

Kennedys Give \$600,000 for Memorial Home

Boston—(NC)—On the second anniversary of the death in an airplane explosion in England of Lieut. Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., a check of \$600,000 to build a children's convalescent home was presented here to Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston by the Foundation established by the Kennedy family in honor of the late Navy flyer.

The presentation was made by John F. Kennedy, brother of the war hero, and witnessed by his father Joseph P. Kennedy, former Ambassador to Great Britain, and Mrs. Kennedy.

In presenting the gift, which is the first disbursement of the Foundation and will be used to build in Cambridge, England, a convalescent home for the children of the poor under the direction of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, John F. Kennedy made a statement in which he said:

"My family are proud to be able to do something for the city where both my father and my mother were born, and we are particularly proud to second by this gift the unanimous efforts of Archbishop Cushing in behalf of all classes and types of people in Greater Boston. We know how wonderfully generous has been the support of the Archbishop's projects throughout his Archdiocese and on the part of the community generally. We hope that our action today, in memory of Joe will help encourage the generosity of others toward these programs planned to promote the religious and civic well-being of our community."

Corporal Works of Mercy Mr. Kennedy added that one of the purposes of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation was to encourage the "corporal works of mercy" as a means of fostering the domestic way of life. He mentioned that the Francis Missionaries of Mary, who will administer the projected home, have been longtime friends of the Kennedy family, and that they had prepared the christening clothes of his brother, in whose memory the home is being built.

In accepting the gift, Archbishop Cushing declared that he was happy to be the intermediary through which the donation would reach the Sisters and said that "it enables them definitely to realize a dream I have shared with them for many years. That dream is for the construction of a convalescent home for the sick children of the poor, a place where the underprivileged boys and girls who are handicapped in body or mind can have an opportunity to recuperate after hospitalization or to receive charitable protection."

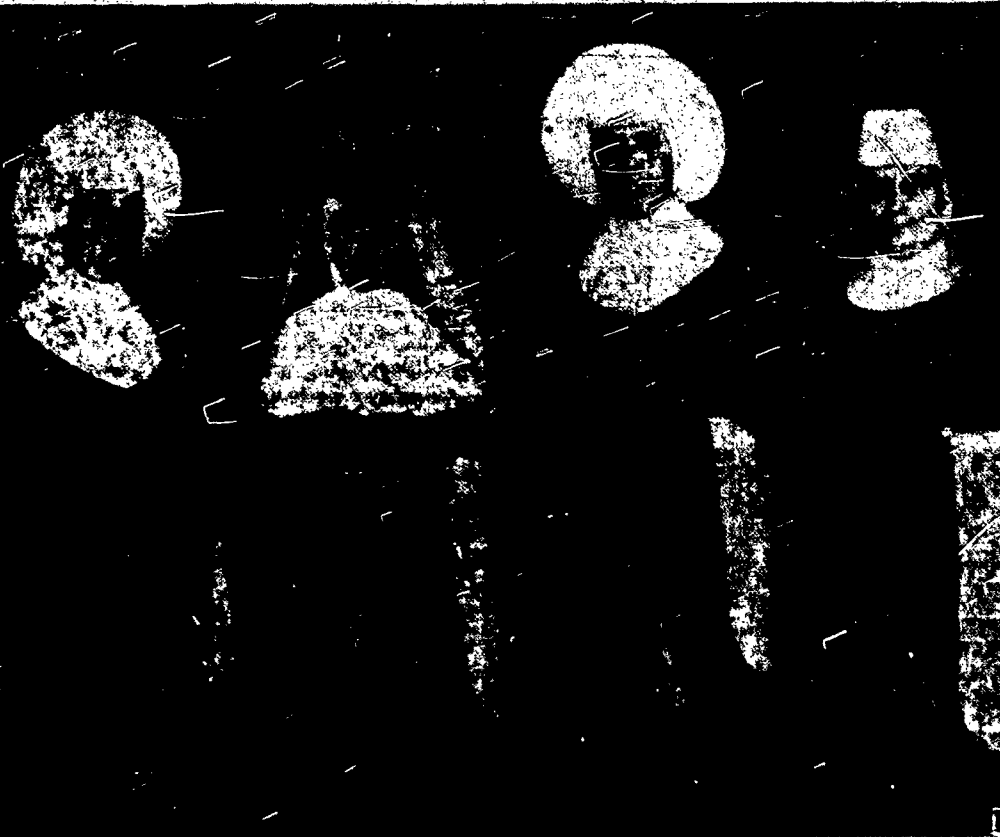
The Archbishop recalled that there had been strong ties of friendship between the Kennedy family and the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary for three generations. He said that the Sisters and their friends had worked with him for many years to raise funds for the home that has now been made possible, and indicated that the money already gathered would be used to build additional units affiliated with the institution.

Vienna Priesthood Students on Increase

Vienna—(RNS)—Enrollment of students for the Catholic priesthood is showing a gradual increase in the Vienna archdiocese where only one seminarian was listed at the end of the Nazi occupation. Students now number 25, as compared with 147 in 1937.

One factor which continues to hamper Catholic theological training in Vienna is the fact that the seminary here is still being occupied by American military authorities.

New Doctors of Philosophy in Religion



Degrees of Doctor of Philosophy in Religion have been conferred upon these four names at the first commencement of the Summer School of Sacred Theology at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind. From left to right are: Sister M. Alice Ellen O'Hanlon, C.S.C., St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.; Sister M. Aloysia Evers, S.N.D., Mount Mary College, Milwaukee; Sister Maria Pieta Scott, C.S.C., St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.; and Sister M. Bertram Zwilling, O.S.M., St. Basil's College, St. Joseph, Mo. (NC Photo)

MARIANISTS PICK FIRST U. S. HEAD

St. Louis—(NC)—The Very Rev. Sylvester P. Juergens, S.M., for the past ten years Provincial of the St. Louis Province of the Society of Mary, has been elected Superior, General of the Society, becoming the first American to be raised to that office.

Word of his election has just reached the Rev. Lawrence A. Jordan, S.M., acting Provincial of the St. Louis Province, from Fribourg, Switzerland, where the general chapter of the society was held.

This is the third time within a year that an American has become the first citizen of his country to take over the general direction of a religious society throughout the world. Just a year ago the Most Rev. Valentin Schadt, O.F.M., was chosen Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor, and in May the Most Rev. Clement Neubauer, O.F.M., Cap. was inducted as spiritual head of the Capuchins. The other body of the First Order of St. Francis, the Conventuals, is also headed by an American priest, the Most Rev. Beke Hess, O.F.M., Conv.

The new 52-year-old Superior General joined the congregation in 1910 and was ordained in 1927 while a student at the University of Freiburg. He is the author of a number of volumes, including "Newman on the Psychology of Faith," "My Father's Business," "Martha, Martha" and "Fundamental Talks on Purity."

Set Christian Reunion Congress by Czechs

Prague—(NC)—Archbishop Saverio Ritter, Apostolic Internuncio to Czechoslovakia, was enthusiastically greeted by over 60,000 pilgrims whom he addressed at Velehrad, Moravia, where they attended the national observance of the feast of St. Cyril and Methodius. The pilgrims came from all parts of Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia.

A congress for Christian reunion will take place at Velehrad next month, with many speakers scheduled to lecture on various problems concerning the Eastern Church. Although before the war many Orthodox scholars attended these congresses and contributed to the exchange of views, none has so far announced his intention of attending the congress this year.

New Ulcer Cure Found

Columbus—(NC)—A new cure for ulcers, both gastric and duodenal, has been discovered at St. Mary's of the Springs College here, an affiliate of the "Eastern Star" Thomsen. It has been announced by Sister Margaret Ann, member of the college's research staff, who declared that the results were determined after exhaustive tests and experiments during the past several months. Although the extract has never been applied to human beings, Sister Margaret said, the results are dramatic. The extract is made from growing large quantities of bacteria which cause ulcers, treating the bacteria with a solution of alcohol, and making the extract from this combination.

Two New Alaska Schools to be Opened

Seattle—(NC)—Two new parochial schools will be opened in Alaska next month. It was announced here by Bishop Walter J. Fitzgerald, S.J., Vicar Apostolic of Alaska, who came here en route to the Victoria, Canada, diocesan centenary.

The new schools will be at Fairbanks and Ketchikan. The Fairbanks school will be opened in the remodelled basement of the church, where three school rooms have been built. The Ketchikan school, with quarters in the parish hall, will be taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Newark, who also have charge of the hospital at Ketchikan.

Spanish Industry Gets Housing Job

Washington—(NC)—Under a new law passed by the Cortes, the Spanish parliament, all business and industrial establishments planning new enterprises are obliged to furnish homes for their employees and laborers.

According to Facts About Spain, published by the Spanish Embassy here, this new law applies to all concerns employing a minimum of 50 laborers, and in all cases where the personnel is unable to secure adequate living quarters due to the fact that the industrial center is located far from populated areas. The construction project is entrusted to State loans and benefits provided for the construction of low-rent homes.

POPE RECEIVES ARAB LEADERS

Vatikan City—(NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII has received in private audience five members of the Supreme Arab Committee of Palestine, Amin Bey Abdullah, Joseph Sahyoun, Jehan Attallah, Ahmed Abdellah, and Raja Elissa, the latter owner of a newspaper in Palestine.

The Holy Father gave to the Arab delegation a two-page written statement, the contents of which were not disclosed.

According to reports from Rome by American secular news agencies, the Arab delegation gave to the Pope a memorandum setting forth the Arab viewpoint on the present critical situation in the Holy Land.

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Peace Parley Widens Rift Between Russia And Western Powers

Paris—(NC Radio)—The conference now taking place in Paris, where 21 Allied nations seek to draw up peace treaties with Italy, Hungary, Austria, Bulgaria, and Rumania, is presenting something new in the history of international conferences.

It resembles far more a parliamentary session than a diplomatic conference. It presents a demonstration of parliamentary diplomacy.

The stage setting fits in well with this new style of "open-door" diplomacy. The sessions take place at the Luxembourg Palace, where formerly the French Senate met. There are spectators who applaud, who approve and audibly disapprove. There is a majority and a minority, as in any parliament. One might almost say there is a right and a left.

And, as in all parliaments, there is in addition to the proceedings taking place in the open and officially, a great deal of lobby politics, whispering in the aisles, rumors, and unofficial negotiations of little groups behind closed doors. Needless to say, intrigues are being carried on in the long corridors of the Palace.

All this is part of the process with which international diplomacy seeks to "democratize" itself—and the word must not always be taken in its literal meaning. It is not exactly open democracy, it is a diplomacy that often plays up to the galleries.

Summing up the proceedings of the Paris conference, it may be said that they have brought one surprise: While the conference was generally expected to reveal sharp differences between the Big Four on the one hand and the smaller powers on the other, it has shown an even deeper cleavage between Russia and her satellites and the rest of the Allies.

To tell the truth, until now the plenary sessions have greatly lacked in interest. The speeches made have been overflowing with truisms and banalities, which become even more tiresome through constant repetition. It is in the sessions of the rules committee where, so far, the really important work has been done.

Near East Missions

Holy Founder

On August 19, we honor St. John Kincaid, who founded the Feast of the Most Pure Heart of Mary before there was the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We beg this great Saint to inspire someone to give a thousand dollars for a Chapel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in the Holy Land, before August ends.

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POOR PAULISTS

Recently Father Anthony, Superior of the Paulist Fathers in the Holy Land, made an urgent plea for help in educating the poor boys for the priesthood. Won't you adopt one? Six hundred dollars will complete his education as a Paulist missionary.

STILL A FEW

We still have a few of those beautiful picture postcards of the Infant Jesus of Fatima, which we gladly send to all who become members during August. One dollar yearly enrollment. Two dollars yearly enrollment. Members gain many indulgences.

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Your bouquet to Mary can be a picture and statue given to a chapel of Our Lady in Syria, for twenty-five dollars.

Send all communications to Catholic Near East Welfare Association 490 Lexington Ave. at 46th St. New York 17, N. Y.

To Europe



Max H. Sorenson, national commander of the Catholic War Veterans, left New York for a special mission to Europe. He is accompanied by Joseph T. Smith of New York City, a special advisor to the commander's trip.

Observers Scores Anti-Clerical Weeks

Rome—(RNS)—Publication in Rome of two anti-clerical writings "libeling" the Catholic Church and the Bible was denounced by Observators. Romano, official Vatican newspaper, as contrary to the Vaticanally concordant and the Lateran Treaty of 1929.

"These printed attacks against sacred Scripture and the Catholic Church," Observators declared, "are a violation of the spirit of agreements which gave Rome a special character and consequently forbid action in the Holy City that would insult the Catholic Church and its principles."

Greece Cites Albania Drive Against Church

New York—(NC)—Endeavors by the communist-dominated Albanian regime of Enver Hoxha to root out the Roman Catholic Church are cited in a memorandum in which the Greek Government sets forth its reasons for objecting to Albania's application for membership in the United Nations.

Formally asking that the application be denied, the Greek memorandum says "it would be regrettable to share at the very outset the confidence of small nations like Greece in the paramount mission of the United Nations, which, above all, should aim to consolidate the notion of justice throughout the world."

No decision has so far been made by the Security Council on the Albanian application for membership, one of eight that have been recently submitted. The other countries are: Afghanistan, Iceland, Ireland, Outer Mongolia, Portugal, Trans-Jordan and Siam. Andrei A. Gromyko, the Soviet representative at the Security Council, has come out in full support of the Albanian application, which is known to meet the decided objection of Great Britain.

The United States Government which does not recognize the Hoxha regime, has also expressed its concern whether Albania under its present rulers could be considered a "peace-loving nation in accordance with the requirements for membership in the United Nations."

A recent report from Rome, distributed by N.C.W.C. News Service, has depicted the Albanian regime as one using all methods of totalitarian terror, including murder, to suppress fundamental liberties and to de-Christianize the country. To promote and encourage such human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction of race, sex, language, or origin, is one of the principal purposes of the United Nations.

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