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Surplus Asked For Natives of Pacific Isles

Washington (AP) — The United States should give a "practical example of leadership" in the treatment of native populations in liberated areas by turning over to them surplus building material for the reconstruction of their war-ravaged churches, schools and homes, said Representative John E. Fogarty of Rhode Island.

The island of Guam "is studied with wrecked churches, chapels and schools," said Representative Fogarty in his statement. "Pitiful efforts are being made by the natives to rebuild some of the chapels using odds and ends of wreckage. Schools are being conducted in many instances under such conditions."

Representative Fogarty, who recently visited many of the Pacific islands as a member of a sub-committee of the House Naval Affairs Committee, declared it to be "a very sad thing" to find, "side by side, as it were, the shattered and destroyed homes, schools and churches of the native population and immense quantities of building materials and supplies, now surplus and in many cases rapidly deteriorating."

He found on the islands, his statement continued, "great quantities of building materials which can never be returned to the United States." Such a proposal would be extremely wasteful, he said, and "much of the building material will soon be fit only for destruction or dumping."

"The island of Guam is particularly notable in this respect," his statement said. "The population of the island, I am informed, is about 60 per cent Catholic. It is apparent that the natives are deeply devout."

"Material, such as concrete, brick, lumber, cement, etc., could easily be turned over to the natives for their rebuilding program," the Congressman suggested. "This would help in a small way to ease their need for their loyalty in the United States. That loyalty has been demonstrated on many occasions during the war."

PAPAL NUNCIO TO REICH DIES

Berlin — Archbishop Cesare Orsenigo, 72, Apostolic Nuncio to Germany for 14 troubled years, died at Rheinstadt, Bavaria.

Archbishop Orsenigo lived in Berlin all through the days of the struggle of the Church with the Nazi regime until his resignation there was destroyed in an air raid early in 1945. He then moved to Rheinstadt, where he was the guest of Bishop Michael Neefl.

Archbishop Orsenigo, it is stated, was to have gone to Rome shortly with the intention of offering the Holy Father his resignation. It is expected in informed quarters that pending the resignation of a nuncio to Germany will be named to succeed him in Berlin.

It is reported that the nuncio's resignation was accepted by the Holy See in August, while traveling in the vicinity of the German hierarchy at Fulda, the Nuncio was injured in an automobile accident.

New Ceylon Prelate Native Sinhalese

Rome (AP) — The Rev. Thomas Corry, O.M.I., has been named titular bishop of Prorone and Coadjutor with the right of succession of Archbishop John M. Leason, O.M.I., of Colombo, Ceylon. It has been announced in a decree of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Archbishop Leason, a member of a Sinhalese Catholic family, was born in 1891 at Negombo, Ceylon. He received his doctorate in philosophy and theology at Rome and a degree of bachelor of divinity in London. He made his profession in the Order of Mary in 1928 and was ordained the following year in Rome.

Since 1934, he has been in charge of the Ceylonese mission in London. He is very popular among the Sinhalese and has been instrumental in the growth of the Ceylonese hierarchy.

Prelate Concerned Over Growth of Liquor Places

St. Louis, Mo., (AP) — Deploring the fact that boys and girls have little or no difficulty in securing alcohol, Archbishop Joseph P. Byrne expressed sharp disapproval of the large number of liquor houses in St. Louis, Mo., and throughout the state.

It is very regrettable, the Archbishop said in a statement here, "that places legally authorized to sell liquor are increasing unmercifully."

Religious Goods Firm Accused

Washington (AP) — A complaint alleging misrepresentation in the sale of crucifixes, medals and novena merchandise has been issued by the Federal Trade Commission against M. B. Waterman & Company, Chicago, and its officers, Max B. Waterman, Dorothea Waterman and Julius W. Kohn.

The complaint charges that the respondents in newspaper and magazine advertisements have made various false and deceptive representations concerning their products, including the following:

That their crucifixes "reproduced from wood and will 'glow all during the night';" that their medals, "Carlo Lucky Stone" is "formed by nature and found in the mountains of Virginia;" that their St. Christopher's medals are "10-karat gold-plated and their rosaries are made from scarce crystals."

According to the complaint, the crucifixes, lucky stones and rosaries are not made of the materials indicated, but are composed of plastic; the St. Christopher's medals are merely gold washed; the complaint alleges that the crucifixes will not "glow all night," as advertised by respondents; nor for any extended period of time unless exposed to strong natural or artificial light.

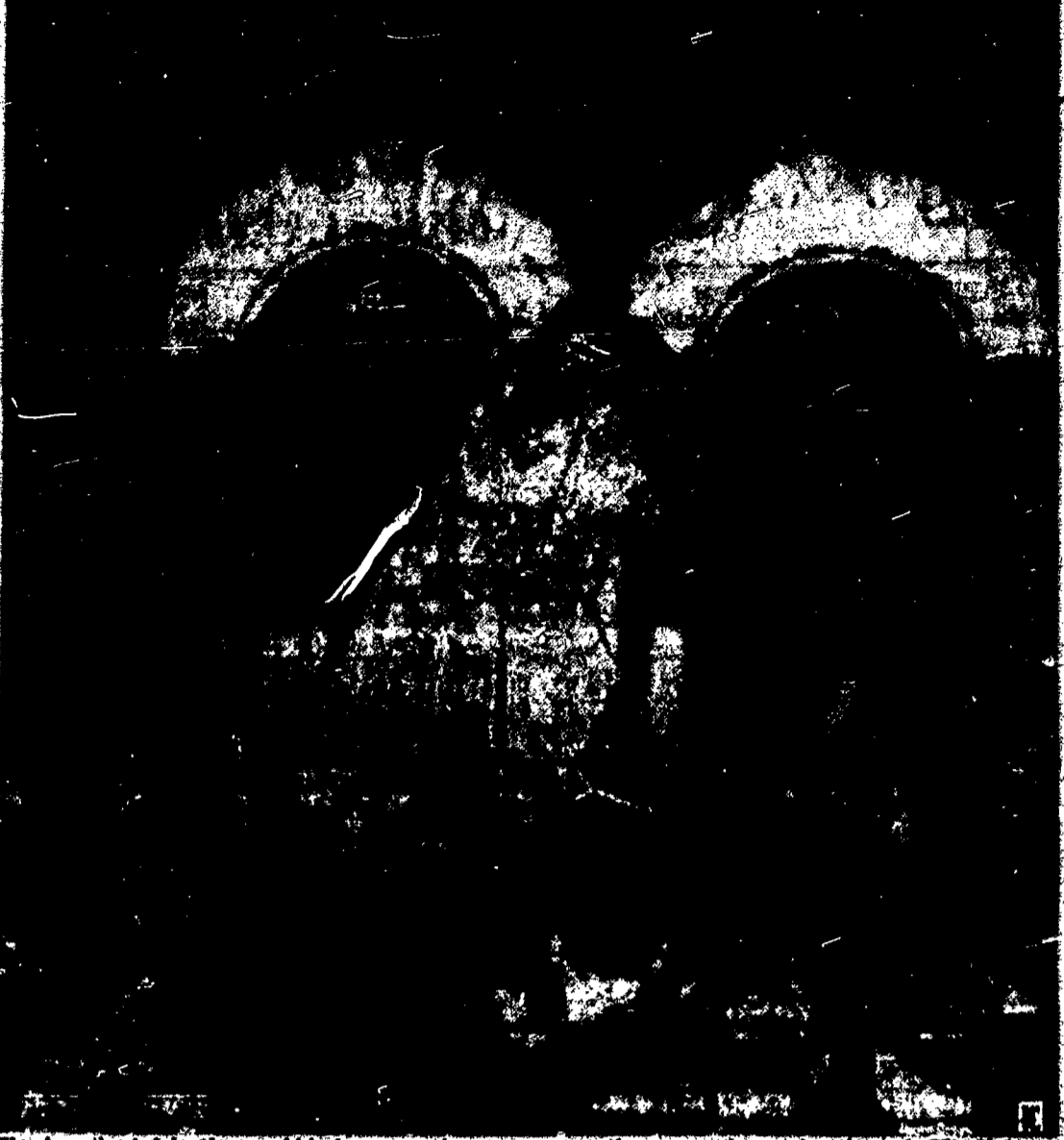
Vatican Denies Claims on Tito

Yugoslav City (Radio, NO) — Observers, however, have rejected charges, brought by New Times, English language newspaper published in Moscow, which accuse the Church of subsidizing "the reactionary part of the Jugoslav press" to bring about the downfall of the Tito regime of Yugoslavia, site of opposing its agrarian reform measures in persecution of Church and religion.

The Moscow newspaper also accused the Church of having contracted former King Peter of Yugoslavia, and organizations led by his War Minister, Dr. M. M. M. (According to recent news from Belgrade, Mihalovich was captured by Tito's forces.)

"We do not see that the Italian press, reactionary or otherwise, has need to be subsidized by the Church in order to be opposed to the new Yugoslav regime," writes Observers in reply. "The Catholic hierarchy in Yugoslavia, the Vatican daily adds, is opposed to the agrarian reform, considering it in part persecution of Church and religion, because the State has taken Church property without any previous agreement and without understanding that such as have been reached in other countries where the Catholic hierarchy have accepted agrarian reform. The Church in Yugoslavia is opposed to the measures because they deprive her of the means of carrying on her mission. Observers writes.

Pius XII Marks Coronation Anniversary



Wearing the triple tiara, which is worn only upon coronation or anniversaries thereof, His Holiness Pope Pius XII is carried on the "sedia gestatoria" through the Duomo Hall on the way to the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican, on March 12, when he celebrated the seventh anniversary of his coronation. He is escorted by members of the Noble Guard. AP-NC Photos.

Slovak Party, Based On Encyclicals, Asked

Fragus (AP) — Slovak Catholics have applied to the "National Front" headquarters here for permission to form a new political party, to be known as the "Christian Democratic Party," with a program based on the Papal Encyclicals and embodying characteristics of the Belgian Catholic JOCIIST movement.

The Christian Democrats hope to create in Slovakia a political organization similar to those that have been successfully launched in France, Italy, Austria and Belgium.

Some of the leaders of the proposed new party are Catholic deputies who have left the Democratic party in Slovakia because of its conservative viewpoint on social matters and its policy in giving preference to the Protestant minority in Slovakia.

Featured in the program of the new party are these aims:

- 1.—To work for the return of Catholic hands of schools operated by the Church and by religious communities prior to the nationalization of all Slovak schools.
- 2.—To work for the full freedom of the press and to revive the Catholic periodicals which have not yet been permitted to resume publication.

The leaders of the new party are aware that they will have to face some development which arise from the internal political situation in Slovakia. The biggest hurdle will be the impending trial on war crime charges of Magr. Joseph Tiso, who was the head of the Slovak autonomous regime from 1939 to 1945. Magr. Tiso's fate is one of the most discussed questions in Slovakia at the present time.

The new party, if it enters the coalition government, will also have to face the aggressive opposition of the Communist party, now very powerful in Slovakia, and will find it difficult to force home all of its demands. In spite of obstacles, the Catholics in Slovakia have decided to enter the political arena in an endeavor to regain the leading position they formerly occupied and which they merit by their numerical strength.

Chicago (AP) — Seven Chicagoans have been named Knights of St. Gregory and three honored with the medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Universal N. D. Night To Honor War Heroes

Notre Dame, Ind. — The memory of more than 300 alumni and former students of the University of Notre Dame who died for their country in World War II will be honored at the twenty-third annual observance of Universal Notre Dame Night on Monday, April 29, by Notre Dame alumni clubs throughout the United States and in several foreign countries.

Tentative plans call for a national radio hookup which will be carried to members of individual clubs assembled at designated places for dinners and local programs based on the central theme of Universal Notre Dame Night.

Identified Masterpieces Return
Scarboro, Me., (AP) — (NC) — Missionaries of the Scarborough Foreign Mission Society are returning their work in the bomb-shattered areas of China following their release from internment camps in Japan.

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