[illegible] Revises Reich Religious Affairs Unit

By MAX JORDAN

Bonn — (NC) — Reorganization of the United States Office of Military Government in the field of religious affairs is now virtually complete, according to information obtained by this correspondent from competent officials.

Religious affairs for the whole of the American zone of occupation are handled by the Education and Religious Affairs Branch of OMGUS which is headed by Lt. Col. John Taylor, of Nashville, Tenn., formerly of the University of Louisiana. Reporting to him, C. Arild Olsen, a Protestant, who has a special staff of six experts, is responsible for religious affairs in particular.

In turn, the Education and Religious Affairs Branch reports to the Internal Affairs and Communications Division headed by [illegible]

PAPAL HONORS FOR K. C.

Papal honors have been conferred upon three leaders of the Knights of Columbus. The Grand Cross of the Order of St. Gregory the Great has been awarded to Judge John E. Swift (left), of Boston, Supreme Knight, and the rank of Grand Officer of St. Gregory has been given to Joseph F. Lamb (center), of New York, Supreme Secretary, and Francis J. Heazel (right), of Asheville, N. C., Supreme Treasurer. (NC Photos)

New York Outlaws Ku Klux Klan

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"Knights of Columbus," Mr. Goldstein's affidavit recited.

"From all the facts at my command I can reach no other opinion but that this organization, which by trickery obtained a charter from the State of New York, and which would still seek to engage in activities which are repugnant to the principles of every decent citizen, must be outlawed," continued the Attorney General.

Cannot Be Tolerated

"The existence of this organization, which has consistently offended against the statute under which it gained existence, cannot and must not be tolerated in this state.

"The principles of hate, intolerance, bigotry and violence have no part in the American way of life. It should be stamped out wherever and whenever it rears its ugly head."

Mr. Goldstein said that "Mr. Baur" was assigned by him to move in on the Klan last March 13, and remained in the inner Klan circle until last Wednesday night when the Klansmen suddenly became suspicious and stopped giving him information.

"The facts adduced by this investigator, which has continued until the present time, are in my judgment, truly startling," he continued.

"Mr. Baur" represented himself as an ex-member of the Hempstead, Long Island, unit. [illegible] Attorney General Goldstein to dissolve the Klan.

Goldstein's affidavit related that the Jamaica Unit No. 25 [illegible]

[illegible] "Exalted Rabbi" that he had maintained constant contact with the Georgia Klan — and that as late as May, 1946, he (Rosh) visited Georgia to obtain advice on how to proceed with the reorganization of the Klan in this state.

However, the Georgia Klansmen apparently were too busy with their own primaries, to offer aid to their New York brethren, for "Mr. Baur" reported:

"Rosh was advised that under the circumstances the Georgia unit would do nothing to assist the New York Klansmen."

Rosh — still unaware that he was talking to Goldstein's confidential operator — told "Mr. Baur" the boys here were concerned over the Attorney General's investigation and "would have to go underground" in the future.

3 K. C. Leaders Get Papal Honors

New Haven, Conn. — (NC) — Papal briefs have been received here conferring the Grand Cross of St. Gregory upon Judge John E. Swift of Boston, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, and the rank of Grand Officer of St. Gregory upon Joseph F. Lamb of New York, and Francis J. Heazel of Asheville, N. C., supreme secretary and treasurer, respectively, of the Catholic fraternal society.

Judge Swift, an alumnus of Boston College and Boston University, has been an official of the Knights of Columbus since 1921. He is a member of the law faculty of Boston College and is on the advisory council of the Boston College School of Social Science.

Mr. Lamb, a graduate of Fordham University and Columbia University, is a professional engineer. He has been supreme secretary of the Knights of Columbus since 1939. Mr. Heazel, who holds a law degree from Washington and Lee University, has engaged in the practice of law in Roanoke, Va.; Kingsport, Tenn., and Asheville. He became supreme treasurer of the Knights of Columbus in 1942.

St. Peter Claver Knights Set Meet

Chicago — (NC) — His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, will formally open the convention of the Knights of St. Peter Claver to be held here from August 5 to 8.

Business sessions will take place in Corpus Christi auditorium. Delegates will include Negro priests from New Jersey, Michigan, Louisiana and Texas.

The organization was founded on November 7, 1909, under the patronage of four Catholic priests and three Negro laymen.

Catholic Survivors of A-Bombed Nagaski Greet American Bishops

Nagasaki — (NC) — Five hundred Japanese Catholics of atom-bombed Nagasaki stood waiting for hours last night to welcome two American Catholic representatives, whose train had been delayed. The two, Bishops John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Buffalo, and Michael J. Ready of Columbus, walking to their jeeps between lines of applauding people, were obviously touched by the reception.

This was only the beginning. All day we have been seeing demonstrations of this deep-rooted Nagasaki faith that has lived through centuries of persecution and has survived last year's atomic holocaust, of which the appalling evidence is still stark against the summer sky.

Bishop Paul Yamaguchi of Nagasaki and his priests met the American prelates and their party and brought us to their modest residence beside small, bomb-shaken, historic Oura Cathedral, where on March 17, 1865, the long isolated Nagasaki Christians were discovered.

Bishop O'Hara said Mass in the temporary chapel of a destroyed convent. The Oura Church was packed for Bishop Ready's celebration of Mass, at which rows of GI's represented the 34th U. S. Infantry Division.

8,000 Casualties

Bishop Ready told the congregation that the Catholic world honors Nagasaki's faith, and urged them to spread it ever more widely saying: "We are proud of our own country's institutions whereby we are free to propagate our religion. We are anxious to see the same blessings extended to you. One of war's great tragedies struck your homes. May God console you in regard to this suffering."

Eight thousand Catholics were killed by the bomb, according to final estimates, we learned. The worst havoc was in the Urakami district where Japan's largest Catholic church, which once had a capacity of 5,000 persons, now is a grotesque ruin. Bodies still lie under a mountain of massive masonry.

Both American Bishops went to Urakami for the blessing of the cornerstone of a temporary church for the surviving Catholics in a building beside the ruins. Along the road we saw the contorted steel skeletons of shipyards, withered trees, blasted homesites, cracked, lurching walls — still proclaiming the destruction launched in one moment eleven months ago.

Among the hundreds greeting the Bishops in Urakami the majority had lost relatives in the bombing. Bishop Yamaguchi lost twelve, including his mother and brother. Fifty persons were killed within the church itself.

Trial From God

Two parishioners of Nagasaki and Urakami spoke, thanking the American Bishops for coming, one saying: "We regard our loss as a trial from God to make our faith firm. Now we are doing our best to rebuild our Church and also doing our best to gain converts to replace the 8,000 Catholics killed." The second, a catechist named Paul from Urakami, described the holocaust as a sacrifice through which religious liberty was won.

Bishop O'Hara, blessing the cornerstone, said: "It is a deeply moving experience for Americans to come here today to have the privilege of taking part in the resurrection of this parish."

Again, at Nakamachi, we saw volunteer workers, their wet faces shining in the hot sunlight, building a wooden chapel beside the ruins of their spacious church.

"While they still lack houses for themselves," Bishop Yamaguchi told us, "our surviving Catholics are trying to build temporary churches amid the ashes."

BISHOPS LEAVE TOKYO FOR U. S.; FLY TO MANILA

Tokyo — (NC) — After 12 strenuous days in devastated Japan, Bishops John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Buffalo, and Michael J. Ready of Columbus, O., left here on their return journey to the United States via Manila.

Thus ended the visit to which Japan's Catholics had been looking forward for months. The Bishops, coming to this country as representatives of the Catholics of the United States at the invitation of the Japanese Hierarchy, were welcomed eagerly by the native clergy and the foreign missionaries and by the people everywhere. Army chaplains, officers and GI's greeted them warmly. The missionary Church in Japan clung to them and was reluctant to let them go.

Despite the sweltering Japanese midsummer heat, the Bishops visited ten cities, met hundreds of priests and Brothers, Sisters and seminarians, and addressed thousands of the laity. They traveled south as far as Nagasaki, and north to Sendai.

They passed homeless men, women and children sleeping on the pavements and heard how some out of those sprawled bodies are picked up cold and nameless in death. They saw native and foreign Sisters conducting hospitals, dispensaries and orphanages — crippled, however, by the staggering price of the simplest foods and the lack of such simple requisites as bandages. They saw Catholic education continuing in undamaged buildings and in temporary quarters so small that the pupils can come only on alternate days and for a half day at a time.

They heard Bishops tell how the sight of GI's flocking to Mass has impelled non-Christian Japanese to inquire into the Catholic religion. They talked to priests, Brothers, and Sisters unable to cope with the numbers seeking instruction.

1,000 Japs Join Church in 90 Days

Chicago — (NC) — Word of the conversion of 1,000 Japanese in ninety days was brought here by two Bishops who were received by His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago.

They were Bishop Raymond A. Lane, M.M., Vicar Apostolic of Fuschun, Manchuria, and Bishop Henry Valtorta of the Milan Foreign Missionary Society, who has been named Bishop of Hong Kong.

Bishop Lane was in a Japanese concentration camp for the entire period of the war. Bishop Valtorta, also a Japanese prisoner during the five years of occupation, has served in Hong Kong for 40 years and is enroute to Rome.

Stories of sickness and death marked their report. Bishop Lane stated that 40,000 Japanese refugees were received by the clergy and Religious after the war. Ten missioners and 20,000 natives died of typhus.

Denies Spanish Arrests Of Basque Separatists

Washington — (NC) — An emphatic denial has been made by the Spanish Embassy here of charges made before delegates of the United Nations that the Spanish Government has ordered the arrest of many Basque separatists. The charges were made by a representative of the so-called Basque Government, the embassy stated.

"Not only are such arrests untrue," the embassy declares, "but the number of prisoners in Spain has been considerably reduced during the last few weeks."

Will Aid DP's

The first woman representative of War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference assigned to Germany, Mrs. George Brady (above), of Cleveland, will work there on the immigration program among displaced persons. Mrs. Brady, a native of Pittsburgh, served with the home services division of the American Red Cross. (NC Photos)

Bp. Muench Brings Supplies to Reich

Vatican City — (NC) — Loaded with relief supplies for the needy of Germany, a convoy of 14 large trailer-trucks and five automobiles, led by Bishop Aloisius J. Muench of Fargo, North Dakota, has left the Eternal City on a mission of mercy to the needy of Germany.

The convoy started after Bishop Muench, who has been named Apostolic Visitator and head of the Papal Relief Mission to Germany, in addition to other duties which call for his serving as liaison between the Church and the U. S. military government there, celebrated an early morning Mass for the convoy staff.

The convoy supplies will be distributed to the needy Germans through the Catholic Bishops in the U. S., British and French zones of occupation. The trucks are laden with flour, sugar, meats, margarines, cocoa, cod-liver oil preparations, medicines, clothing, shoes and other materials.

Nun's Lyrics Scored By Noted Composer

Dallas, Pa. — (NC) — Three lyrics composed by Sister Miriam, chairman of the English Department of College Misericordia here, have been set to music by Sir Granville Bantock, composer of operas and choral symphonies and chairman of Trinity College of Music in London, according to a letter received at the college from the composer.

Sister Miriam is a member of the Scranton Province of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union in the United States.

Central Verein To Hear Director Of War Relief

Newark — (NC) — Msgr. Patrick A. O'Boyle, executive director of War Relief Services - National Catholic Welfare Conference, will be one of the principal speakers at the 91st annual convention of the Catholic Central Verein of America, which has specialized in relief work during its long existence.

Monsignor O'Boyle will address a luncheon meeting on Sunday, August 18. Earlier in the day, delegates will participate in a parade through Newark streets to the Cathedral of St. Patrick, where Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh, of Newark, host to the convention, will be celebrant of Solemn Pontifical Mass. The sermon will be preached by Bishop William T. McCarty, C.SS.R., Military Delegate.

The Central Verein convention, which will be held jointly with the 30th annual convention of its auxiliary, the National Catholic Women's Union, will open on Thursday, August 15, with a Mass in St. Mary's Abbey Church. At the evening session Archbishop Walsh, the Rt. Rev. Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien, O.S.B., of St. Mary's Abbey, and Mayor Vincent J. Murphy of Newark, will be among the speakers. The convention sessions will close on August 19.

Centennial Mass

Among the events of the meeting will be a Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Mary's Abbey Church commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Benedictine Order in the United States. It has been announced that the proceedings of the organization's 90th convention held August 10 to 12 1945, in Milwaukee have been published in booklet form by the Central Bureau Press of St. Louis.

The pioneers who founded the Central Verein came from German Catholic families who had fled from Germany during the revolution a century ago and settled in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland. Nucleus of the present nation-wide organization was the parish group of these German settlers. The Verein was founded in 1855 in Baltimore.

The organization has distinguished itself for its charitable works and now operates through a central bureau in St. Louis with affiliated societies in 24 States contributing financial and material aid. Its activities include care of German immigrants, aiding mission chapels, sponsoring pilgrimages and actively supporting relief programs.

Near East Missions

Francis Cardinal Spellman, President
Very Rev. Thomas J. McMahon, S.T.D., National Secretary
Rev. Andrew N. Rogosh, S.T.L., Assistant Secretary

Blessed Project

On May 13, 1917, Our Lady appeared to three children at Fatima, Portugal, and promised them that even Russia would be converted if enough people were devoted to the Rosary. Wishing to spread this devotion to the Near East, we intend to build a Shrine Chapel of OUR LADY OF FATIMA in the Holy Land. Any offering small or large, will start this blessed project on its way. What will you do?

FOR THESE POOR NO HOUSE OF GOD!

Perhaps none of you has heard of Bishop George Baraka. Just seven years ago, he was made Bishop of Minieh, in Egypt. Recently he made a visitation of his little diocese.

He has only twelve priests and a few thousand people, living in the midst of an overwhelming Mohammedan population. After his visit, he wrote us a sad letter.

"I found some of the chapels in awful condition. Few of them had worthy altars, and most were without decent sacred vessels, chalices and the like.

"One little village, Miteka el Kebra, was particularly pitiful. The people waited until noon for me. Everyone was fasting, and each received Holy Communion at my Mass. The dear Lord must have been pleased — even with this miserable shed. I vowed that I would do something for these wonderful children of God. Don't let my dream vanish. I promised them a decent chapel."

Can you make Bishop Baraka's vow and dream come true? One thousand dollars will guarantee your House of God for the poor of Miteka el Kebra. If you cannot make such a big gift, perhaps you can donate a chalice or a sacred vessel. Write for "HOW CAN I HELP?"

BONES DO SHOW!

When a starving child is all bones and no flesh, then, at least, tears of pity flood our hearts. Please give for "ORPHAN'S BREAD." Our free pamphlet, "Happy Holiday," shows what it means.

AUGUST DUTY

During August, month of the Pure Heart of Mary, don't forget your deposit in "MARY'S BANK," for Near East nuns.

FEAST OF NUNS

Why not enroll a dear nun friend of yours perpetually in the Association for the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption, August 15? We send her our beautiful gift card. Perpetual membership is twenty dollars.

LIGHTHOUSE

"The soul of the priest should be a light beaming all over the world," said St. John, patron of THE CHRYSOSTOMS, our Student Support Club. Can you spare a dollar a month to educate a priest. A Near East priest can be trained for six hundred dollars.

"GOD IN MAN!"

"We can see God in a man," said a great preacher after looking at the holy Cure of Ars, feasted on August 9. The poor Paulist Fathers of Syria have just appealed for aid to little mission chapels in outlying mountain districts. They need five hundred dollars.

INDIA WEEPS

Recently Archbishop Ivanios, great convert of India, made a plea for Mass offerings. We must have many of these to support poor missionaries.

FIRST ALTAR

The Most Pure Heart of Mary was the first altar for the Divine Heart of Jesus. Can you help us to put a special altar in honor of Mary's Immaculate Heart in a new chapel at Lydda, in the Holy Land? It will cost one hundred dollars.

MEMORY LESSON

One of the rarest gifts to poor mission chapels is the "Mass book," given for twenty-five dollars. Some poor priests use a tattered volume, reciting parts by heart, because the pages are beyond recognition.

FROM OUR HEARTS

Our deepest gratitude to three hundred Near East friends who have made possible the Memorial Chapel of our Lady, Queen of Peace, soon to rise on the war devastated island of Corfu.

STOP

Stop giving to God only when God stops giving to you! Your stringless gift to the Near East missions tells God you are grateful.

Send all communications to
Catholic Near East Welfare Association
480 Lexington Ave. at 46th St. New York 17, N. Y.

IT COSTS SO LITTLE TO SAVE A LIFE

Thousands of children, aged and infirm persons in Germany are starving and dying because they lack even the barest necessities of life. If they are to survive, they must have help immediately. Food and medicines in large quantities are desperately needed.

Few people would refuse to save another human being from the horrors of hunger, disease and death. Such an act of Christian Charity is instinctive on the part of all "men of good will." For that reason we say:

"YOU CAN DO IT TODAY"

You can help these unfortunate people at a very small cost to yourself, and you can do it today through War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference which has distributed 3,900,000 pounds of relief to the German people during the past five months.

This is *your* opportunity of helping those who cannot help themselves.

This is *your* chance to save a life.

War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference has already distributed 70 million dollars of relief in 47 countries. Now, Christian Charity demands that we help needy German civilians.

(Contributions to War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. are deductible for income tax purposes)

War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference,
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