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Bougainville Natives Starving, Missioner Says

(By Wireless)
Natives of Bougainville are "starving" while Australian gov-

ernment investigators report conditions on the Pacific island are satisfactory. Missioner James Hannan, a Catholic missionary, charged here. He said the native death toll since the end of the war is higher than during the war years.

"We do not want further governmental investigation," Miss Hannan declared. "Bougainville has not recovered from the Japanese occupation, and government misconception has caused inadequate and unsuitable attempts to solve the problem of has been delayed in Australia for four months because of lack of transportation."

The Catholic prelate urged that airplanes be employed to fly relief supplies to Bougainville immediately.

RENEW PRIESTHOOD STUDIES



All branches of the Armed Forces are represented among 70 aspirants for the Catholic priesthood who have been certified for higher studies by The School of St. Philip Neri, 128 Newbury St., Boston. Among them are: (left to right) James L. Madden, Captain, USAAF, Libertyville, Ill., certified for St. Paul, Tex. Diocese; Vincent O. Cook, Pfc. USMC, Denver, Colo., holding chalice, for Seattle; Ted J. Hunt, Tec 5 Army, Albuquerque, N. M., for Paulista, Standing (left to right): Norman F. Pelletier, QM 1/c, Siasawaska, Me., for Carmel; Alan R. Fitzgerald, EM 1/c, USNR, Lemmon, So. Dak., for Rapid City, Diocese, So. Dak.

Hodgkins Disease Drive
New York — (NC) — A campaign to raise \$2,000,000 next fall for the Hodgkins Disease Research Foundation was announced at a meeting of the National Campaign Committee of the foundation.

Three Scholarships Announced
Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Three scholarships for advanced study in the Mediaeval Institute of Notre Dame will be awarded for the 1947-48 school year, it has been announced by the Rev. Gerald B. Phelan, Institute director.

Red, UNRRA Sabotage of DP Aid Seen

Washington — (NC) — Assistance to refugees has been systematically sabotaged by the Soviet government and the UNRRA authorities, Elliot M. Shirk, chairman of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee in Geneva, declared in an official message to the IRO Preparatory Commission at Lausanne, according to a dispatch of the Inter-Catholic Press Agency received here.

Such charges and counter-charges are heard here with increasing intensity as a House Judiciary subcommittee conducts hearings on the proposed "Emergency Temporary Displaced Persons Act."

Shirk specified the ways in which this sabotage is manifested by saying that staffs of officials in the various DP camps have been packed with Soviet and pro-Soviet officials who administer harsh treatment in various ways.

Treason Charged
UNRRA officials in Germany were accused by Mr. Shirk of constantly aiding the Soviets by using frightening and coercive methods towards the repatriation of the refugees. "Lately," he said, "UNRRA officials have been applying the disgusting policy of charging with treason those refugees who do not want to return to their countries."

Meanwhile at a press conference here UNRRA Director General Lowell V. Rooker charged with "political motives" persons he said are conducting a "smear campaign" to discredit what he termed "loyal and efficient workers who have done a really fine job."

He directed his remarks particularly against a memorandum sent to the House Foreign Affairs Committee by the Refugee Defense Committee of New York urging Congress not to permit the new International Refugee Organization to become "an UNRRA-type organization."

Britain to Take 100,000
The UNRRA Director General, appealed to Congress to relax present immigration laws to permit the entry of a substantial number of the refugees who are now under UNRRA care.

Britain, he said, has announced her intention of taking from 60,000 to 100,000 displaced persons from the British zones of Germany and Austria to the United Kingdom for employment "for one year on a probationary basis." Russia and Yugoslavia have opposed this plan but Mr. Rooker said UNRRA supports it "as it favors any plan that will get these people out of the camps and reestablished as happy useful members of society."

As hearings on his bill got underway, Representative Stratton claimed that a total of 94 national organizations were in support of his measure and that they represented 30,000,000 people from all walks of life in the country.

Max Jordan Wins Medal From La Salle

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ON GUARD!

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devotions are important. The very fact that people are found on their knees and gathered around an altar is an act of faith in God. Atheists never kneel down. But people who do kneel in prayer are publicly professing their faith in God, that He is all powerful, all generous and always ready to help His creatures here on earth. This is very good Catholic theology—not sentimentalism—and it is the doctrine underlying the attendance at novenas.

There is something else about novenas — the intentions for which people offer their prayers. Some young ladies may ask God to find them good husbands. An old man may ask the Blessed Virgin to do something about his rheumatism. Others ask for special graces of soul. Some teenagers pray for a religious vocation. Some want the grace of conversion for a friend or relative. All these requests are good. Catholics believe that the saints in heaven are very interested in those still down here fighting the good fight. Novena devotees believe that the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, and St. Theresa are interested in human problems, including those of romance and rheumatism. This belief cannot be called sentimentalism because the Catholic Church teaches the same thing through her doctrine of the Communion of Saints.

Gen. Mac As Glasgow London — (NC) — General Mac, legendary hero of Poland's underground army and their leader in the 1944 battle of Warsaw was present with Archbishop Donald Camphell of Glasgow, at a rally in Glasgow to celebrate Poland's national day.

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