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UKRAINIAN U. S. BISHOPS DENY SCHISM

Washington — (NC) — Speaking for a nation "whose Bishops, priests and faithful find themselves powerless to express themselves as they wish," the two Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Diocese in this country declared to be "not true" the Moscow report that Ukrainian Catholics of the Western Ukraine had joined the Russian Orthodox Church.

Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky, Ordinary of the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese, and his Auxiliary, Bishop Ambrose Senyshyn, in a signed statement say it would be "a grave injustice" to the Ukrainian people and their Church if the world accepted as true the announcement that a synod at Lwow on March 8 of [illegible] had dissolved the 350-[illegible] unity of the Ruthenian Church with Rome in favor of reunion with Russian Orthodoxy.

[illegible] Church Used

Their statement cites historical proof that for several centuries the Russian Orthodox Church has been used by Russia as a political instrument to liquidate Catholicism and to bind the Ukrainians and other nationals more closely to the Tsarist regime. "Today, the Orthodox Church is similarly used," the two Ukrainian Bishops declare, pointing to the terror methods used by communist agents to cow the Ukrainian priests and people into submission to Moscow.

"The recent report from Moscow," the statement says, referring to the alleged presence of 'priests' at the Lwow synod, "is not true, because 216 'priests,' without authorization from their legitimate Bishops, could not lawfully do this, nor could they represent 3,000 clergy and four million Catholic faithful at the synod at Lwow.

Bogus Priests

"In regard to these 216 'priests,' [illegible] it is doubtful whether they were all Catholics, because reliable sources say that N. K. V. D. agents (Russian secret police) were sent by communist authorities to the Ukrainian Catholic parishes as priests in the place of the priests expelled by Russian authorities."

The Bishops refer in their statements to reliable reports "that all possible kinds of persecution have been employed by the communists in their relations with the Ukrainian people." Not only have their Bishops been seized but "the Bolsheviks have killed clergy and laity en masse, have beaten others unmercifully, and exiled many others, among whom were many priests."

Regarding the Rev. Dr. Gavril Kostelnyk, described as an apostate priest, who heads a "Committee of Initiative for the Reunion of the Greek Catholic Church with the Russian Orthodox Church," and who signed the letter to Joseph Stalin announcing the "reunion" with Moscow, the statement recalls that the same Dr. Kostelnyk in 1936 spoke out for the removal of the Schism in the Church and for the restoration of the original Catholic Church, Eastern and Western, under the primacy of the Holy See.

Once Soviet Prisoner

"As a matter of fact," the two Ukrainian Bishops declare, "he was imprisoned by the Soviets. It has been since his release from prison that his attitude has changed."

Soon after the establishment of the "Initiative Group" and the announcement of its declaration of apostasy, over 300 Ukrainian Catholic priests met in Lwow and adopted a statement denouncing Father Kostelnyk's action as "pernicious" and opposed to the Divine truth.

This statement, the two Ukrainian Bishops recall, assured Moscow "that the Ukrainian priests did not desire to interfere in politics, but only to dedicate ourselves entirely to the work of salvation of human souls and our own."

However, this petition, which was dated July 1, 1945, "resulted in the arrest of most of the signatories and in the martyrdom of many of them," Bishops Bohachevsky and Senyshyn declare in their statement, which closes as follows:

"Because the above-mentioned facts are only partial revelations of the atrocities committed by the communists in Western Ukraine, we hope that people of good will and true lovers of freedom will exert all possible efforts to have a commission sent to investigate the abuses committed there."

Cardinal von Galen, Arch Foe of Nazis, Dies

Berlin — (NC) — The death of His Eminence Clemens August Cardinal von Galen, Bishop of Muenster, removes from the turbulent European scene one of the most courageous and persistent of all leaders who arose to defend human rights against the might of Nazism, both before and during the war.

CARDINAL VON GALEN

The 68-year-old prelate, whose death at Muenster on March 22 was announced by British occupation authorities, was elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals just a month ago. He was the second of the newly created Cardinals to die, the first being His Eminence John Cardinal Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis.

During public ceremonies incident to the Consistories at Rome last month, Cardinal von Galen was thrust, unwittingly, in the role of a "show stealer," much to his embarrassment. He was cheered constantly by the people—a tribute to the fearless fight he had made against the enemies of the Church in his own nation. Standing 6 feet, 8 inches, he was a giant of a man, both literally and figuratively.

Youngest of Eleven

The youngest of eleven children of Ferdinand Heribert, Count von Galen, he was born on March 16, 1878, at Dinklage Castle in Oldenburg. He received a profound education in his parental home, made his preliminary studies for the priesthood in Oldenburg, and his theological studies at the universities of Fribourg, Switzerland, Innsbruck and Muenster. He was ordained on May 28 1904 in Muenster.

For the first two years after his ordination, he accompanied his uncle, Bishop Max Gereon, Auxiliary of Muenster, on his episcopal tours of the diocese, and then was called to Berlin, where he remained for 23 years in parish work. In 1929, he returned to Muenster.

On September 5, 1933, Pope Pius XI appointed him Bishop of Muenster. From his first days as a member of the German Hierarchy, through his pastorals, [illegible] his unyielding foe of neo-paganism and [illegible].

Began Battle In '34

As early as 1934, Bishop von Galen in a sermon at Muenster began his battle with Nazism, disclosing a portion of a declaration made by the Bishops at Fulda, and declaring that the Catholic Church was the victim of suppression and injustice, while her priests were being persecuted.

In 1935, he characterized the Nazi doctrines as "idolatry and revolt against the Creator" and declared the "assault on Christianity that we witness in contemporary Germany exceeds in pernicious violence anything known in the past."

Throughout the Nazi regime, none of their acts, threatened or implied, could still the fervor with which Cardinal von Galen fought for the rights and prerogatives of the Church and of

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Mgr. Stedman, Famed Missal Editor, Dies

Brooklyn — (NC) — Msgr. Joseph F. Stedman, editor of the popular "My Sunday Missal" and one of the most widely known priests in the United States has died here at the age of 50 after a brief illness.

He compiled and edited his famous missal in 1936 and already 15,000,000 copies have been distributed. It has been translated into Italian, Spanish, French, Polish, Chinese, Japanese and Indian.

The late Monsignor was chaplain of the retreat house at the Monastery of the Precious Blood and spiritual director of the Confraternity of the Precious Blood, a lay organization with a membership of several hundred thousands scattered over the world.

In addition to "My Sunday Missal," Monsignor Stedman compiled and edited a number of volumes, including the "Jesus, Mary and Joseph Manual," official prayerbook of the Confraternity; "My Lenten Missal"; "My Military Missal"; "My Requiem Missal"; "My Daily Readings from the Four Gospels" and "My Daily Readings from the New Testament," which the United States Government adopted as the official prayerbook for Catholics in the services.

Monsignor Stedman is survived by his brother, the Rev. Edwin J. Stedman, assistant at the Church of Our Lady of the Cenacle, Richmond Hill, N. Y.

50,000 Attend Rites At Montreal Shrine

Montreal — (NC) — More than 50,000 persons, many of them from the United States, attended services at St. Joseph's Oratory, internationally known shrine founded by the late Brother Andre, to mark the feast of St. Joseph.

Archbishop Joseph Charbonneau, of Montreal, officiated at the Pontifical Mass on the morning of the feast which was preceded by a Triduum.

Half N. D. Students Vets

Notre Dame — (NC) — Approximately 1,350 students, or more than one half of the total enrollment of [illegible] for the Spring semester at the University of Notre Dame, are veterans of World War II the registrar has announced. Last semester 600 veterans attended the University.

SOVIET AIDE NABBED SAYS MSGR. SHEEN

New York—(NC)—Americans should be given more information on "the undermining of government by alien and foreign interests," Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, told the members of the Catholic Institute of the Press at their second annual Communion breakfast here.

Monsignor Sheen declared to the press group that "it has not yet been reported in the newspapers, but within the past week in a Congressional committee meeting a full-fledged Soviet agent was picked up."

Declaring that diplomacy has never reached such [illegible] he said that it is "[illegible]" that the State Department should find it necessary to state publicly that all of [illegible] ought to be pro-American."

The subject of the Monsignor's talk to the newspaper, magazine and radio workers was piety, which he said includes loyalty to country as well as to God and to fellow-men.

The Monsignor declared that the Church wants the world to know that it is pro-Russian: "The fellow travelers in the United States and those whose hearts bleed for Red fascism are not nearly as devoted to Russia as we are. We beg the press to proclaim the fact that we are very much pro-Russian. The day cannot come too quickly when they receive the liberties that we enjoy in this country.

"Russia existed long before Red fascism took over and will exist long after Red fascism ceases to exist," the Monsignor remarked, noting that Catholics see the difference between the country and its ruling ideology and attack only the ideology.

Speaking of what he called the rapid division of the world into "the brotherhood of Christ" and "the comradeship of anti-Christ," he said:

"The lines between these two [illegible] battle will be we know not; whether swords will have to be unsheathed we know not; whether blood will have to be shed we know not; whether it will be an armed conflict we know not. But in a conflict between truth and darkness, truth cannot lose."

Nashville Welcomes Cardinal Stritch

Nashville — (NC) — Coming back to his home town for the first time since his elevation to the Sacred College, His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, was accorded a heart-warming, two-day reception.

Outstanding events of the visit included a Pontifical High Mass in the Cathedral of the Incarnation at which Cardinal Stritch presided and Archbishop John A. Floersh of Louisville was the celebrant, and a dinner attended by some 600 religious, civic and professional leaders.

Bishop Asks Prayer At UNO Sessions

Camden — Principles of Christianity "will have to activate the decision of the United Nations Organization if that organization is to prosper," Bishop Bartholomew J. Eustace of Camden counseled in his sermon at a Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception here Sunday. He expressed the hope that the sessions of the UNO Security Council, meeting in New York, will be opened formally with prayer and that a more Christian spirit than heretofore shown will guide the deliberations.

Hungary Shut to Clergy

Vienna — (RNS) — A major worry of Hungarian Protestantism is the iron barrier imposed by Russian occupation authorities which keeps churches isolated from religious groups in other countries. With probably only two exceptions, Protestant leaders have not been able to enter or leave Hungary since the beginning of the war.

ST. ANDREW'S FINAL TOTAL $856,659.61

A total of $856,659.61 or 171.3 per cent of the quota was subscribed by 61,308 individuals in the St. Andrew's Seminary Diamond Jubilee Campaign, an audit completed this week showed, the Rev. John S. Randall, campaign manager reported today.

The Campaign for the new preparatory seminary in the diocese was conducted from February 7 to Feb. 28 and had a goal of $500,000.

The audit revealed that priests of the diocese pledged $96,745, [illegible]. Amount received [illegible] $380,986.86.

[illegible] Contributors

[illegible] campaign headquarters [illegible] plans to have these [illegible] to all contributors by April 1.

Speaking for the Campaign Committee, Father Randall expressed this week "a fervent word of gratitude to the priests of the diocese."

"It conclusively proves that when the priests enthusiastically support an undertaking, the laity respond with marvelous generosity," Father Randall said.

Wuerzburg Cathedral, Hit in Raids, Collapses

Munich — (NC) — As a consequence of the severe air-raids the city of Wuerzburg in Bavaria suffered during the war the magnificent Romanesque Cathedral there has now collapsed.

Recent heavy rainfalls caused the foundations to give way so that the whole central nave of the huge church tumbled down.

Wuerzburg [illegible] its cathedral, considered the most important Romanesque basilica in Germany, was built between the twelfth and fourteenth centuries. The Diocese of Wuerzburg was established in 741 by St. Boniface, Apostle of the Germans. Christianity was first brought to the area by the Irish missionary St. Kilian, whose grave is in Wuerzburg.

Swallows Come To Capistrano

San Juan Capistrano, Calif. —(NC)—The swallows of San Juan Capistrano Mission kept their St. Joseph day appointment this year just as they have done as far back as the Fathers here can remember. On March 19 they came whirling in from the sea, and swooped over the ancient adobe structure which for years has been their summer home.

Two flocks totalling about 350 birds circled over the mission several times and then flew off, hunting for food. The Rev. Arthur J. Hutchinson, rector of the mission, said that the swallows would return in about three weeks to make their nests. Where the swallows make their winter home has long been a riddle to ornithologists.

NEW CHINESE CARDINAL WILL VISIT HERE NEXT MONTH; RECEPTION SET FOR PRELATE

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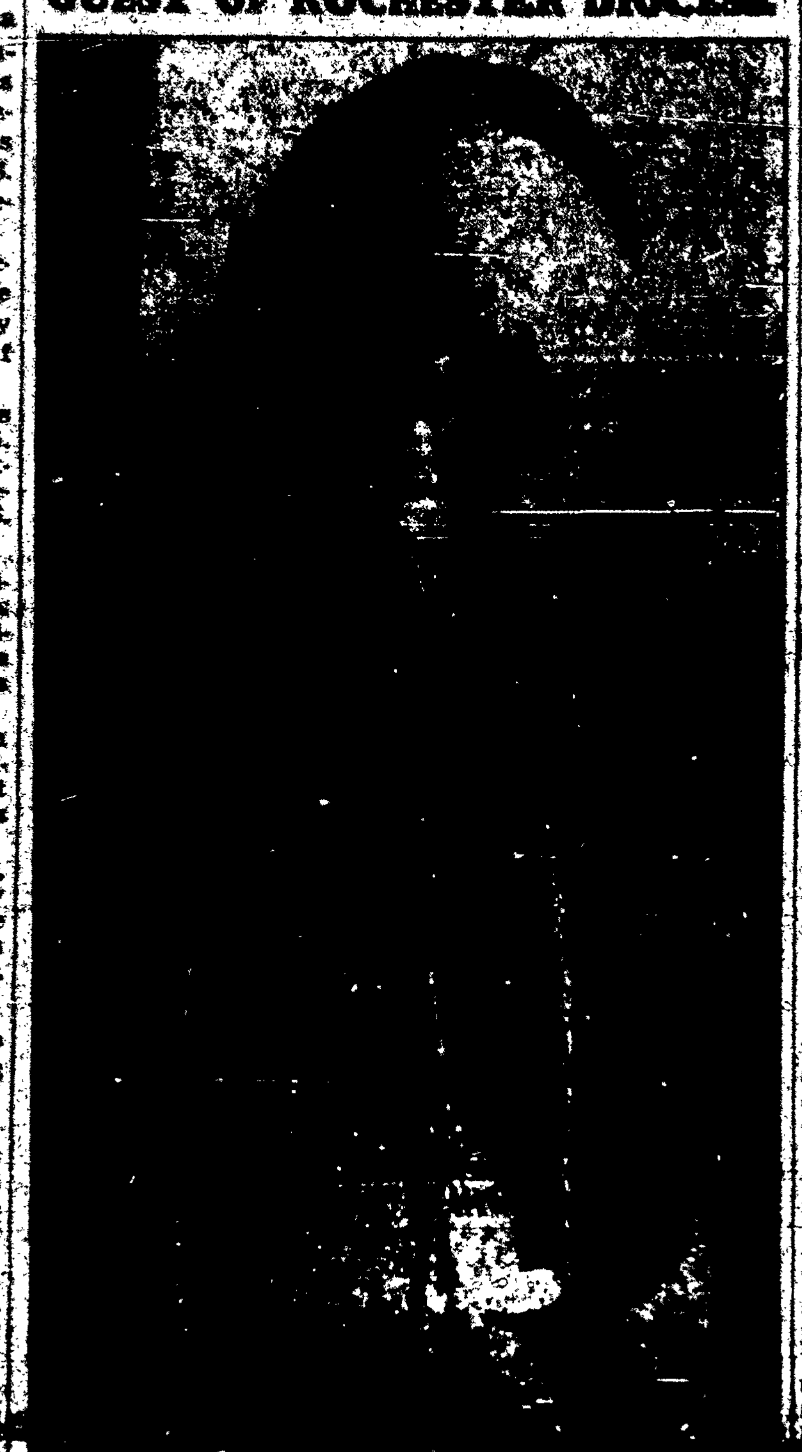

THOMAS CARDINAL TIEN

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Tien, China's first Prince of the Church, will visit Rochester next month.

This announcement was made today by the Rev. Hugo A[illegible] S.V.D., rector of St. Michael's Mission House at Conesus [illegible] will be one of the principal [illegible] during Cardinal Tien's stay [illegible].

A diocesan reception will be held for the Chinese Cardinal, details of which will be announced as soon as a definite date for the visit is set. The visit will mark the first appearance of a Cardinal here since 1933 [illegible] the late Cardinal Hayes [illegible] the present Cardinal Mooney [illegible] Bishop of Rochester.

Cardinal Tien was one of 32 new Princes of the Church to receive their Red Hats at last month's celebrated Vatican consistory. He flew to Rome with Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York, and the late [illegible] Cardinal Glennon of St. Louis.

First SVD Cardinal

The first member of the Society of the Divine Word to become a Cardinal, the Chinese prelate is making a tour of his order's establishments in the United States. He arrived in New York yesterday and is scheduled to go to Boston to assist at ceremonies at which Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston will receive the pallium.

A renowned [illegible] Cardinal Tien was born in [illegible] China fifty-five years ago. He was taken into the Divine Word orphanage at [illegible], the first settlement of Divine Word missionaries at Shantung.

The future Cardinal entered the S. V. D. minor seminary at Yenchowfu in his early youth and completed his studies for the priesthood there, being ordained in 1918. [illegible]

In 1929, Cardinal Tien entered the Divine Word novitiate [illegible] made his religious profession in 1931 and took his final vows in 1934.

He became first Apostolic Prefect of the newly created [illegible] Prefecture. [illegible] in 1939 he travelled by [illegible] 200 miles through [illegible] Japanese battlelines. He was consecrated Vicar Apostolic of Yangku by His Holiness Pope Pius XII on the Feast of Christ the King. He was named Titular Bishop of Ruspe and Vicar Apostolic of Tsingtao in 1942, succeeding the late Bishop George Weig, S.V.D.

POPE SUPPORTS HOOVER MISSION

Vatican City — (Radio, NC)— His Holiness Pope Pius XII has assured former President Herbert Hoover, honorary chairman of the Famine Emergency Committee, of his full understanding of, and active interest in all measures directed toward lessening the hardships in the wake of the war.

Mr. Hoover was introduced to the Pontiff by Harold H. Tittmann and Franklin C. Gowen, both on the staff of Myron C. Taylor, personal representative of the President of the United States at the Holy See. The following members of Mr. Hoover's party were also present at the audience: Hugh Gibson, former U. S. Ambassador to Poland and Belgium; Dr. Dennis Fitzgerald, director of the Office of Requirements and Allocations of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Perrin Galpin, who assisted Mr. Hoover in Belgium during the last war.

The Holy Father told Mr. Hoover that the troubles besetting the world always find the deepest response in the heart of the common father of all peoples and tendered his sincerest wishes for the successful progress of Mr. Hoover's mission, which has so auspiciously begun.

HOME CITY HAILS CARD. MOONEY

Youngstown — (NC) — His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, returned here to offer a Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Columba's Cathedral where he sang his first Solemn Mass 37 years ago. Clergy, Religious and laity swelled the church, and hundreds of Catholic and non-Catholics stood in the streets to honor the new Prince of the Church, whom many had known when he was a youth attending St. Columba's school here.

Bishop James A. McFadden of Youngstown welcomed the Cardinal back to the Diocese where he had studied and labored as a priest. Other members of the Hierarchy present were Bishops Edward F. Hoban of Cleveland and Michael J. Ready of Columbus.

"It is a pleasure to come back to the Youngstown Diocese where many years ago I said my first Mass," Cardinal Mooney replied.

Cardinal Mooney, who had come here from Detroit by auto, was honored at a civic reception in the Youngstown Catholic Action Center in the evening. In the afternoon he visited his sister, Miss Margaret Mooney, and other relatives.

27 Internees Are Ordained

Studied for Priesthood As Prisoners of Japs

Woodstock, Md. — (NC) — A class of 27 Jesuit seminarians, 21 Americans and six Filipinos, most of whom continued their studies for the priesthood while interned by the Japanese in the Philippines, was ordained at Woodstock College here by Bishop John M. McNamara, Auxiliary of Baltimore and of Washington.

The 21 Americans went to the islands several years before the war to study philosophy and to assist the priests of the Jesuit Philippine Mission, especially in teaching high school classes. When war came, the Americans were restricted in their work and later interned at the Los Banos camp, where they were rescued by U. S. paratroopers and Filipino guerrillas in February 1945. The six Filipinos remained in Manila, but joined the Americans here last winter to continue their studies without interruption.

After two more years of study, the 27 newly ordained priests will return to the islands as Jesuit missionaries.

Nun Ends 20-Year Exile

Chicago — (NC) — An exile from Mexico since the days of the Calles persecution in 1926, Mother Mary, superior of the Cordi-Marian settlement for Mexican children here, is accepting the goodbyes of her friends as she leaves for her native land this week. Mother Mary and her companions fled from their convent in Mexico City.

For the "Unusual" in fluid arrangements, for the [illegible] a new baby, or the [illegible] at BLANCHARD'S [illegible] Lake Ave. [illegible] Sundays, 9 A. M. to 12 noon.

Opposition to Reception For Toronto Cardinal Hit

Toronto, Ont. — (NC)—Three of Toronto's dailies deplored the "shameful intolerance" of four aldermen who had opposed the plans for a civic reception in honor of His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto.

The votes of the four aldermen were overridden by the other 12 aldermen who favored the reception. Col. George Drew, Prime Minister of Ontario, announced that the Cardinal would also be greeted at the Provincial Parliament in Toronto.

"Canada's newest Cardinal stands high in the affections of the people of Ontario, who know him well for his good works," the Globe and Mail said. "A civic reception, given or omitted, will not change the high opinion held of His Eminence by those of all faiths," the paper stated, "after a war in which men of all faiths stood together to repel the foe."

"It should be obvious that the ceremony is in merited honor of a Canadian who has achieved a great distinction and, in so doing, has brought distinction to the city, the province and the country," the Telegram commented.

The Star regretted "that this exhibition of prejudice marred the unanimity which should have characterized the occasion. His Eminence is a distinguished citizen who is highly regarded by the community irrespective of religious belief, and it is fitting that the signal honor bestowed upon him should be officially recognized," the daily added.

In This Issue

WITH this issue we welcome you to the pages of a new and greater diocesan newspaper. We hope you will find the added features, new typography and improved printing to your liking.

This issue is packed with your old favorites in addition to new features and special articles. May we call your attention to a few?

AN HISTORICAL VIEW OF CRUCIFIXION—How was Christ crucified? What do students of history consider the medical causes of His death? These questions and many others are answered in a special article by Dr. Elmer McNamara of the St. Bernard's Seminary faculty. See page 7.

A PRIEST MEETS JAPAN'S RED LEADER—From Tokyo Father O'Connor cables a fascinating story of his interview with Japan's Communist leader. The priest's questions are answered with amazing frankness. See page 2.

RUSSIA AND THE UNO—The question of the hour is given a searching analysis by Dr. Richard Pattee, former State Department official and now a staff member of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. See page 2.

"GOD DIED AT THREE O'CLOCK"—Two more generous chapters of Father Brennan's forthcoming book appear in this issue. They make for excellent Lenten reading. See page 5.

OUR EDITORIAL PAGE sparkles with the weekly columns of Father Gillis, Father Flynn, Tom Rogers, Dom Patrick in addition to the editorials and the increasingly popular Information Desk. See page 4.

IN THE WORLD OF BOOKS: You'll find Father Ehmann and John O'Connor excellent guides. Their always interesting columns appear on page 5.

Food Dropped to Missioners, Marooned in Arctic 3 Years

Ottawa — The Royal Canadian Air Force has just completed an emergency flight parachuting supplies to five Oblate missionaries who have been marooned north of the Arctic Circle for almost three years.

The RCAF stepped in to help the missionaries when it was learned at Churchill, Man., that they were in such dire need of food and medicines that they could not wait until the Oblates sent their own rescue plane.

The mercy air mission, 4,000 miles in all, was made from this city. A seven-man crew was on board the RCAF Dakota (Douglas DC-3 transport plane) when it left here loaded with medical supplies harnessed to a special type of parachute. Stops were made at Winnipeg and Churchill, where food and clothing were taken aboard in special containers. The total relief cargo weighed approximately one ton, and was divided into three lots, one for each of the marooned missions at Repulse Bay, Pelly Bay, and Igloolik.

The dropping ground at Repulse Bay was marked off with furs and anything else that showed up against the Arctic ground. The supplies hit the target "right on the nose," one of the flyers declared after his return here, and Eskimos and others could be seen gathering the supplies and moving them into the mission.

At first it was hoped to drop the supplies at each of the missions, but this was found to be impracticable, due to the limited range of the plane, the difficulty of locating the Pelly Bay and Igloolik missions from the air, and the fact that Repulse Bay, with its facilities, was the only station that could be advised of the project in advance.