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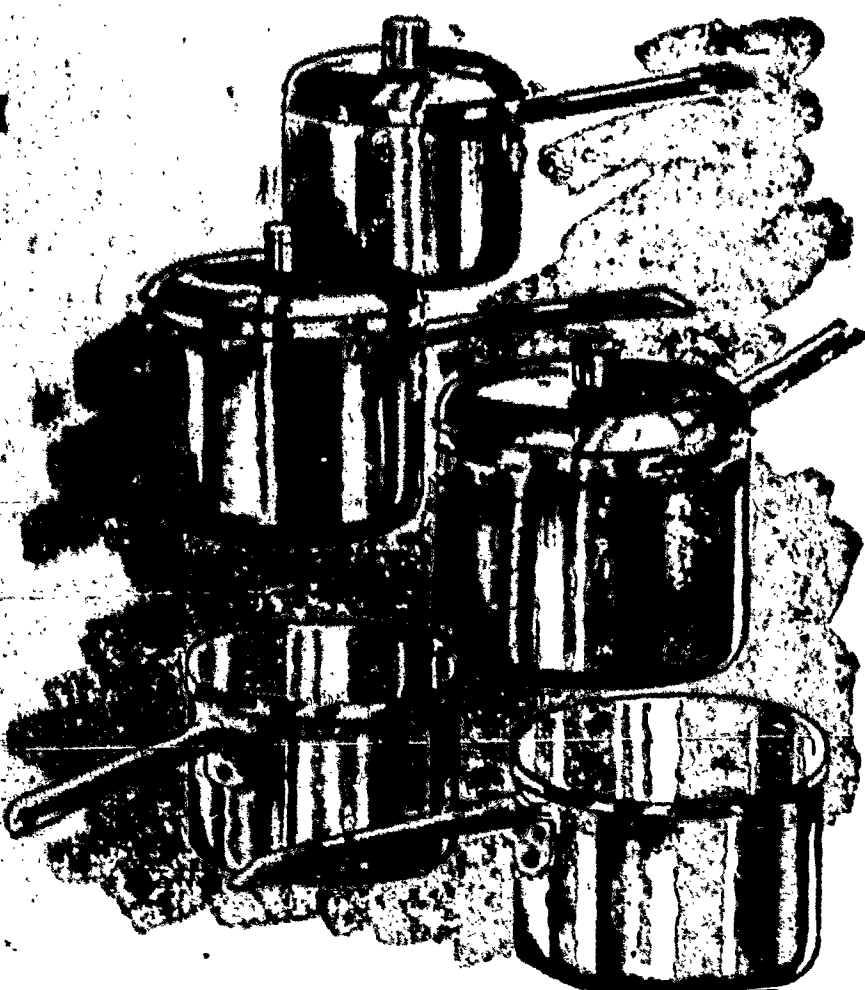
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German Seek Early Return Of Prisoners

Frankfurt — (NC) — The absence of millions of Germans, still held in foreign countries as prisoners of war, was felt particularly keenly at Christmas time and prayers for their safe and early return were offered in all churches.

War Prisoners Get Chaplains

Chicago — About 90 German prisoners have volunteered for chaplains duty among prisoners of war in France, the majority of whom are Catholics. These prisoners feel keenly the lack of spiritual care by priests of their own nationality and as a result of their pleas German priests have been permitted by their Ordinaries to offer their services.

These priests were taken to Paris where they were received by the Apostolic Nuncio and then assigned to different camps. The number of German prisoners in France is estimated at close to 600,000.

tendons and all peoples: Help us put an end to the sufferings of our prisoners of war and their families! Give back to the children their fathers, to the wives their husbands, to the mothers their sons!

The German Catholic press quotes approvingly editorials of both Catholic and Protestant publications in France, which ask their own government that the status of the prisoners of war in that country be changed so that they would be taking part in France's reconstruction under free labor contracts, with home leaves, or with the opportunity to let their families join them.

The whole problem of the continued detention of German captives in the victor countries has now become a major international issue. Since Secretary of State Byrnes' appeal to France and his promise that prisoners made by the United States Army would be released shortly, discussion is carried on more intensely than ever before in all the religious publications of Germany. Protestants and Catholics are of one mind in this as in various other respects.

Ex-Niagara Professor Heads Philosophers

Toronto — (RNS) — The Rev. Joaquin F. Garcia, C.M., chairman of the department of philosophy at St. John's College, Brooklyn, N. Y., was elected president of the American Catholic Philosophical Association at its 21st annual convention here. He succeeds Dr. Anton C. Pegis, of the University of Toronto.

Father Garcia, Brooklyn assistant superior of the Vincentian Fathers, was previously director of the Vincentian Novitiate, Germantown, Pa., and a member of the faculty at Niagara University, N. Y.

S. C. Churches May Have Mixed Marriages

Charleston, S.C. — (RNS) — Protestants and Catholics may be married in Catholic churches in South Carolina for the first time in the history of the state, according to a ruling by the Most Rev. Emmett K. Walsh, Bishop of Charleston, which comprises all of South Carolina.

Only stipulations imposed by the Bishop are that there must be a just condition for asking that the marriage take place in the Catholic church; both parties must have pre-nuptial instructions given by a priest; and the marriage may not be performed on Sundays or after 6 p. m. on any day.

Catholic church ceremonies are permitted in mixed marriages in about 30 per cent of America's 120 Catholic dioceses.

Egypt's 'Little Flower' Shrine Draws Moslems

(The author of the following article, the editor of Jewish Missions magazine, is currently engaged in a round-the-world survey of Catholic missions.)

By REV. CALVERT ALEXANDER, S.J.

Cairo — (NC) — One of the most significant and progressive projects of the Church in this land, honored over 1500 years ago by the presence of the Holy Family, is its interest in the poor "fellah" — the Egyptian farmer. Mary, Joseph and the Infant Savior must have shared the hospitality of these ancient people in the fat and fertile valley of the Nile, for they, too were poor people.

The fellah is still poor. Outside his crowded villages of dirty sun-baked brick stretch the richly verdant fields he has tilled since the days of the Pharaohs; but inside the rural worker's life amid squalid tenement conditions worse than those of the industrial workers in the large Egyptian cities. The fellah is not only poor, he is sick and ignorant.

The Catholic Church in Egypt is trying to improve his condition by the establishment of free schools for the children and free medical clinics. The chief benefactors of this project are the Catholics and Orthodox Copts who number more than 1,200,000, but the Moslems also take advantage, especially of the clinics.

The interest in the fellah is not new, having been begun by the Franciscans and Jesuits more than a half century ago. It is interesting to note, however, that it was during the War years that the movement made its greatest strides. In the five years from 1940 to 1945 the number of free schools in Upper Egypt was increased from 50 to 100 and the medical centers from 10 to 65. Most significant of all, the considerable financial outlay for this work was during the war and still is today collected from the Catholics of Egypt.

Bishop Arthur Hughes, S.M.A., who heads the Apostolic Delegation to Egypt, is justly proud of the work for the Coptic fellah. It is the only project of the Catholic Church here which has the enthusiastic support of all the schismatic groups — Armenians, Chaldeans, Greek Melchites, Latins, Maronites and Syrians.

Catholic Copts today number 53,000 but this total is being added to at the rate of 1,000 yearly because of the social and educational work for the fellah. Father Ayrout gave his American visitors a concrete example of the influx by taking us to the village of Ausim, not far from the pyramids, where 300 Orthodox Copts had asked to see him. Deserted by their schismatic pastor they yet held on to their Faith amid the 18,000 Moslems of the village.

Moslems Predominate

Father Ayrout, the director of the really impressive work for the fellah, is himself a Greek Melchite priest, being the first Jesuit to be ordained in the Rite. He is a native of Cairo and a real Egyptian. But Egypt is far from being a Christian country. It is distinctly Moslem — 91 per cent of its 18,000,000 inhabitants are followers of the prophet. Catholics today number only 27,000 but with the Orthodox Copts and other schismatic Christians they constitute about 10% of the total population. Yet in the large cities like Cairo and Alexandria one is surprised by the large number of imposing Christian churches.

To me one of the most interesting churches in Cairo was not any of the beautiful fifth-century Coptic edifices in old Cairo but the shining new Shrine to St. Terese-rue Schubra. It is run by the Carmelites for the Latin Catholics but the Moslems have more or less adopted it as their own. While services are going on large crowds of Moslems wait patiently at the gates until they are admitted after the Christians have left. Then they rush in to pay their respects to the Little Flower.

The origin of the Moslem devotion to the Patroness of the Missions is obscure but none the less real as we had occasion to observe. It is said that it began when the wife of a prominent Moslem was cured through her intercession. When the Carmelite Fathers several years ago wanted to build the new shrine they found it was impossible to do so because the Government had reserved the property for a barracks.

Sacrifice of They took their case to the Prime Minister who immediately granted permission when he heard the shrine was in honor of the Little Flower. He had carried her medal since his school days at the Christian Brothers.

Curious things happen at the Shrine. One day, about two months ago, the Brother Sacristan discovered a Moslem in the act of sacrificing a goat before the Little Flower statue in the crypt of the Church. He said his soul had been cured by the Saint and he had made a vow to sacrifice a goat before her statue.

Relations between the Moslems and Christians are quite cordial. There is, for instance, a highly significant organization called the Brothers of Verity composed of educated Christian and Moslem savants from the

Parish Service Flag
Cedar Rapids — (NC) — A new parish service flag, replacing the familiar emblem honoring the parish's representatives in the armed forces, has been dedicated at St. Ludmila's Church here. Against a gold and white background, the new flag bears three violet crosses and eight violet stars, signifying three priests and eight Sisters given to the Church by St. Ludmila's.

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