

Truman Asks Speedup of Immigration

Washington — (NC) — Slashing governmental "red tape," President Harry S. Truman has issued a directive designed to speed up admissions of displaced persons and refugees from Europe into the United States up to the limit of the immigration laws.

Under terms of the directive, the President has reserved for the DP's and refugees the immigration quotas of all countries represented in the United States zones of occupation in Europe, which include chiefly Germany, Poland, the Baltic States and the Balkans. Two features new to immigration regulations have been introduced in the President's directive. They are:

1. "Visas should be distributed fairly among persons of all faiths, creeds and nationalities. I desire that special attention be devoted to orphaned children to whom it is hoped that the majority of visas will be issued." Ordinarily, the distribution of visas has been only on the basis of nationalities, without regard to faiths and creeds.

2. "With respect to the requirement of law that visas may not be issued to applicants likely to become public charges after admission to the United States, the Secretary of State shall cooperate with the Immigration and Naturalization Service in perfecting appropriate arrangements with welfare organizations in the United States which may be prepared to guarantee financial support to successful applicants. This may be accomplished by corporate affidavit or by any means deemed appropriate and practicable." Under ordinary practice, organizations have been prohibited from guaranteeing support of an immigrant in this country.

President Truman's plan envisions extending aid to approximately 3,000 of the displaced persons and refugees monthly in the American zones of occupation in Europe. The President pointed out that most of these persons are natives of Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans. He reminded that the immigration quotas for all these countries is approximately 30,000 yearly, two-thirds of which are allotted to Germany.

Priest Turns Saviour 'Rescues' Town in Iowa

Westphalia, Ia. — As a boy, he wanted to be a baseball pitcher. He had speed control and a wicked curve. But he grew up to be a priest, discarded the curve while bettering the speed and control, and today Father Hubert E. Duren, pastor of St. Boniface's Church, has gained nationwide renown as the man who saved this thriving little town from oblivion.

Advocates of the rural life, for some little time now, have been advancing Father Duren's program as a model for small towns all over the country. Latest of national publications to notice his work is *Fortune Magazine*, in its December issue.

Father Duren came to Westphalia in June 1926 at a time when he could stand on his front porch and, hardly moving his head, see the whole town.

With a five-point program—religion, education, recreation, commerce, and credit—Father Duren put his speed and control to work in selling Westphalia on the "complete life." He cared for the religious needs through his parish. He got the 100-odd fam-

lies in and around town interested in putting up a new school to replace the old three-room frame structure. The modern new building was built more than 100 students in the elementary and high school departments. Next came a recreation center, with a grandstand seating 500, built with the idea of keeping a hold on the youth.

The depression came along and while one small town after another throughout the country folded, Westphalians listened to Father Duren and continued their fight for survival. He persuaded the community to adopt the cooperative movement. The townfolk now run an up-to-date "co-op" store, which offers merchandise at prices that compete with mail-order houses and chain stores. The store did a gross business last year of \$200,000. A gasoline station is operated on the same basis.

Father Duren topped off his program with a credit union, which now has assets of \$90,000 and has its sights on a goal of half a million. Besides advising the town's business ventures, Fa-

ther Duren has not neglected the youth. For the whole community singing; has three baseball teams; mixed choirs; bands; garden clubs and similar enterprises.

Despite these activities, Father Duren finds time to compose the words and music of the songs which the community sings and to paint murals. In 1944 he journeyed up to Chicago and came back with the billiard championship of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

Prague (RNS) — Dr. Francis Schwarzenberg, of the Foreign Ministry, is slated to be named Czechoslovak Charge d'Affaires to the Vatican, according to reports in church circles here.

Polish Prelate Will Protest Persecution

Rome — (RNS) — When Archbishop Adam Stefan Sapieha of Cracow, Poland, visits Rome as a newly designated member of the Sacred College of Cardinals, he will bring a written protest against alleged persecution of the Catholic Church in Galicia and the Ukraine, according to Vatican officials.

Recent reports reaching the Holy See assert that priests in Galicia have been arrested by Russian authorities for mentioning the name of Pope Pius XII when officiating at church services.

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(If you answer all five, you're perfect; three or four, good; if only one or two, not so good.)

1. What man and woman in early Biblical times lived and died, though they were never born?

2. The Roman emperor who made Sunday a legal holiday was—

Antoninus Pius
Theodosius
Constantine the Great

3. The petrel skins over the waves so that it seems to walk on water. What incident, happening to an apostle on the sea of Galilee, is the origin of this bird's name?

4. The outer vestment a priest wears at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is a—
chasuble
cope
maniple

5. In the columns below the names of Biblical men and their occupations are somewhat mixed up. Straighten this out by placing the occupation opposite the name of the right man—

St. Peter	tent-maker
Nimrod	architect
David	shepherd
Solomon	shepherd
St. Paul	mighty hunter

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