[illegible] of British War Orphans to Australia Set

Washington — (NC) — The Church in Australia is steadily making conversions, especially among the intellectuals and the younger people, Archbishop Justin Simonds, Coadjutor of Melbourne, stated while stopping here on his return trip to Australia.

The Archbishop has just completed a "successful mission" in Great Britain for the Australian Bishops, who seek the immigration of war orphans in Britain to Australia.

The Church's appeal to the intellectuals and younger people, the Archbishop continued, is her firm stand on moral issues and her deep interest in the betterment of social and economic conditions.

Though His Excellency stated that he could give no details of his mission before reporting on it to the Australian Hierarchy, he did say he expected some war orphans to arrive in Australia by the middle of next year, adding that the main obstacle to the children's coming sooner is the lack of shipping facilities. [illegible] are already being [illegible] to receive the children in orphanages and to place them with private families, he stated. [illegible]

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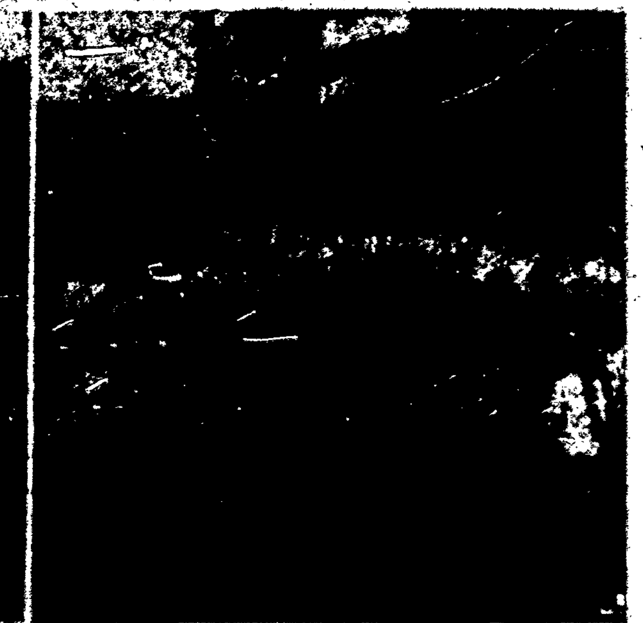
REBUILDING CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN JAPAN



The Futaba Catholic School in Tokyo, bombed out during the war, is being rebuilt with the financial aid of the alumnae who sold their personal possessions and the students who help in the manual labor needed for the rebuilding. The name "Futaba" means "Two Leaves" and is the symbol of Eastern plus Western culture. The school is conducted by the Sisters of St. Maur. In these photos taken by the U. S. Army Signal Corps photographer, high school students are shown gathering bricks from the ruins; Sister St. Cecilia, Superior, instructs her students in the proper method of digging potatoes; Father Patrick O'Connor, S. S. C., correspondent of N. C. W. C. News Service in Japan, gives the students a word of praise for their diligence in keeping the school going after it was bombed out during the war. The girls understand a little English, as they study the language at the school. (NC Photos)

Hungarian Relief Supplies Held Up

Budapest — (Radio, NC) — Thomas J. Fox, representative in Austria of War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, announced that other dispositions would have to be made of 700 tons of American relief supplies, now in Vienna, unless the Hungarian government makes the necessary arrangements for their transportation to Hungary.

Hungary's Prime Minister, Ferenc Nagy, when informed of the hardships caused by the detention of the supplies in Vienna, had this to say: "The Hungarian government is grateful for the help sent by American Catholics. The international decisions regarding Hungary's rolling stock are the cause of the present transportation difficulties. We are already in contact with the Austrian government and hope for the early arrival of the consignments now in Vienna and future consignments."

When informed that public kitchens maintained with the aid of American Catholic supplies would have to be closed, Protestant circles in Budapest immediately offered help and furnished provisions sufficient for one week. This action of the Protestants met with deep appreciation on the part of Hungary's Catholics.

Spain Decorates Oklahoma Bishop

Madrid — (Radio) — The Spanish Government has awarded to Bishop Francis C. Kelley of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, the decoration of the Catholic Grand Cross of Isabel.

The decree which announced the award in the official government bulletin did not set forth, officially, the reasons for bestowal of the honor. However, it was stated unofficially that the award was made by the government in recognition of Bishop Kelley's writings regarding priests who were slain during the Spanish civil war.

St. Patrick's Schedules Jogues Mass Nov. 24

Auriesville — (NC) — Word has been received at the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs that the New York City celebration of the Tercentenary of the death of St. Isaac Jogues and companions will be celebrated on November 24, when a Pontifical Mass will be offered at St. Patrick's Cathedral with His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, presiding.

The New York ceremony will bring to a climax the observances throughout the nation this summer and fall honoring the Jesuit martyrs. Other cities which have celebrated the Tercentenary include Boston, Kansas City, Denver, Milwaukee and Albany. Observances in Philadelphia and St. Louis are scheduled for November.

How Rosary, Medals Are Made

Saumur, France — (NC) — As your beads slide through your fingers, or you handle the medal suspended about your neck, do you ever think of where these were made, and of the people who make them?

Ask most anyone what Saumur is famous for and the answer will be, first, the French Cavalry School and, second, sparkling white wines every bit as good as champagne. But Saumur has another thriving industry; six factories engaged exclusively in the manufacture of rosaries, medals and other religious articles, many of which are exported to the United States.

Maison Ralme, one of the six rosary factories is just across the river from Saumur proper, in that section of the town occupying an island in the Loire. Both bridges connecting the island with mainland are total wrecks, but temporary wooden structures permit passage of light vehicles.

The Balme factory, too, is pretty much of a wreck, and nothing remains of the family's residence which, as is customary in France, adjoined the plant. The business was founded in 1833 by Joseph Balme and is now being conducted by his grandsons.

A second factory has been established, meanwhile, at Olliergues in the Department of Puy de Dome, and it is there that rosaries are being made at present, the entire rosary section of the Saumur plant having been destroyed along with its equipment.

Miraculous Medals Made

Before the war commenced in 1939, some 200 persons were employed but the remnants of the factory afford work for only half that number now, and all of these engaged in making medals. Fortunately the plant's more than 340 dies were saved.

Of all these — and they cover almost every religious medal yet designed — the pride of the factory is the Miraculous Medal.

This is produced in all different sizes and shapes, though of course the central design is always the same; the image of the Blessed Virgin as she appeared to Blessed Catherine Labouré in the chapel of the Motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity at Paris, November 27, 1830, and the inscription, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

Upon entering the plant, the first sight that attracts attention are two huge piles of bones. These, one learns, will provide material for beads when the rosary department resumes operation. Going into the factory itself, one must step carefully between rows of baskets filled high with metal strips, and other baskets containing still more strips, but with a series of ovals punched out. These ovals are sorted according to size and distributed among the presses.

Presses Are Used

The women who operate the presses lift the ovals one at a time, with a pair of tweezers, and drop them into a slot; the press comes down, one side of the medal is stamped and the oval is flipped over ready to receive a different imprint on its reverse side.

A more tedious process has to be followed by the girls who insert and solder the small rings — in fact, the process of inserting the ring is so tedious that one solderer can keep up with two workers engaged in inserting these pesky little rings.

The finishing of the medals is a complicated procedure, and if you have ever wondered why two medals which look so much alike are quite different as to price, the difference is in the finish. It is not merely a question of whether the medal is aluminum, or silver, but which silver processing is followed. The majority of workers in this part of the factory are women, but whether men or women, they are all engrossed in their minute tasks and paid no more attention to visitors from the States than they did to bombs from the air.

Among the images produced at the factory is one of a locally [illegible], Notre Dame des Ardilliers. This small statue of the Virgin holding the body of the crucified Christ across her knees, is said to have been found by workmen in a quarry. The image was removed to one of the churches in Saumur, but next morning was missing from the edifice and again found at the same spot outside the town. After this had happened several times, it was decided that a shrine must be built there. This was done in 1553, and the church though small, was beautiful. Alas, it too has suffered badly from bombing although the Virgin's chapel escaped unscathed.

Orthodox Leaders Spurn Alexis Rule

Paris—News emanating from a Russian Orthodox ecclesiastical conference in Paris seems to bear out the indications that a serious conflict has broken out among the clergy of the Orthodox Church in Western Europe.

Metropolitan Wladimir, appointed as head of the Western Orthodox churches by the late Metropolitan Eulogius, presided at the conference, which was attended by 65 priests and 60 laymen representing 57 parishes in France and other countries in Western Europe. A decision was approved unanimously at the meeting to reject the authority of Patriarch Alexis of Moscow and accept the leadership of Metropolitan Wladimir, and a telegram was sent to the Patriarch of Constantinople asking him to ratify this decision.

On the other hand, six Orthodox priests of the Western churches, together with their parishes, have decided to pledge allegiance to Patriarch Alexis. They have broken with Wladimir and affiliated themselves with the Metropolitan Seraphim, appointed by Alexis as his representative in Western Europe after the death of the Metropolitan Eulogius.

Extra—Russia Asks Bishop's Release

Vatican City — (NC) — OSSERVATORE ROMANO has reprinted a New York Times dispatch saying that the Russians have protested to the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs over the arrest of Archbishop Victor, the head of the Orthodox Church in China and a Russian citizen, who is accused of collaboration with the Japanese.

With obvious recollection of the recent communist condemnation of Archbishop Stepinac, Osservatore comments laconically in Latin: "Hodie mihi, cras tibi"—"To me today; tomorrow, to you."

New Washington Prior

Washington — (NC) — The Rev. Alban Baldwin, O.S.B., who has spent his priestly career as a teacher in England and a chaplain in the British Army, has been named to succeed Dom Thomas Verner Moore, O.S.B., as prior of St. Anselm's Priory here.

350 U.S. Cities, Towns Named After Saints

Washington — (NC) — At least 350 American cities and villages, ranging from such metropolises as St. Louis, San Francisco, San Antonio and St. Paul down to the by-road hamlets and communities named for neighboring monasteries, have taken the names of the Saints of the Church.

A check of the list of postal addresses in the United States and its possessions shows 22 places named in one way or another after St. John, 15 after St. Joseph, 14 apiece after St. Mary and St. Charles, and 12 after St. Paul. Other popular saints' names in the directory of cities are Saints Francis, George, Louis, Clair, Anthony, Michael and James.

As might be expected, the States originally settled by the Spaniards lead the rest in number of place-names prefixed by Saint, Sainte, San, or Santa. California alone has 53, Texas has 21, and sparsely settled New Mexico has the proportionately high number of 16. Minnesota and Missouri each have 18 to top the States with other backgrounds.

California, in addition to its large number of cities named after saints, also has eleven counties similarly named. The roll of parish (county) names in the southern and eastern parts of Louisiana reads like a litany: Ascension, Assumption, Saint Bernard, Saint Charles, Saint Helena, Saint James, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Landry, Saint Martin, Saint Mary, and Saint Tammany.

Other sacred names have been given to American cities. There are four Sacramentos, two towns called Sacred Heart, two designated Holy Cross, and Trinity, named after the Holy Trinity. And such famous cities as Los Angeles, Santa Fe and Corpus Christi, of course, owe their names to sacred terms.

Aid of 'Little Flower' Sought for Russia

London — (NC) — Prayers to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for the people of Russia and for peace have been requested by His Eminence Cardinal Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster.

"We are faced with two great problems," His Eminence said. "One is to restore the love of God throughout the world, especially in Russia, where the people have been so long deprived of the knowledge and love of the God. And the other is to secure a just and abiding peace."

Unrest Blamed on Disregard Of Morals by Chile Cardinal

Santiago, Chile — (NC) — There are many serious causes for the discontent among the working people and the middle class, His Eminence Jose Maria Cardinal Caro Rodriguez, Archbishop of Santiago, declared in a pastoral which traces the widespread dissatisfaction to a "disregard of Christian morals which establish the order of life not only for the individual but also for the family and society."

"From the lack of Christian morals," he went on to say, "unjust salaries result, and unconcern for the spiritual interests of the workers on the part of employers who consider the workers as tools of production without any soul, without any duties toward family and religion.

"On the part of the workers, lack of Christian morals leads to misuse of their wages, nonfulfillment of contracts and unjust damage to the interests of the employers."

The pastoral pointed out that "the errors of liberalism" seek to deny "the right of the Church to intervene in the relations between management and labor, between employers and employees, between capitalists and workers," and added:

"The social encyclicals of Popes Leo XIII, Pius XI and Pius XII have proclaimed that the Church will always defend the rights of those who suffer anguish and injustice. Rich and poor, capitalists and workers, will see that the Church ... endeavors more than any other human institution to afford everyone the best security and the greatest well-being in the possession of worldly goods."

Fascist Flag 'Incident' Denied by 'Osservatore'

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — In connection with sporadic manifestations by fascist sympathizers on the anniversary of the March on Rome, Osservatore Romano denies reports in Rome's secular press to the effect that a black fascist flag had appeared on the tower of the Lateran Basilica and had been removed by Italian state police.

The Vatican daily points out that the police did not, and could not, remove any banner from either the Basilica or the Lateran palace for two reasons: (1) the Lateran is extraterritorial, and (2) there was not any banner.

[illegible] Convert [illegible] Reaches 80

[illegible] (NC) — [illegible] St. Catherine of [illegible] are known the world over, has just celebrated his 80th birthday here. [illegible] with Norway's [illegible] Undset, represents the Catholic [illegible] Scandinavia in the literary world of today. [illegible] a good deal of his life in Italy, visiting his father [illegible] the University of Louvain [illegible] great two-volume work on St. Bridget of Sweden. He is [illegible] more than any other person, with being responsible for the improvement of the lot of Catholics in Denmark in the past 50 years.

Five Seminaries In Congo

Brussels — (NC) — Five seminaries for the training of native priests are being operated in the Belgian Congo, according to the Congregation [illegible]. Two of them are in charge of the White Fathers, [illegible] by the Scheut Fathers, Jesuits [illegible] About 300 students in philosophy and theology are now enrolled at the seminaries.

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