

### Catholic Chaplains Fewer in Regular Army

Washington — (NC) — The War Department discloses that although a large number of vacancies exist for Catholic chaplains in the regular army, the need cannot be filled at the present rate that applications are being received.

"At the present time," Msgr. William D. Cleary, deputy chief of chaplains, stated, "we have one-tenth of the applications for Catholic chaplains in the regular army that we need to fill existing vacancies. Catholics are far behind other denominational groups in applications."

If sufficient applications from Catholic chaplains are not received, Monsignor Cleary said, the vacancies will have to be supplied "by other denominations whose applicants are in excess of their allotted quotas."

He explained that the army is considering applications from chaplains now in service, and also from those who have been discharged. Deadline for applications is March 1.

### Moderator



Rev. A. J. Magrath, C.M.F., at St. Austin's Church, Austin, Tex., who has been appointed National Moderator of the Convocation of the Catholic Daughters of America. (NC Photos)

## Bevin Warns Poles On Terror Slayings

London — (NC) — Ernest Bevin, Britain's Foreign Minister, in the House of Commons expressed serious concern at the number of recent political murders committed in Poland "in circumstances which in many cases appeared to point to the complicity of the Polish Security Police."

"I regard it as imperative that the Polish Provisional Government should put an immediate stop to these murders in order that free and unfettered elections may be held as soon as possible in accordance with the Crimea decisions," Mr. Bevin asserted.

His remarks were in reply to a question from Professor Savory, M.P., for Queens University, Belfast, who asked if the Foreign

Minister was aware that Bohdan Sobolek, President of the Committee of the Wied Polish Peasants organization, was murdered on November 2, 1945; that Jan Rylewski, prominent member of the Polish Christian Labor Party, was murdered at Juchda on November 2, 1945; that Josef Wrona, Peasant leader, was murdered at Zolkiewka on December 8, 1945; and whether in view of these repeated murders of political opponents he had drawn the Polish Provisional Government's attention to the continued violation of the terms under which it had been recognized.

Mr. Bevin, whose reply was given little publicity through the British press and radio, said: "I do not dare to add to what I have already said. The task of recreating Europe and getting tranquility is a very difficult one; we have to exercise patience. At the same time I am looking forward to the end of these police states."

Later this week in the House of Commons, Wing Commander John Strachey, Under Secretary of State for Air, was asked what proportion of Poles in the Royal Air Force had chosen to return to Poland. He said that just under "0.5 percent" both in Britain and overseas so far had chosen to return. Asked to explain further Wing Commander Strachey said it was one man in 200, but when it was pointed out that "0.5 percent" would mean one man in 200, he made no reply.

### Poles Take UNO Cue from Reds

London — (NC) — The longer the UNO conference continues, the plainer it appears that Soviet Russia has lined up three consistent votes — Poland, Byelo-Russia and the Ukraine — to go along with it, and is seeking a fourth in Albania. In this connection, the correspondent for the Paris Matin sent the following dispatch to his office:

"As regards Poland, a small incident shows its dependence on Russia. At one moment during the voting, M. Rzymowski (Polish delegate) raised his hand, but, looking at M. Gromyko (Soviet delegate) chief at the time, realized that he was voting differently. M. Rzymowski became red and lowered his hand in confusion. I saw this incident with my own eyes."

### Contraception Charge Denied

Tokyo — (NC) — "I did not and do not urge contraception as a solution for any Japanese problems," Col. Crawford F. Sams, the Supreme Allied Command's chief of the public health and welfare section, emphasized in an interview at general headquarters here.

The Colonel recalled that in a recent conference the various methods by which countries meet food and population problems — first by industrialization and exports, making food purchases abroad possible; second by overseas emigration of surplus population, and third by birth control.

Secular newspaper reports of Colonel Sams' tri-method program laid particular stress upon advocacy of the birth control phase, without further explanation.

The Colonel insisted that he was expressing neither approval nor disapproval of any method and added that in the press conference he emphasized that neither he nor any other occupation authority has advocated contraception. Thus, he added, "is entirely up to the Japanese people themselves."

### Iowa Ruling Bars Children from Busses

Des Moines, Iowa — (RNS) — Attorney General John M. Rankin's office has ruled here that public school busses cannot be used to transport Iowa children to or from a parochial or other private school.

In a 10-page opinion, the state's legal department said that under the new ten-million-dollar-a-year public school transportation act "there is no statutory authority by which a bus owned, leased or operated by a public school district can legally transport children to and from a private school."

### Notre Dame U. Chosen In Quiz Kids' Contest

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Notre Dame has been named as one of the three universities at which the "best teacher in America" will receive a full year of academic scholarship, plus a \$1,000 special prize, in a unique contest sponsored by the Quiz Kids program and open to all public schools and open to all teachers in the United States.

### Europe Cardinals Delayed on Trip To the Consistory

(N. C. W. C. NEWS SERVICE) — Four new Cardinals going to Vatican City to receive their Red Hats at the hands of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, and three other Princes of the Church, were delayed and hampered in their journeys, and six were actually left without funds to any means, as a result of action or inaction by military occupational authorities in Europe.

Against this record, French authorities lent the utmost assistance to the Cardinals, making special provision to expedite their journeys.

The difficulties experienced by these Prelates, all of whom are from European countries, were in sharp contrast to the smooth, well-organized air voyage of the American Cardinals-elect and their parties in fast new American planes.

Those involved in the difficulties resulting from occupation authorities' inaction were two French and one Portuguese Cardinals, and three German and one Finnish Cardinal-designate, Prelates, Pontiffs.

Cardinal-elect Joseph von Freyding, Bishop of Berlin, was unable to secure passage on an American plane but found his journey expedited by the French and had no further difficulty.

Cardinals Cardinals of Lisbon, Bishop of Lille, Hubert of Paris and Cardinal-designate de Jullienne of Lyons, Frings of Cologne, and van Galen of Munster, found themselves detained abroad Italy and back because of lack of arrangements for good train connections for them, and stranded without sufficient money to buy food. The money had been left without special air transportation by the British authorities and had therefore gone by way of France.

While French, German and Portuguese Prelates had these experiences, Cardinal Theodor Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna and his trip was facilitated in every way by British authorities in Germany in Italy.

Both British and American Army officials in Austria, he reported on special planes at the disposal of the Cardinal and his party and when the Cardinal expressed a preference for rail transportation on account of weather conditions at the time of his journey, they arranged for special rail service.

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