

War Relief Supplies Sent To Austria

Rome — (Radio, NC) — War Relief Services National Catholic Welfare Conference is about to extend its already far-flung network of relief into Austria. Thomas Fox, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has been named director of the relief mission to Austria by War Relief Services-N.C.W.C., has arrived in Rome for conferences with Major Andrew P. Landi of Brooklyn.

Monsignor Landi, who represents the American Catholic relief agency in Italy, has just returned from a trip to Austria where he prepared the ground for the relief work to be undertaken by War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. Mr. Fox is now engaged in buying transportation facilities from Army surplus stock.

The plan, as announced here, is to distribute supplies furnished by War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. through Caritas, the Austrian Catholic welfare organization. The program aims at bringing supplementary aid to children, the aged and the sick. Subject to the approval of the Allied military authorities, it is planned to carry out the relief program in all four zones of occupation in Austria.

The first relief shipment, which according to information available here has already left New York, consists of one million cans of food which were collected during the recent nation-wide canned goods drive organized by War Relief Services-N.C.W.C.

New York — (NC) — Amounting to 1,023,987 pounds of supplies, valued at \$351,561, the first relief shipment by War Relief Services National Catholic Welfare Conference for civilians of Austria has left here aboard the SS. Coe Victory.

The shipment consists of food, clothing, blankets and miscellaneous supplies. The food includes large amounts of baby foods, oatmeal and powdered milk, since the program for Austria places special emphasis on aid for the children, aged and infirm.

Religion Study Voted For Public Schools

Danville, Va. — (ENSI) — A long campaign by the Religious Education Council here has resulted in the adoption of a program of religious instruction in the public schools. The plan will be instituted as soon as the council can make the necessary arrangements.

Under the terms of the scheme, which was adopted by a 5-4 vote of the school board after years of controversial debate, a 40-minute period, one day a week, will be set aside for instruction in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Only pupils who obtain written permission of their parents will be admitted to the classes.

KNOW IT?

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1. He is elected bishop by the Pope, consecrated by two bishops and formally enthroned or installed at the cathedral church of his diocese.
2. The eighth.
3. A. Rome, Mexico, Scholastic, Walling, Clare and Co.
4. Various opinions: Catholics; Protestants; schismatics; heathens; the followers of Mohammed (600 A.D.); Christians; the Jews.
5. The apostle Paul, who washed his feet for the disciples. "I am innocent of this just as you are innocent of that." (1 Cor. 10:28)

U. S. Food and Medical Supplies Reaching Poland, Survey Reveals

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Rome — (Radio) — The Papal colors and the cross, displayed on the shoulder patch which each worker of War Relief Services National Catholic Welfare Conference wears on his uniform, are carrying a message of Christian brotherhood in a very real way to the far corners of the world.

Take, for example, the work of the Polish section of War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. It has establishments in Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Iran, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, the Union of South Africa, India, England, Mexico and Italy. The extent of its work is a vivid reflection of the widespread dispersal which the heroic Polish people have suffered in recent years.

Here in Italy, where the work was begun by the Rev. Aloysius J. Wycisko of Chicago and where it is now carried on by the Revs. Stephen Bernas and Edward

Bates, C.R., both of Chicago, there are now a hundred different enterprises.

Poland's famed Second Corps, commanded by Gen. Wladyslaw Anders, is still in Italy and in peace as in war War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. is carrying on its effective work of assisting these Polish soldiers.

Peace Increased Needs

War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. came with this heroic fighting group through Palestine and Egypt and followed its march up the Italian peninsula. Oddly enough, with the cessation of hostilities demands upon the agency for help in this particular connection were amplified rather than diminished.

Directly connected with this welfare work among the military, though seemingly worlds apart, are the establishments which War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. now operates at the Boncompagni House, a huge ancestral mansion right in the heart of Rome, and also at the villa Florita. These are rest homes for "Peaskis," the

Polish equivalent for our Wacs.

It is, however, the welfare work for civilian Polish refugees in Italy that confronts the relief agency with ever-new problems, varied in their nature and in numbers beyond calculation.

To begin with, these refugees come from many directions and there is usually no advance notice of their arrival. They themselves are cold, hungry and bewildered. Fortunately, their first stop in Italy usually is Rome and there War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. has set up a well-ordered system of meeting them at all three possible places of entry.

Clothing Provided

At each of these places there is an information booth and a canteen offering tea and sandwiches. Assistance is given in obtaining hospitalization and lodgings. Keen notice is taken of the physical condition of each refugee. If clothing is urgently needed the case is at once referred to Father Bernas and garments are provided.

Somewhat, every problem that comes up in the refugee centers is met — and with surprising quickness. The same observation can also be made here in Rome where the obstacles that have to be overcome are different. Here in the Eternal City it is necessary to deal with each case individually — and there are many cases.

Meanwhile, the work of War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. has begun in Poland itself. With the groundwork laid by Father Wycisko and the Rev. Edward E. Swanson, who during their visit to that war-ravaged country prepared a program of assistance to be administered through Caritas, the Polish Catholic charity organization, Father Bernas is expected to go to Poland soon to direct the work there. Father Bates will remain in Italy to carry on the work which will be needed there for a long time to come.

Food From U. S.

Close to a million pounds of food and medical supplies have been shipped from America to Poland by War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. up to the end of February. The first shipment of 335,000 pounds arrived in Poland last December and was immediately forwarded to Cracow.

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