

On Guard!

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To correct this sorry and apologetic situation our ONE interested Catholic woman offers a practical program. She writes: "I would suggest a Maternity Guild in every parish whose members, especially older women, are prepared to assume responsibility for supplying extra-clinical aid to prospective and newly-born mothers in the parish."

"I believe," writes our correspondent, "such active aid and encouragement to families would do much more to combat the activities of Birth Control than all the deploring, de-crying, and wailing of the wrath of Heaven. Here is, indeed, a chance for the lay Apostolate and for many other women to do something more useful than spending long afternoons and evenings in futile pleasure seeking."

"May your column," concludes our writer, "soon champion the greater and more constructive activity of a working Maternity Guild. All right, Lady. We are more than willing to play the role of president for any organization so noble and valuable in its purpose as a Maternity Guild of Catholic women. The fight against Birth Control is a work of Christian mercy. It is a fight to give the unborn a chance to live, to know and to love God. It is a fight to save little bodies and souls, whom God will love if only mothers can be made to want them. Let Catholic women organize to save children and the Catholic Press will be only too glad to cheer their efforts. Today Catholic writers in a rear-guard action are forced to expose in print the shameful attempts of Birth Controllers to destroy children. It will be a happy day when we can write that Catholic women are equally aggressive in trying to save children."

Our correspondent's suggested program for a parish Maternity Guild is very good and very commendable but we wonder if it is good enough to match effectively the highly organized strategy of the Birth Controllers. The Planned Parenthood Society has a central office or headquarters in most cities and towns. It operates on an annual budget raised through donation and is assisted by a large corps of volunteer help. From each of these central offices a well-planned and intelligent campaign of propaganda is continually aimed not only at the general public but particularly at key people in the professional class.

Could Catholic women organize their Maternity Guilds in the same highly efficient and centralized way in which the Birth Control units are established? WHY NOT? In one city we know, the current budget of the Birth Control group is about \$15,000. If half the Catholic women of the same city would pool one dollar apiece, they would easily double the financial prowess of the Planned Parenthood agents. Go ahead, Ladies. This is YOUR job!

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Says N. Y. Times Correspondent Armed Peace for Next Few Years Best We Can Hope from Red Russia

By special arrangement with The New York Times, the Courier Journal presents the following article about conditions in Russia as reported by Brooks Atkinson, who served as Times correspondent in Moscow from August, 1945 to May, 1946.

In the attempt to establish workable relations with the Government of the Soviet Union we have to abandon the familiar concepts of friendship. Friendship in the sense of intimate association and political compromise is not wanted, is not possible as it is not involved. For the Soviet Government "apparatus" is a Russian machine, and "Russian" apparatus, like "Soviet" apparatus, is a machine, and all attempts to deal with it in terms of friendship are doomed to failure.

Where our interests lie, we have to apply equal power in the opposite direction. This is the most reactionary method of arranging world affairs. But the spirit of the Soviet Government is fundamentally reactionary, as its attitude toward defeated nations and the behavior of the Red Army in Manchuria suggest.

Accustomed to the use of force inside the Soviet Union, the Soviet Government instinctively thinks in terms of force in its external affairs. Westerners who have seen that force in action are shocked by the mechanical power with which it crushes opposition, builds political bases and pushes people around. It recognizes no margin of tolerance between those who have submitted to it and those who have not.

Why are the Russians so difficult? There are a great many reasons. One reason is that their

Twenty Priests Reported Slain in Red Province

Twenty priests have been slain by anti-clerical elements in the strongly Communist province of Emilia in the past six months, Observatore Romano, official Vatican organ declared in a vigorous editorial calling upon authorities to take measures to end the "reign of terror."

Observatore's demand came after it was reported that two men had called on Father Giuseppe Rasori at his home in San Martino Cassio, nine miles outside Bologna, and insisted that he produce firearms which they claimed he had hidden on the premises. Before the priest had time to answer, his callers shot him and fled.

In several instances, priests have been summoned to spontaneous sick calls late at night and on leaving their homes have been killed. In other cases, the slayings have been preceded by requests such as that made to Father Rasori.

Bishop Speaks Out Recently, Bishop Eduardo Brettoni, of Reggio, urged town authorities to act more vigorously against priest-hunting anti-clericals. "In such a way as to end these crimes."

"I claim justice for all coats," Bishop Brettoni declared, "because if justice is not done it injures the interest not only of Italy but of the whole world. It is high time to end these heinous crimes."

One reason for the attacks on priests in Emilia is said to be the outspoken manner in which churchmen have denounced the activities of guerrilla mountain groups against political adversaries.

Catholic World Hails First U. S. Citizen Saint at Solemn Vatican Rites Canonizing Mother Cabrini

Pope and Cardinal Honor Saint



Cardinal Spellman is selected kneeling in prayer before the chapel altar in New York's Sacred Heart High School where the body of the first U. S. Saint is entombed. Prayers at the right by Pope Pius XII entering St. Peter's Basilica Sunday for the canonization rite.

The canonization, solemn and over-nigh, solemn but colorful, were conducted in the great Basilica of St. Peter, but the glory of it all was reflected throughout the length and breadth of the United States—the adopted country of the new saint.

The ritual which gave the United States its first citizen-saint lasted four hours, as a shortness of time. Omitted were the triple postulations which would have been necessary to canonize her.

Thirty thousand pilgrims were in the vast Basilica to hear His Holiness Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaim the Foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart a Saint. The Holy Father announced December 29—the date of her death in Chicago in 1917—as her Feast Day.

The immediate canonization of the Italian was greeted with many other thousands, many of whom had congregated as early as 4 a. m. when the solemn and colorful procession which opened the canonization opened its way to the vast church.

Bishops took part in the brilliant ceremonies. Heading the pilgrims who came from various sections of the United States were His Excellency Archbishop American Giovanni Cappelletti, Apostolic Delegate in Washington; Bishop Gerald P. O'Connell of Savannah, Ga.; Bishop Agostino J. Rossini of Chicago, who is currently in Chicago with his wife and children; and the American Military Commanding Bishop Charles Francis O'Connell of Alexandria, La., and Bishop Edward J. Sheil, Auxiliary of Chicago, who arrived in Rome by plane only the day before. Also present were some 80 Catholic Cardinals from 40 countries.

Theater of Operas who came to the Eternal City for this historic occasion was designated as the extraordinary honor. Heading them were John J. Birmingham of New York, Edward J. Frenders of New Orleans and John Rourke of Lafayette, La., helped to carry the canopy beneath which the Holy Father was borne into the basilica on the gestatorial chair.

The Rev. Salvatore Burgio, C. M., initiator of the cause for canonization at Mother Elizabeth School, founder of the Sisters of Charity in the United States, had a place near the Pope's throne throughout the ceremony.

Other presentees: Most Rev. George J. Casey, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, who was chosen to present one of the canonical decrees offered to the Pope at the end of the canonization ceremony as a traditional offering. Bishop Pietro Calchi Novati of Lugano, Italy; Mother Cabrini's biographer also present as one of the families.

At the head of the procession, which formed in the Sala Regia of the Vatican and entered the great basilica through the main portal, was Archbishop Luigi Traglia, Vicar-General of Rome. He was escorted by ecclesiastical and lay personnel of the Rome Vicariate, and by other notables carrying a gilded standard which as image of Mother Cabrini was transported in the line of march. In the line of march were the bodies of the canonized saint, which were escorted by ecclesiastical and lay personnel of the Rome Vicariate, and by other notables carrying a gilded standard which as image of Mother Cabrini was transported in the line of march.

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Peter's Pence

The annual Peter's Pence Collection in behalf of the Holy Father will be taken up in the churches of the Rochester Diocese this Sunday.

In a letter of appeal, read at St. James' last Sunday, His Excellency Bishop Kearney pointed to the plight of Europe and stated that Pope Pius XII is called upon to alleviate the condition of his children all over the world.

"Nations that were generous supporters of His Holiness in the past," the Bishop explained, "and themselves incapable of feeding their own people. For that reason, our responsibility is all the greater."

Recalling this decade's tradition for generosity to the Holy See, Bishop Kearney expressed the confidence "that in this most crucial year, the Diocese of Rochester will offer such a generous collection to His Holiness, that he will find some consolation in our charity and loyalty, as an antidote for the grief and care which must weigh so heavily upon his heart."

Reds Ask Suppression Of Church in Hungary

Budapest — (INS) — Hungary's conservative small-holder party has charged that the Soviet occupation forces are attempting to split its leadership and force it out of power.

TWO U.S. BISHOPS LAND IN JAPAN

Tokyo — (INS) — On the first day of July after the war, an Air Transport Command C-54 slid down from the grey overcast sky onto the Atsugi Airfield here, bringing to Japan Bishops John F. O'Hara of Buffalo, and Michael J. Ready, of Columbus, who have come at the request of the Holy See to make a study of the post-war problems of the Church in Japan.

Archbishop Paul Marcell, Apostolic Delegate to Japan, Archbishop Peter Tatsuo Su of Tokyo and Chief Justice John P. Higgins of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, who came to Tokyo as a member of the International Military Tribunal, headed a group of priests, and laymen welcoming the two Bishops.

Government officials stated that removal of parliamentary immunity would open the way to the purge of members representing the small-holder party.

Lair Urged to Ask Assumption Definition

London — (NC) — His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, has issued an appeal to the laity to petition the Holy Father for formal definition of the dogma of the Assumption. The hierarchy has already made such an appeal.

The Cardinal issued an example of how petitions should be drafted and announced that the Westminster authorities will forward any petitions received from the dioceses.

Midweek Retreat Set at Geneva

A special mid-week laymen's retreat will be conducted at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva, commencing Tuesday evening, July 29 and ending Thursday afternoon, July 31. These mid-week exercises are for the convenience of any man not able to make a 23 weeked. Reservations must be made promptly with the Rev. Augustus A. Stewart, C.S.B., at the Retreat House on shore, Frank E. Wolfe, Phone 4281, Rochester.

CARMELITES PICK AUBURN PRIOR

Rev. Patrick Russell, O. Carm., is the first Prior of Whitefriars, the new Carmelite Father's Novitiate in Auburn, following the Fifth Provincial Chapter of the Carmelite Fathers of the Province of Saint Elias held at Middletown, N. Y.

Father Russell, formerly Prior of Mount Carmel High School in Los Angeles, presided at the Chapter as the representative of Most Rev. Hilary Mc Donnell, O. Carm., Prior General of the Carmelites.

Born in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, Ireland, Father Russell has the distinction of founding Mount Carmel High School in Los Angeles and guided that school for many years as principal.

The Rev. Kilian Lynch, O. Carm., of the Gregorian University, was re-elected Provincial of the Carmelite Fathers. The Rev. Mol Daly, O. Carm., re-elected prior and pastor of St. Simon Stock, New York City, represented the Carmelite Fathers at Auburn when the Case mansion was acquired at public auction for the novitiate last March.

8,900,000 Pounds of Food Sent to Europe, Far East

New York — (NC) — More than 8,900,000 pounds of food collected in the recent "Food for Children" campaign have been shipped by War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference to 12 countries of Europe and the Far East during the past six weeks. It is announced by the Rev. Edward E. Swanson, assistant executive director.

"Because of the great generosity of the American people," Father Swanson said, "millions of children in Europe and Asia will be helped in their battle against starvation. China will receive four carloads of special infant cereal, each carload containing enough cereal for 450,000 breakfasts. Twelve thousand cases of infant food going to Austria and Belgium will provide almost 600,000 meals for babies and half of the 1,600,000 pounds sent to Hungary consists of wheat flour which can be made into flouring bread."

Other European countries allocated food from recent shipments, Father Swanson revealed, include Poland, 1,567,017 pounds; Germany, 1,010,412; Yugoslavia, 1,000,750; Hungary, 1,000,300; Austria, 753,800; Belgium, 700,253; France, 500,218; Greece, 269,143; and Italy 209,480. In the Far East, the Philippines will receive 801,824, and China 480,000 pounds.

It was also announced that a special shipment of 154,233 pounds of food from War Relief Services, Inc., W. C., has been allocated for distribution by Vatican Relief, a new 500,000-pound shipment of infant food and medicine have been divided among countries most in need of these supplies.

Father Magee Answers Attack on Our Schools

Spencerport—Rev. Emmett F. Magee, pastor of St. John's Church, has branded as "abound and utterly false" statements appearing in The Spencerport Star, town weekly, which charge that Nazism had its rise in the religious schools of Germany and that Catholic parochial schools in this country may be leading this nation in the footsteps of Germany.

Author of the attack on religious schools, and aimed particularly at American Catholic schools, is Ernest R. Clark, resident here and a former public high school teacher in Rochester.

His anti-Catholic attack is contained in an open letter addressed to the editor of The Star (issue of June 27th). Using the recent graduation exercises of the Spencerport Public High School as a springboard for his remarks, Clark first delivers a long eulogy of the members of the graduation class.

The eulogy, however, is only an adroit screen for Clark's more serious purpose which is revealed in the second part of his letter when he seeks to slander parochial schools as un-American and disruptive of social unity.

Recalling a study which he made of schools in pre-war Germany, Clark professes that even then he saw "the symptoms of that cataclysm that has since almost wrecked the whole world."

In explaining the "symptoms" of Hitlerism which he saw in the German schools, Clark writes: "In the schools of Germany, often in the same building, were the Catholic priest teaching young Catholics to hate Protestants and Jews, the Protestant parson (minister) teaching young Protestants to hate Catholics and Jews and the Jewish rabbi teaching young Jews to hate both the others, all at the

Miraculous Cure of Nun Credited to Lady of Lourdes

Paris — (RNS) — A miraculous cure attributed to the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes nine years ago has been authenticated by a commission of inquiry presided over by Emile Cardinal Roques, Archbishop of Rennes.

The commission revealed that in 1931, when Sister Marie Marguerite, a Franciscan nun, was reported by a doctor to be suffering from chronic heart disease, abscess of the left kidney, and edema of the legs, with running ulcers, members of her community began a novena, or nine-days prayer, to Our Lady of Lourdes. At the moment when the Host was elevated during a Mass on the second day of the novena, the commission declared, all signs of the patient's illness disappeared, and her wounds were completely healed. No convalescence was necessary, and the nun went back immediately to nursing duties she had been forced to abandon eleven years before.

The commission stated that the miracle had been authenticated on the sworn testimony of the doctor and because it occurred as a consequence of the progress of the whole convent for the invalid sister.

Portland Auxiliary Sets Consecration

Portland, Me. — (NC) — The Most Rev. Daniel J. Feeney, Auxiliary Bishop-elect of Portland, will be consecrated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception here on September 12, his 52d birthday. His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will be the consecrating prelate.

Bishop-elect Feeney's consecration will give the diocese its first Auxiliary Bishop in its 93-year history. The Bishop-elect has been acclaimed for most of the 23 years of his priestly life to pastoral duties.

Dr. Picha said that with the abolition of Catholic schools religious instruction will be limited to two hours' teaching a week in the public schools. He quoted the Catholic Action committee as saying, however, that even with this limitation there is no guarantee that religious instruction in the public schools will not take a negative attitude toward religion.