

Catholics Under Lash of Regime In Rumania

New York — (NC) — The 3,000,000 Catholics in Rumania are living in a state of continuous anxiety and suspense due to pervasive efforts of the communist government to prevent the Church from operating in that country.

This is the essence of a first-hand report received here from a source which, owing to the very nature of the conditions described, must remain anonymous.

Numerous restrictions placed upon the Church by the government put grave obstacles in the path of both clergy and laity, the report discloses. No Catholic newspapers, periodicals, catechisms or text books are being published.

An official edict forbids the taking of Catholic pictures at any time and a recent proclamation declares that a member of the Orthodox Church who desires to be converted to the Catholic faith must first receive the permission of his rector. His desire must then be placed on record in the town hall and finally he must receive official governmental permission.

Holy See Ignored

The episcopal head of the

Lawyer Becomes Priest at 75

Paris — Count Jean de Flandre, honorary dean of the law faculty of the Catholic University of Angers, has been ordained a priest at the age of 75 in the French monastery of Notre-Dame.

Father de Flandre spent many years of his youth in the French colonies, attained the rank of colonel in the first world war, and was later made a commander of the Legion of Honor.

Catholics of Latin Rite, comprising approximately one-half of the faithful under the Holy See, are in a state of "red" slavery. Archbishop Alexander Clair, the Byzantine Rite group, constituting the other half, has had no episcopal leader for the past two years, although the Holy Father has named three during that period, the report reveals. It is mandatory in Rumania that an episcopal appointment by the Holy See must receive the approbation of the government before the dignitary elected assumes his new office, and it appears that the communist Rumanian government intends to ignore all appointments of the Holy Father.

The communist influence is felt everywhere, the report continues. As an outstanding example, a statue of a "red" soldier, symbolizing "the savior of Europe" has been erected in the church's most beautiful square.

NEW NUNS' MISSION UNIT



His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, presided at the founding and investiture ceremony in Detroit of a new religious society, the Catholic Mission Sisters of St. Francis Xavier, organized to render religious, social and medical aid to native women of India. In the above photo, Sister Helen Xavier, founder and superior of the new society, stands with the new nuns who volunteered to supervise the new group in its early stages. (NC Photos)

Judges Were Prosecutors In Abp. Stepinac's Trial

(Continued from page 3) position to intimidate the judges and to bend them to his will. A recent case is known in which a judge was deposed and imprisoned because he imposed a lighter sentence than the one requested by the public prosecutor.

16. The right of the Archbishop to impartial trial was prejudiced by the absence of any recognizable rule of relevancy on the admission of evidence. The danger of irrelevancy is always present in the mass trial (v. No. 11). Documents were introduced which had no connection with the responsibility of the Archbishop. This was true of most of the reports of Rusinovic and of Lohkovic which were read by the public prosecutor on the third day of the trial. The same can be said of almost all of the long list of witnesses for the prosecution, e.g., those who testified on the massacre at Glina.

17. The right of the Archbishop to an impartial trial was prejudiced by the admission as evidence of falsified documentation. In spite of his lack of signature and the Archbishop's denial of its authenticity, a document purporting to be a report by the Archbishop to the Holy See was introduced in evidence by the public prosecutor and read in extenso. This document could not have been admitted on any court of law in a free country.

Testimony Prejudicial

18. The right of the Archbishop to an impartial trial was prejudiced by the admission of testimony given without possibility of effective challenge by suspect witnesses.

This was especially true in the case of the co-defendant Modesto Martinic, who stood in danger of a severe sentence and whose testimony against the Archbishop was obviously of an inspired character. It has already been noted that the presiding judge cut short the cross-examination of this witness.

19. The right of the Archbishop to an impartial trial was prejudiced by the action of the presiding judge in discrediting and dismissing the witness for the defense. Canon Penic, on the alleged ground that he was a fascist. On the other hand, witnesses whom the prosecution itself charged with fascism were admitted to testify against the Archbishop. Examples were Modesto Martinic and the finance minister of the Pavelic regime, Kosak.

20. The right of the Archbishop to an impartial trial was prejudiced by the presiding judge's arbitrary exclusion of much of the documentary evidence proposed by the defense. At the same time, all the documents proposed by the prosecution were admitted.

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Garages Used As Churches

Boston — (RNS) — Garages in two widely-scattered parts of the country are being used as churches by Catholics. In Carlisle, near here, Mass. is celebrated in a garage — probably for the first time in Massachusetts history. The structure is used as a convenience for Catholics who would otherwise have to travel to Concord each Sunday.

Meanwhile, in Canby, La., the Coushatta mission of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin parish, has services in a garage donated by townspeople. Father Leonard E. Curtis, O.P., pastor, has blessed the garage-chapel.

UN Apathy to Tyranny In Soviet Zone Played

Chicago — The New World, official Catholic publication of Chicago Archbishop, charged last week that the UN is side-stepping the Soviet Russian program of "ruthless aggression and aggression" and warned "subservience" to the Soviets. In a first page editorial, the Rev. Edward J. Daily, managing editor, pointed out the UN is not consistent with its charter, which pledged "human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion."

"The UN, he continued, is ignoring such situations as the 'massacres of Marshal Tito' the recent charges against the Reds made by the Lithuanian Red Cross, which complained the Lithuanian republic is being destroyed by the Communists. Mod Program

The editorial declared: "The Russian program of ruthless aggression and ag-

The CATHOLIC SHOP

OUR CHRISTMAS 'TYRANT' ECONOMY

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Another Bitter Year?
God grant that 1947 may have more hope and joy for all, and especially for you, kind friend of the Near East. We still have much unfinished business to take care of in that part of the Lord's vineyard. It is impossible to answer every tragic appeal.

TEGRI
Here, just north of the Holy Land, a little chapel is requested for recent converts, rich in faith, wretchedly poor in the world's goods. It will cost a thousand dollars. Please do what you can.

SPECIAL REQUEST
Bishop Hakim of Nazareth in the Holy Land writes of humble chapels without sacred pictures. One of Our Lord, Our Lady or some favorite Saint will cost twenty dollars. Can you give one?

"EAST MEETS WEST"
To all who give a me for the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Fatima, which we shall build in the Holy Land, for the conversion of Russia, we send our new pamphlet by Monsignor Fulton Sheen, "East Meets West."

ETERNAL LIGHT
Can you give twenty dollars for an eternal light, a sanctuary lamp burning night and day for loved ones in the Church of St. Joseph Teheran Iran? Bishop Joseph Cheikho begs such a gift.

WILL NOT OPEN
The orphan school run by the Jesuit Fathers on the island of Sira, off Greece, will not open unless we send three hundred dollars, the minimum needed. Honor the Divine Babe by being good to his little ones.

FATHER VIANELLI
This poor priest begs chapel furnishings costing \$150 for his bare Chapel of St. Joseph, outside Athens, and for bread for his starving children. Won't you answer this last plea for "ORPHAN BREAD," even before the "harvest"?

TWO POOR GIRLS
Two poor girls have wanted to enter the Sisters of Perpetual Help, who are valiant missionaries in Lebanon and Syria, but it costs three hundred dollars for their novitiate. Can you make one of these your adopted daughter in Christ?

BLIND
St. Paul fell behind outside Damascus. In nearby Baghdad Father Peter, and Carmelite nuns care for old blind people. Won't you help us to send him two hundred dollars for the new year?

THEY ARE HUNGRY
"With food rations cut down to twelve ounces a day for adults, only six for children, you can imagine our sorry plight." Please make a deposit in "MARY'S BASKET" from which we shall help the American Medical Mission Sisters at Mary Girl, India.

CHRIST'S POLE
Pope St. Gregory kept a personal diary of all the poor in Rome, so that he could help them regularly. Have you inquired about our latest description of the Gregorian Masses or about our suspense card?

RESOLUTION
A blessed resolve for the New Year would be to join one of our dollar-a-month clubs: the "CHRISTOPHOLIC" for educate priests, the "MOLICA" GUILD to supply Mass vestments for poor missionaries, the "BASILIAN" to run schools for homeless "lost" East children.

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

After-Christmas

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FOR MISSES, FOR BOYS

Misses' Apparel

MISSES' COATS.....	Values to \$39.95....	\$20
	Values to \$39.95....	\$30
	Values to \$39.95....	\$35
	Values to \$39.95....	\$35
MISSES' SUITS.....	Values to \$39.95....	\$20
	Values to \$39.95....	\$25
	Values to \$39.95....	\$30
	Values to \$39.95....	\$35
MISSES' DRESSES.....	Values to \$17.95....	\$5
	Values to \$17.95....	\$10
	Values to \$17.95....	\$15
MISSES' SKIRTS.....	Values to \$ 7.95....	\$3
	Values to \$10.95....	\$5
	Values to \$14.95....	\$7
MISSES' SWEATERS.....	Values to \$ 5.95....	\$2.25
	Values to \$ 7.95....	\$3.30
	Values to \$ 8.95....	\$4
	Values to \$10.95....	\$5.45
	Values to \$12.95....	\$7.95

Wearables for Girls

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COAT AND COAT SETS (1-12)....	Values to \$24.95....	\$7
GIRLS' COATS (7-12).....	Values to \$17.95....	\$5
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LITTLE GIRL COAT SETS (3-6)....	Values to \$14.95....	\$5
COATS (10-16; 9-15).....	Values to \$17.95....	\$5
	Values to \$19.95....	\$6
	Values to \$24.95....	\$8
GIRLS' SNOW SUITS (3-4).....	Values to \$16.95....	\$7.95
(7-12).....	Values to \$17.95....	\$8.95
GIRLS' SUITS (10-16; 9-15)....	Values to \$22.95....	\$10
	Values to \$24.95....	\$10
	Values to \$29.95....	\$12
GIRLS' DRESSES (7-12).....	Values to \$14.95....	\$7.95
	Values to \$16.95....	\$8
PRE-TEEN DRESSES (10-14)....	Values to \$15.95....	\$8
	Values to \$17.95....	\$9
	Values to \$19.95....	\$10
GIRLS' DRESSES (9-15; 10-16)....	Values to \$10.95....	\$5
	Values to \$12.95....	\$6
	Values to \$15.95....	\$8
WOOL JUMPERS (9-15; 10-16)....	Values to \$16.95....	\$9
GIRLS' SKIRTS (9-15; 10-16)....	Values to \$5.95....	\$3
	Values to \$6.95....	\$4
GIRLS' SWEATERS (3-14).....	Values to \$3.95....	\$2
(24-40).....	Values to \$4.95....	\$3
	Values to \$7.95....	\$5
GIRLS' BLOUSES (3-12).....	Values to \$1.95....	\$1
(7-16).....	Values to \$2.95....	\$2

Boys' Wear

BOYS' TROUSERS.....	Values to \$4.95....	\$3.99
BOYS' TROUSERS.....	Values to \$10.00....	\$5.99
BOYS' MACKINAW.....	Values to \$12.95....	\$5.95
BOYS' LEATHER JACKETS.....	Values to \$12.95....	\$9.95
BOYS' CLOTH JACKETS.....	Values to \$19.95....	\$14.95
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	Values to \$24.95....	\$19.95
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	Values to \$19.95....	\$17.95

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