

### Americans Gathering in Rome For Boxer Martyrs' Beatification

ROME — (NC) — Franciscan monks from all parts of the world are converging upon the Eternal City for the beatification of the Chinese Boxer martyrs of the 19th century. The monks, who were gathered at the various branches of the Order, will attend the ceremony which will be held in St. Peter's Basilica on Nov. 23. The monks are the Rev. Fr. James J. O'Connell, O.F.M., Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor, and Bishop Ambrose J. Ryan, O.F.M., of Cleveland, Ohio, who is the superior of the monks. The monks are gathered in Rome for the purpose of attending the beatification ceremony of the Chinese Boxer martyrs. The ceremony will be held in St. Peter's Basilica on Nov. 23. The monks are the Rev. Fr. James J. O'Connell, O.F.M., Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor, and Bishop Ambrose J. Ryan, O.F.M., of Cleveland, Ohio, who is the superior of the monks. The monks are gathered in Rome for the purpose of attending the beatification ceremony of the Chinese Boxer martyrs.



### TO HONOR CHINESE MARTYRS

### Free 7 Million PWs Reich Cardinal Asks

By MAX JORDAN  
Cologne — (NC) — Even a vanquished nation has certain inalienable and sacred rights, "and one of the most important of them is that it should be allowed to work," His Eminence, Josef Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, said here in an address in which he appealed for help to the United Nations and for the speedy return of almost seven million Germans still held as prisoners of war.

Expressing gratitude for the charitable assistance rendered to Germany by neutral countries and the United States, the Cardinal emphasized, however, that "it is not our intention to depend on alms indefinitely." "We desire to earn our own daily bread by our own powerful efforts and we want to work," he added. "It seems to me that the desire to accomplish tasks of peace is a better demonstration of practical penance than a constantly repeated admission of guilt with regard to a past which we all abhor."

In view of the existing misery, the charitable aid reaching Germany "is but a drop in the bucket," the Cardinal said, giving it as his opinion that "at the present time only one thing could help, that is, if UNRRA with its tremendous resources were to include Germany among the people it supports."

"I am addressing this appeal to the United Nations," he added. "The Cardinal justified this appeal by pointing out that 13 million German refugees from the East are supposed to find room in the territory left to Germany. "Should not these people, too, be considered as displaced persons?" he asked. "Do they not belong among those deserving our pity and help, especially since most of them are women, children and old people?" Regarding German war prisoners, the Cardinal said that Russia still holds about four million, and France one million men, which Germany needs in

### Bishop Dies



Bishop Christian H. Wiskeleson of Wichita, Kan., died Nov. 18 in St. Joseph Hospital here after long illness at age of 81. Archbishop Ritter of St. Louis is expected to pontificate at the Requiem Mass in Wichita Cathedral Nov. 23. Archbishop Ritter will preach.

### Card. Griffin Sounds Family Life Appeal

London — (NC) — His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, asked 4,000 delegates to a Catholic youth congress at Blackpool to pledge themselves to incessant labor toward reinstating the family in the highest place in the hearts and minds of the British people. Telling them that the strength and power of a state can be measured only in terms of family life, the Cardinal added: "If family life becomes debased, the social and national fabric of the state is bound to crumb."

The Cardinal warned that one of the greatest mistakes public men throughout the world are making at present "is to talk to youth as if they were a separate species of human being."

### 10 Churches Reported Razed by Quakes

Quito — (NC) — Ten stone churches were destroyed in the Dominican Republic by the series of earthquakes that began last August, according to two French Canadian missionaries of the Sacred Heart Order, who have just returned from five years' service in that area. The parish of the Rev. Bernard Ruel has a population of 32,000 who are scattered in some 40 missions throughout the mountains. The Rev. Joseph Coulombe is pastor of a parish in Santiago. There are four priests for the 50,000 souls of the parish. The village of Samana, served by another French Canadian priest, the Rev. Epiphane Flourde, was recently swept by fire which destroyed the church, rectory and 88 houses.

### Church, Home, School Seen Anti-Secularism Needs

New York — (NC) — The Church, the home and the school form this nation's greatest bulwarks in the arsenal for the preservation of human values, says T. James McNamara, superintendent of schools for the Savannah-Atlanta Diocese, counseled Sunday in an address on the Catholic Hour. "Contemporary America has only begun, and that remotely," he warned, "to sense the danger that threatens life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Gradually, but persistently, secularism is working away at the heart of fundamental values which have held in check the worst of subversive and perverted doctrines that have ever threatened the stream of our western life."

### Church Growth in Free India Seen

Bombay — (NC) — In a lecture at the request of the Church in India, Bishop Thomas Pothakuttan of Bangalore expressed the view that the growth of independence in India would result in a rapid increase in the number of Christians in that country. He predicted that the number of Christians in India would increase from 10 million to 20 million in the next 25 years. He also predicted that the number of Christians in India would increase from 10 million to 20 million in the next 25 years.

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