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Tekyo - (NC) - Indicating the current tempo of the movement towards the Church in Japan, latest statistics from Espanese dioceses show last year's adult conversions to be more than twice those of the normal pre-war year of 1938, numbered 2,222 as against 498 in while the number of persons time 1938. (The hear in each came

der instruction is nearly five runs from July I to the followtimes that of 1939. ing June M. i. The highest total of conversions is reported from Tollyn, led by Japanese and German where 943 adults were baptized last year, as against 420 in 1938.

Diet Member

Dies a Convert

Japanese diet reconvened re-

Her entitled to all in the upper

had died during the recess.

cently, one of the two Cathu-

He was not a Catholic when

instruction then. He was hap-

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lifty thousand so-called "Italo-Al- twenty dollars. Why not inquire

vanians" and their most recent pless about our plan to have the Gregori-

for beip equal anything we have an Masses offered after your death?

of the little mission of Casalnuovo ficult same, but he is a highly fa-

"When I arrived here, I took up priesthood in the Seminary of

had no choice. I slept on a little years old, with five years to study.

Tinally I rented a wretched little for his expenses. Can you adopt this

Our priests work among carty of Masses. The offering w

vide them with a bicycle?

HERE'S A SURPRISE!

Do you know that we have mis-

"harles, a Franciscan Father ex-

selled from Albania, now in charge

quarters in a cell of the local jail.

tress and linen. The owner took

back the mattress the other day, so

food, and all the rest, but my main

reason for writing you is to ask for

vestments, a Mass book and altar

howa? It will cost a thousand doi-

to the saddest condition."

I am back to the pile of straw

room, having to barrow a bed, mat- pour bey

straw on the floor for a week.

Madame Debuchi, who sur-

Tokyo- (NC) -When the

Atem-bombed Hiroshima, stat-Jesuits, shows adult baptisms multiplied by five and catechuwhile catechumens spersons unmens multiplied by six, as comder instruction for Baptism; pared with 1939.

The following totals represent nine dioceses from which complete figures are available

Adult battisma 1879 1849 1837 Under instruction 1875 5213 8.66 — CThe close of the war and the first post war months are included in the 1916 figures.)

THE 1947 FIGURES prove the house was missing. Katsuki Denchi, former Japanese amdefinite change in religious profpects in Japan. The tide has bassador to the United States, turned in favor of Christianity. but it is still a tide, rather than he was elected councilier last a tidal wave. Church leaders here point out that there has been no April, though he was taking wholesale indiscrimanate intake of new converts. tized on June 15 by Archbishop

Various factors have slowed down the rate of Baptisms. First and greatest has been the heartbreaking shortage of missionary priests, Brothers and Sisters. Wartime destruction of churches and schools has diminished the number of convenient instruction. centers. Transportation and economic difficulties make it hard for Japanese to journey across cities to frequent instruction.

Another retarding factor has been the tradition of individual instruction for each person in Japan. When conversions were a mere handful, this system was practicable and its obvious advantages were not excessively costly in missionary time Mission leaders here see that it is DISCOVERER not warranted under present con-

CATHOLIC AUTHORITIES here say that no estimate can be Lowell, Mass. were mostly on the cities which

The exact number of Catholic the pitching mainstays of Con subjected to the usual Communist casualities from air-raids and nie Mack's up-and-coming Phila- procedure of torment, prison and casualities from sickness and exposure of them have come from sickness and exposure as delphia Athletics. of Japan is about 120,000.

informed by Protestant officials years, part of the time as prin- there was no religious persecuthat the recent figure of 2,000, cipal. 000 mentioned by Dr Kagawa, not members).

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UNLESS YOU BECOME The Holy Father recently praised the spiritual childhood of St. MOST ABANDONED Do you ever have Mass offered for Therese, the Little Flower. Remem- the most abandoned soul in Purpaber she is Russia's patron, and in her tory, with no one on earth to re-tonor we intend to build the Shrine member him. Mass offerings belo Chapel of Little Flower, in Lebanpoer missignaries. m, just north of the Holy Land Can you belp us"

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Trieste Prelate Confirms Yugoslavs In Secret

(The following disputch was written on Sept. 15, "E-Day" im Trieste, when the new Italian-Yugoslav boundary was made effective. It has been delayed in transit, but depicts a situation of tenvion and deep conflict that still obtains.)

> By REV. PAUL BUSSARD, Editor, The Catholic Digest

Trieste -- (NC) - In the streets of this city this afternoon, crowds move with dismay and bitterness in their faces, children, All stores are closed and shuttered, military police are on patrol, groups of blue-shirted

Minor disturbances have oc-

curred a Jug (Yazgoslaw Command-

tion in Yugoslavia. He said he

societies have been disbanded.

THE CHURCHES are filed

with people praying that God will

evert the columnity which is upon

them. Priests were begged by

made yet of the Catholic popula Brother Gilbert, C.F.X., 62, the tion of any diocese, much less of widely accinimed discoverer of M.P.'s are under orders not to all Japan Japanese Catholics baseball's immortal George Her retaliate.) were nearly all heavily bombed man (Babe) Ruth, who died In the Archdiocese of Trieste were nearly all heavily bombed man (Babe) Ruth, who died all priests remain at their posts, Many of the people were dissuddenly here, left another probust practically all the priests persed. Some are still in the tege whose star looms in the from the neighboring dioceses of country districts, Some have re-ascendancy over the baseball Flume and Pola have fied, Had turned to the cities but not to horizon. Joe Coleman, ope of they stayed they would have been their former neighborhoods.

to the comparative safety of Trirefugees during and after hos. The prominent educator was este; others have gone to safer tilities is not known. Probably the prominent educator was ester of there is the present Catholic population stricken with a cerebral hernor parts of Etaly. of Japan is about 120,000. rhage while at meditation ser-Miscellaneous Protestant de vices in the chapel at Keith Triesto what he thought of the nominations probably have a Academy here, where he had recent region of Protestant minmembers, (I am been stationed for the last nine isters in which it was stated

Bishop John J Wright, Aux thinks it was one of the greatest prominent Japanese Protestant, fliary of Boston, presided at untruths over to have been print was misunderstood, it represents Brother Gibert's Funeral Mass ed. an estimate of "sympathizers," in St. Peter's Church, Among In the territory which came uso the leaders from the world of der control of the Yugoslay Comsport who were present at the munials at the end of the war. funeral were Eddie Collins and priestly activity is restricted to Joe Cronin of the Boston Red the celebration of Mass. They Sox, Lou Perini and John Quinn are not allowed to preach, nor of the Boston Braves, and 10, to teach catechism. Those who carold freckle faced Frank dared disobey were imprisoned. Haggerty, who was the personal Retreats are no longer preached, Catholic Action is only a memory representative of Bab Ruth too ill in New York to attend in and even the St Vincent de Paul

Humans Seen Farm Alm

Sterling, Kans - (NC) - The end product of a farm is not the quality or the quantity of wheat and corn but human beings, good families and wholesome rural But now it has come upon them. communities, declared Magr., Luigi G. Ligutti, executive secretary of the National Catholic firmed as often as eight or nine Rural Life Conference, in a plea here for the family-size farm.

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German Prisoner Says

purchase sacred tracella. As a consequence churches

throughout Soviet Russia mostly are dilupidated, the returned prisoner continues. Few remain in condition to be used for public worship but with tarn exceptions these serve as theaters, motion picture houses, nameums, or clubs. In the country/they are used mostly as barns, garages, midler barracks or prison camps. A very few churches not divert. ed from their primary purpose are used an propagands shirets

the large population centers only where the mass of the people make extraordinary sacrifices to support them, the account relates. Further reducing church scily ities, laws are in force prevent-ing baptism, which is termed "un-

tors. They can be mulniabled in

120 Descriptionic Present Missioney, Cled. (NC) -All of their 16 children-light some and eight daughters - were present here at the 20th wedding anniver sary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. George Weiler, slong with 86 grandchildren and 27 great-grand-



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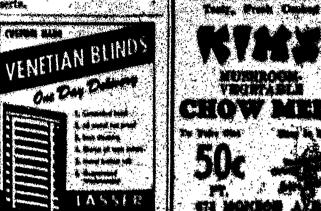
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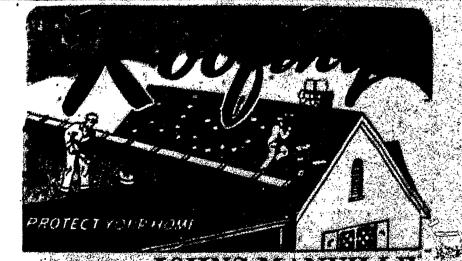


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their people to obey the regulations and not to preach so that they would not be taken away. For the past few mornths the Archbishop of Trieste has comtimes a day. That was recessary because groups of Yugorlava came in secret across the lineand in secret to be confirmed. Any time you could see Yugoslav Catholics wrening after confir matten for what had come over

I suggested that it would be unwise to publish that fact. He said it would make no difference now, because he had confirmed the last group at eight o'clocks this morning, and now the border was closed. That last group had no idea how they would manage to get back home. They had rome anyhow.

their country.

Charlemagne Church Found Near Paris Paris A Yale University pro-

lessor has found ruins below the tweifth century Basilica of St. Denis, near here, which are believed to be part of a church built during the era of Charles the Great (Charlemagne), who ruled during the late eighth and early ninth centuries. Relics of St. Densis, first Bishop

of Paris, and of St. Rusticus and St Eleutherius are supposed to have been kept in this church. Summer Crothy, the professor, and his collaborators found bases of large pillars in the ruins, and several sarcophaguses.

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