

# Austrian Church Seeks Workers

**VIENNA — (RNS) —** An immediate aim of the Catholic Church in Austria is to win back the loyalty of workers who were alienated during the Nazi regime, Theodor Cardinal Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna, declared in an interview here. He reported that improvements have taken place in all phases of church life since the liberation of Austria last summer.

"We must bridge the gap between the Church and the workers," Cardinal Innitzer said. "We must not bind ourselves so strongly to the conservative parties that the workers feel that the Church belongs to these groups."

The 76-year-old churchman warned, however, that priests must not meddle in politics. He recalled his order to Church officials last Fall forbidding priests to make political statements or to engage in political activities without special authorization.

One way to win allegiances of workers will be increased emphasis on the principles of social justice set forth in encyclicals and statements by Popes from Leo XIII to Pius XII, Cardinal Innitzer said.

"Meanwhile," he added, "we

# PADRE WAITS FOR SUPPER



In a jungle clearing in Bolivia, a Marist mission, Father Joseph Hahn of New Orleans, long Island, poses to take supper with a native family. The husband, a rubber worker, appears as his karate wife prepares the evening meal. (CNC Photo)

# Revolt Plan In Slovakia Is Denied

**PRAGUE — (NC) —** Dismissing talk of a "Catholic revolution in Slovakia" as a "myth," the priest, author of an article in *Katolícke Noviny*, weekly journal published in Bratislava, declares that Catholics are not prepared to fight for their rights in a legal way, using such democratic liberties as are at their disposal at the moment.

"Catholics are not a revolutionary element," writes the Rev. Juraj Kozma-Matejov, who has been active in Slovak Catholic journalism for many years. "Legal security and order had their best friend and defender in the Catholic Church, which has never been and cannot be a destructive force. On the contrary, the Church is a reliable, constructive force."

Commenting on reports about "Catholic reactionary activities" which have appeared in the radical press of Slovakia and abroad, Father Kozma-Matejov declares such reports to be "quite untrue" and adds:

"I wish that some individual, prominent citizens here were guilty of anti-State offenses, his nothing to do with the activities of Slovak Catholics as a whole."

The priest-author took occasion to denounce in strong terms the campaign of scandal directed against the Rev. Tomislav Kovalek, who is still being held in Prague jail pending further investigation of his alleged anti-State activities.

Meanwhile, it has become known that attempts to form a political party for Catholics in Slovakia have failed, because the organizers found it impossible to accept conditions demanded by the "National Front" for granting permission for forming the new party.

These conditions included the recognition of the status quo in the field of education, the nationalization of professional church-owned schools, and the liquidation of all religious orders which are non-meaning Catholicism would recognize.

The Rev. Andrew Criscek, Canon of the cathedral in Bratislava, who was one of the leaders in the movement to organize a Catholic party, and several other leading Catholic politicians have consequently decided to support the Democratic party of Slovakia, in which they have received prominent functions during the forthcoming general elections scheduled for May 26. Their decision is believed to have been partly prompted by the desire to strengthen Catholic influence within the party, which hitherto has been under strong Protestant auspices.

Writing in *Case Times* the daily newspaper of the Democratic party, Father Criscek warns Slovaks' Catholics, who form 80 per cent of the total population, against assuming a passive attitude in the political arena. Such passivity, he holds, would be disastrous to Catholic interests.

**State Veteran Group Honors Famed WAC**  
Miss Margaret Hastings of Oswego, N. Y., world-famed WAC who was rescued by plane and glider from the jungles of "Shangri-La," was nominated for honorary vice-president of the New York State Veterans of World War II, Inc., at a recent meeting of the executive committee in Utica.

She is a member of St. Patrick's parish in Oswego.

**Columbus Fathers In Manila**  
St. Columban, Neb. — (NC) — Four Columban Fathers have arrived in Manila to bring to life the number of Columban missionaries who have been sent to the Philippines within the last six months.

# U. S. Home for Stranded Polish Soldiers Asked

**WASHINGTON — (NC) —** The future of 200,000 Allied soldiers—the men of Gen. Wladislaw Anders' Second Polish Corps, now stranded in Italy, has been called to American attention by Lieut. Gen. C. H. Lee, commander of American forces in the Mediterranean, whose proposal that some of these soldiers be admitted to the United States is in the hands of the State Department here.

According to a State Department official, the present immigration regulations provide that 6,000 Polish nationals may be admitted to the United States each year, and 40 per cent of these must come from American-occupied areas in Germany and Austria. The power to raise this quota rests only with Congress.

Many members of the Polish forces, it is reported, have resisted efforts to return them to their homeland on the ground that they fear Soviet reprisals and place no trust in the statement of the Warsaw government circulated among them that only those guilty of "high treason" would be subject to punishment.

These Polish soldiers have fought in the Allied cause in many of the "great battles" of World War II, first in their homeland, then in France, Norway, Libya, Italy, where they took part in the capture of Monte Cassino, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Ships of the Polish Navy and merchant marine have been in action in almost all important sea operations in the Atlantic. Polish airmen are said to have shot down every eighth plane destroyed over Britain in the siege days of 1940 and 1941. About 40,000 of the Polish exile soldiers are survivors of Soviet prisons; captured by the Russians in 1939 they were let out to the Middle East in 1942 by General Anders, at a cost of the short-lived Sikorski-Baltar agreement.

**French Family Measure Beaten**  
Paris — Christian Democrats and conservatives made a courageous but futile attempt to include a declaration to the effect that the normal family is one founded upon marriage and therefore that the State has the duty of favoring stability of the home in an article of the Constitution before the National Constitutional Assembly.

The issue was raised when the assembly's draft majority put forward an article providing that the nation guarantee to families the necessities for their natural development and equal protection for all mothers and children.

It was brought out in the course of the debate that the real purpose of left-wing groups was to favor unmarried mothers and to minimize the family founded on marriage. A woman socialist argued that unmarried mothers should be protected for their courage and a woman communist contended they should be given first consideration.

When the issue came to a vote the left-wingers defeated the amendment by a vote of 312 to 223.

**Exile Polish Priests**  
New York — (NC) — Polish priests now living in France, expressing their faith that "God's providence will bring forth the Polish nation, which was and still is, fighting for the common ideals of Christianity," have urged their countrymen never to accede to the abolishment of religious teaching in Polish schools, according to the Inter-Catholic Press Agency.

**STRANGE BUT TRUE**  
Little-Known Facts for Catholics  
By M. J. MURRAY

Q. I have misplaced, or lost, my discharge papers and understand it will take a little while to get a duplicate of my discharge from the Army. How can I apply for a pension, due to my disability, without having a discharge to show at the Veterans Administration?

A. In making application at the Veterans' Administration submit a notarized statement as to the loss of your discharge papers, and state your full name, present address, your Army serial number, place of your induction, your rank at time of discharge and place where you were discharged. Your local Draft Board may also be able to furnish you with a transcript of your separation from service which is forwarded to them.

Q. I drew readjustment pay for 8 weeks and then took a temporary job which has just terminated. Can I again apply for unemployment payments?

A. Yes, weekly unemployment readjustment allowance need not be paid in consecutive weeks. You are entitled under the G. I. Bill to draw \$20 a week until you have used up your 52 week entitlement, providing you are unemployed.

# Leaves Navy

**REV. J. L. MAXWELL**  
Completing three years and three months service, Chaplain John L. Maxwell with the rank of Lieutenant Commander has been released from active duty in the United States Navy accompanied by a commendation from his commanding officer.

# NAVY COMMENDS FATHER MAXWELL

On being separated, Father Maxwell, a priest of the Rochester diocese received the following commendatory letter from Captain G. E. Robertson, Medical Corps U. S. Navy and medical officer in command at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn.

"On the occasion of your release from active duty I desire to express my appreciation of the service which you have rendered to the Navy during the war."

In addition to your tour of duty in this hospital from July 10, 1945, to May 3, 1946, you served at the following stations: Naval Training School (Chaplain) Williamsburg, Va., March 8, 1945, to May 10, 1945; Naval Training Station, Sampson, N. Y., May 21, 1945, to Feb. 21, 1946; Navy Yard, N. Y., from March 8, 1944, to March 8, 1945; U. S. Army, Arlington, April 18, 1944, to June 16, 1944, and Headquarters Third Naval District, New York, N. Y., July 3, 1943, to July 9, 1943.

"You performed your duties here as Catholic Chaplain in a very excellent manner. You contributed greatly to the successful functioning of this hospital."

Aboard the U. S. S. *Arlington*, a transport Chaplain Maxwell touched at Pearl Harbor, Seattle, and San Francisco harbors in his tour of sea duty.

Prior to being commissioned in the Navy on March 7, 1943, he was pastor of St. Ignace's Church, Scipio Center.

# New Bishop Active In Cooperatives

**Sydney, Nova Scotia —** Thirteen members of the Canadian Hierarchy, 32 members of the clergy and hundreds of the laity were in the congregation at the consecration of Bishop George Leon Landry as Ordinary of Hearst, Ontario, in Sacred Heart Church here.

Bishop Landry has been a leader in the cooperative movement. He has been prominent in the work to be started at the Police State. The others were Bishop James Boyce of Charlotteville, and Bishop John R. McDonald, Coadjutor of Antigonish.

# Concentration Camp Liberation Marked

**Paris — (NC) —** A solemn Mass was offered at the Cathedral of Notre Dame here on the anniversary of the liberation of the Buchenwald concentration camp by the American Army.

His Eminence Emmanuel Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, presided at the Mass, which was attended by Jefferson Caffery, U. S. Ambassador, Minister for the moment, and a former prisoner of Buchenwald, and a number of other French Government officials.

# Chaplain's Memorial Window Dedicated

**Providence — (NC) —** Catholic, Protestant and Jewish chaplains who served in the armed forces have been honored together in a stained glass window, donated anonymously, which has been dedicated in the Little Chapel at Brown University, here.

# Europe Furnished Most Missionaries Before War

**St. Louis, Mo. —** Europe supplied 90% of the missionary priests before the war, the United States 9%, according to an article, "The Religious Vocation," by the Rev. George J. Gottwald, in the March issue of *Directors' Bulletin*, one of the publications of the central office of the Sodality in the United States.

The article states that 17,000 priests served in the Army for France, 5,000 met death in the Spanish civil war, in Poland 3,100 are known to have been killed.

# rites held for T. J. Brennan

**Boston funeral services for Thomas J. Brennan, father of two priests and brother of a nun, were conducted Monday, May 11, 1948, in Holy Family Church. Mr. Brennan died Friday, May 10, 1948, at his home, 89 Selig Ave., Rochester.**

The solemn Requiem Mass was offered by one of his sons, the Rev. Thomas J. Brennan, assisted by the Rev. Vincent Davis, S.S.C., as deacon, and the Rev. John Wozniak, as subdeacon.

His Eminence, Bishop Neasey imparted the final anointment.

Mr. Brennan's other priest-son, the Rev. Richard Brennan, a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, is stationed in the Howell missions. The sister, Sister M. Lucia, is with the Sisters of Charity in Dearborn, Mich.

Attending the services were the Rev. Rev. Messrs. William H. Hart, V. G., and St. Paul, Messrs. George W. Burns, the Rev. Rev. Messrs. Charles F. Berg, and the Reverend Fathers: Edward L. O'Connell, Darryl Selgen, Paul Wozniak, John Maher, Richard O'Connell, Edward J. O'Connell, S.S.C., Eugene E. McFarland, Richard T. Torney, George V. Prosser, Howard Cook, John Duddy, Gerald T. Brennan, Arthur Wozniak, Jerome F. Schifano, Daniel H. Sullivan, Hubert A. Blakey, J. P. O'Brien, Edward J. Fox, John S. Hayes, Francis M. Fennay, Harold F. Rogers, Beecher Sullivan, Gerald Lambert, Austin B. Hanna, Edward J. McAniff, John S. Randall, Joseph O'Connell, Joseph F. Hogan, Wilfred S. Craugh, John J. Burns, Albert J. Geiger, William J. Blay, James O'Connell, W. J. Duggan, J. S. H. Thomas, F. Connor, James Slatery, Robert McNamara, William Shanley, John Mahony, Lawrence S. Gandy, John Morgan, John Treacy, Raymond J. Wahl, Ralph J. Meyer, Michael J. Tydings, Daniel E. O'Rourke, Robert A. Kelly, Thomas Taylor, George C. Vogt, Benedict A. Ehrmann, Francis Lasky, Edna Edelman.

Surviving besides the two priests and son are Mr. Brennan's widow, Mrs. Agnes Cooney Brennan; two daughters, Mrs. Martin Dewling, Jr., and Miss Mary Adelaide Brennan; four other sons, Herbert V. Brennan, J. Paul Brennan, Donald J. Brennan, and Edward E. Brennan of Rochester; brother-in-law, Mrs. John Connor of Rochester, and 15 grandchildren.

# Guild Sets Meeting

**English Falls —** The May meeting of St. Patrick's Guild and Altar Society will be held Monday evening, May 18, in the school auditorium. Miss Elizabeth Moreland, president, will conduct the meeting. Miss Birdeau Company is May chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

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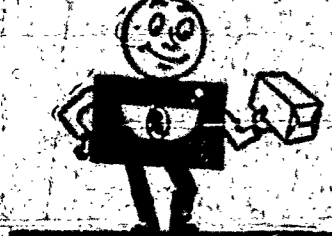
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