

Gains in Belgium

Belgium is at the war in this country. In the first free choice of national councils since 1938 the Christian Social party showed considerable strength in the large cities. In Ghent it gained a majority of the vote; in Brussels the party took the lead away from the Liberals who had been in control of the city government for the past 20 years.

In Belgium President. Washington (AP)—Promotion to a full professorship for Dr. Martin E. P. McGuire, dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at The Catholic University of America since 1937 has been announced here.

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Church Unity Octave Set January 18-25

Washington (NC)—Grown to the proportions of a world-embracing celebration in a comparative short time, the 30th annual observance of the Church Unity Octave, eight days of prayer for the conversion of the world to Christ, will be held from January 18 to 25, 1946 at St. Peter's Church in Rome, Italy.

While still a member of the Anglican Church, the Rev. Paul James Francis, S. A., founder of the Society of the Atonement, founded the prayer movement in 1908. He was appalled by the innumerable divisions in the Christian religion, which motivated him to work for reunion of all men in Christ and in His Church. Even as an Anglican, Father Francis preached that all baptized Christians owed allegiance to the Pope.

On October 30, 1906, Father Francis entered the Catholic Church and into the fold with him came the entire Atonement community of France. He was elected to the papacy in 1910 and his Church Unity movement, known as the blessing of Fatima.

In the United States, the principal observance of the Church Unity Octave is held at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the Catholic University of America campus in Washington. It is sponsored by the National Council of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, which is a part of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

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Noted Convert



Very Rev. Mons. De Karwinski, who was recently received into the Catholic Church from the Jacobite church in Malabar, India, without a church or rectory of his own, has started a Catholic church in Chicago, Ill., under the name of St. Joseph's. He is the pastor of the church, which is located at 1111 N. Dearborn St. (CNC Photo)

Response Generous

In Clothing Campaign
Pittsburgh (NC)—St. Patrick's Parish responded most generously to the Clothing Drive which closed last Sunday. Pupils of the eighth grade, under the supervision of Sister Edward Marie, principal, are busy packing the garments for forwarding to a central warehouse.

Prelate Warns of Russia

As 'Threat to Italy'
Some (RNS)—Warning of a "Russian threat to Italy" was sounded by Ildelfonso Cardinal Schuster, Archbishop of Milan, in a talk to women members of the congregation of St. Vincent de Paul.

Warsaw Anti-Church Moves Are Stepped Up

New York (NC)—The Warsaw regime is purposely increasing its pressure on the Church in Poland and its attacks on the Vatican to coincide with the visit of His Eminence August Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland to the Holy See, the Inter-Catholic Press Agency here reports.

Cardinal Hlond who a few days ago had an audience with His Holiness Pope Pius XII has planned to spend several weeks at the Vatican, where he journeyed after a visit of several days in Paris.

The pressure of Berlin's Government, on the church is evident in new arrests, accusations and the sentencing of a priest to death, the agency reports. Simultaneous with the Cardinal's visit the government authorities staged the trial of Father Jan Kiewicz, who together with three others was sentenced to death. This is believed to be the first time that a Catholic clergyman has been sentenced to death in the whole history of Poland.

The agency charges that President Berut had the same intention of putting pressure on the Church in Poland when he attacked the Vatican and the Church in a recent interview published in the government newspaper. In his state-

Rosary Crusade For Abp. Stepinac

New York (NC)—A Rosary crusade to Our Lady of Fatima for "the vindication of the Most Rev. Aloysius Stepinac, Archbishop of Zagreb, a martyr of Communist persecution," was announced here by the Rev. Frank A. Kaiser, of Belleville, Ill., editor of Our Lady of Fatima magazine.

The crusade, Father Kaiser said, will be undertaken by 10,000 men and women throughout the United States, who are enrolled as Knights and Ladies of the Rosary of Our Lady of Fatima and who dedicate themselves to daily recitation of the Rosary and seek to promote Family Rosary Hour in Catholic homes.

ary Crusade to prepare the freedom of Archbishop Stepinac, a great Confessor of the Faith, a St. Peter of the twentieth century," Father Kaiser declared. "A protracted court, a tribunal of Tito's regime, evidence of communism and atheistic Russia, has announced a verdict which has shocked the civilized world. Prayer is needed at this hour, a prayer which is most powerful and efficacious."

Franciscans Depart For Brazil Mission

Chicago (NC)—Departure ceremonies have been held here for three Franciscan priests and one Brother, who will leave New York next week for Para at the mouth of the Amazon River in Brazil. All are from the Sacred Heart (Chicago) Province.

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