

Toronto Salutes Card. McGuigan

Toronto—(NC)—"Now more than ever before in the world's history eternal vigilance is the price of freedom." His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, declared upon his return from Rome, when he was honored with one of the greatest receptions this centuries-old city ever has staged.

Card. von Galen Buried in Ruins Of Family Chapel

Muenster—(NC)—Thronged of the faithful who had come from all over his diocese, which numbers two millions souls, overflowed this city to attend the funeral of Clemens August Cardinal von Galen, late Bishop of Muenster, who was buried amidst the ruins of his family chapel here.

Only a few hours before his death the Cardinal had expressed the wish that this spot amidst the shattered remains of his Cathedral be chosen as his final resting place. Only three walls of the family chapel remain standing.

Joseph Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, Konrad Cardinal von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin, Archbishop Lorenz Jager of Paderborn, and the Bishops of Osnabrueck, Hildesheim and Aachen were among the German prelates present at the Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem, offered in the Kreuzkirche, the only church that remains standing though in a damaged condition. Cardinal von Preysing offered the Mass and Cardinal Frings delivered the sermon.

Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, came from London to attend the funeral. Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery addressed a special message of condolence to Cardinal Frings, Metropolitan of Cologne.

A quarter-mile procession through the streets of the city preceded the funeral Mass. The Cardinal's coffin was in an open car covered with the green branches of fir trees and was drawn by four horses. The thousands of faithful who turned out en masse to render last homage to their beloved Cardinal said that never before in history had the city's streets been so crowded. The Cardinal's body was committed to the tomb by Bishop Henry Rolet, Auxiliary of Muenster.

Bus Rides Are Constitutional

Jefferson City, Mo. (RNS)—Attorney General J. E. Taylor ruled here that transportation of parochial school children by public school carriers is constitutional.

The state's legal officer ruled that although the new state constitution, passed in 1945, holds neither the general assembly nor any state subdivision shall allot money in aid of any religious group, the state's compulsory school laws make it necessary to provide for public transportation of students who elect to attend private schools.

Red Army Monuments Blown up in Poland

London—(CIP)—In Lodz, the second-largest city in Poland, the Red Army Monument in Poniatowski Park was dynamited in the night of February 12 by unknown persons. Previously the Red Army monuments of Bydgoszcz (Bromberg) and Chelmno (Culm) were destroyed under similar mysterious circumstances.

A Protestant Comment

Dorothy Thompson Talks Of Church Conversions

New York—(NC)—The "increasing number of infidel Americans" who have recently joined the Catholic Church have turned "to the oldest root of Christianity as a link in the divine tradition, return to the root and arms of the mother," writes Dorothy Thompson, nationally-known columnist in the "Commonweal."

"The 'peculiar religion' fascism, communism and the neo-liberalism which holds that 'the scorpions in man will automatically disappear when his struggle for existence, as opposed by economic security and equality, is secured through the state,' have failed, man, Miss Thompson writes, 'is not the spirit, 'frustrated and dismayed' by these mechanical systems that ignore the soul, 'searches through the dazzling gloom for one gleam of kindly light.'"

Miss Thompson never finding his true rest among the types that have been set up, 'the worker, 'the' capitalist, 'the' liberal, 'the' reactionary, is lonely as he seldom has been, yet longing, as he seldom has, for a community, Miss Thompson writes, adding:

"But a community exists, supra-national and supra-economic, a unity with diversity, a House of many mansions, open to rich and poor, worker and employer, saint and sinner, carrying the authority of survival over two millions, sentiment of the wayward, administrator of the electors and kings, speaking in all languages, conscious of human frailty and human glory, offer of refuge for holy, just and sense, something and receiving discipline without army, police or concentration camps, welcoming Jew and Gentile, host or free, in the same act in service to the Prince of peace, humility and brotherhood; the Son of God, before the spirit and symbol of Whom the Pope himself kneels."

Miss Thompson, while declaring that the conversion of millions of Americans to the Church, notes that her comments are made as a Protestant who "remains with the faith of her fathers."



Stop Construction Order Hits Building of Churches

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—The sweeping "stop construction" order announced here by the National Housing Administration and the Civilian Production Administration necessarily will postpone building plans of churches and church-related institutions, but government officials expressed hope that the delay would be only a matter of months.

"We realize that the order will be a handicap to ministers, rabbis, priests and officials of church-related institutions who had been planning to begin construction in the immediate future on new buildings, but we believe they are willing to wait if the order means more homes for veterans—as it does," one high official said here.

The "stop" order, effective immediately, permits completion of any construction already begun provided any of the materials which are to be an integral part of the structure have been incorporated in it on the site before March 28, and if work was being done on the project at that date.

The order does not apply to construction, repair, alteration or installation jobs on churches, hospitals, or charitable institutions for which the total cost will not exceed \$100,000.

Under the order no job which ordinarily would be done as a single piece of work may be subdivided for the purpose of coming within the cost allowance. However, there is no limit on the number of separate jobs which may be undertaken while the order is in effect.

Mission Hospitals Get Microscopes

New York, March 28—(NC)—A large and miscellaneous gift of microscopes has been sent out by the Catholic Medical Mission Board here to foreign missions in Shanghai, Burma, Shanghai, China, Gambia, S. West Africa, Victoria, British Cameroons, Tanganyika Territory, East Africa, Rabaul, New Guinea and Oyoja Leper Settlement in South Nigeria.



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NEW POLISH CARDINAL IS WELCOMED

By MAX JORDAN

Cracow, Poland—(NC)—As in the case of the new German Cardinal, the French Government extended special courtesies to His Eminence Adam Cardinal Sapieha, Archbishop of Cracow, when this eminent Prince of the Church found himself in need of transportation on his way to Poland from the Consistory in Vatican City.

The Cardinal said in the course of a special interview that he was met at the Italian border by French authorities who put a special train at his disposal. During a stopover at Innsbruck, Austria, the French commanding general attended him and his party at dinner.

The entire city of Cracow turned out for the Cardinal's reception, even though the hour of his arrival was not announced beforehand. An incident that occurred at the reception—of which I was informed by a non-Catholic source—illustrates the Cardinal's popularity.

It happened that the Socialist Party was holding a mass meeting at the very hour of the Cardinal's arrival. The speaker suddenly found himself without listeners as his audience rushed to the windows to see Cardinal Sapieha riding by amidst the enthusiastic cheering of crowds on the street. When the speaker complained that his audience was apparently more interested in a private than in political matters, a worker in the audience got up and said, "We won't permit derogatory remarks about our Cardinal!"

The rank and file of the people of Poland feel the same way about their Church, around whose leaders they rallied with touching loyalty during the war-time occupation and to whom they look for guidance during this difficult transition period, particularly when legislative measures are being adopted by the new government—such as those in the field of education and marriage—which are not entirely Catholic in principle.

Polish Faith Strong

Ever since the severance of Polish diplomatic relations with the Holy See, propaganda has emanated consistently from quarters hostile to the Church trying to make it appear that the Holy Father shows no concern for the Polish nation. The Catholic press, whose paper supply and circulation is extremely limited, has no means to counteract such damaging influence on public opinion. Still, it has become clear that even with the suspension of official

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