callahan, in addition to the previously awarded Navy Cross, for his heroism aboard the ill-fated aircraft carrier Franklin. The Department said that the presentation ceremony will occur "sometime in January."

The studious and mild-mannered Jesuit chaplain was serving aboard the "Big Ben" last March 19 in the Pacific when a Japanese five-bomber swooped down and blasted the ship with two 500-pound armor piercing bombs.

During 18 hours Father O'Callahan distinguished himself in rescue work and the ship's commander called him "the bravest man I ever

REV. T. J. O'CALLAHAN

By DAVID SENTNER

Washington — The reported use of vast sums collected from a gullible American public by Red front groups, purportedly for refugee relief, but actually to finance the Communist anti-Catholic propaganda drive throughout South America, is under investigation.

The result of the probe will be revealed in an official report to Congress when the latter body convenes Jan. 14 by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The survey will stress the "open book" methods used by legitimate organizations gathering contributions for foreign relief compared to the large overhead and questionable bookkeeping practices engaged in by certain Communist front groups.

The broadened study by the committee stemmed from its probe of an anti-Catholic rally held in Madison Square Garden under the auspices of a Communist front organization.

The sponsoring Red front group will be shown in the report to have diverted \$250,000, or approximately half of its collections, from the public over a period of three years to Spanish refugees in Mexico City.

Ernie Adamson, committee counsel, intends to inquire of the group's officials as to the reason for such a large transfer of money to Mexico City where only 10 or 12 thousand Spanish refugees from the former Leftist-Loyalist regime are located.

The Spanish refugee colony has been active in the headquarters established in Mexico City for Sovietizing South America, according to FBI and State Department information.

Government investigative agencies have also received reports that funds channeled from the United States financed the Red campaign in the recent elections in Brazil where the Communists polled 600,000 votes, 10 per cent of the total.

This was the most impressive display of Communist strength

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Magazine Next Week

A rich literary dividend comes to readers of the COURIER-JOURNAL next week when the VICTORY MAGAZINE will be distributed with the regular edition.

Replete with articles by nationally-known writers, the magazine also carries the names of all members of the Rochester Diocese who have given their lives in World War II. The names are listed on a patch book.

The magazine contains articles by Oscar Reuther, Louis, Archbishop Cushing of Boston, Dorothy Thompson, Bishop Dooley of Columbus, Harold E. Stanning, Charles F. Rowland, Bishop O'Brien of Buffalo, Neil Hamilton, J. A. King, Maj. John F. Pomeroy, Rev. Edward J. Conroy, S.J., Eugene Lyons, William Henry Chamberlain, and George Washington