

Collier's Story on Rule In Bavaria Refuted

Munich — (NC) — Brig. Gen. Walter J. Muller, Director of the U. S. Office of Military Government for Bavaria, asked to comment on a report recently carried by an American magazine concerning his relations with Dr. Alois Hundhammer, Bavarian Minister of Education, stated emphatically that he had met Dr. Hundhammer but once or twice on official occasions.

"As for my wife," added General Muller, "she wouldn't know Mrs. Hundhammer. If she saw her."

(General Muller, who is a Catholic, was recently awarded the Papal Order of Knight Commander of the Order of St. Sylvester. He is scheduled to return to the United States this month for reassignment. Murray D. Van Wagoner, former governor of Michigan, has been appointed his successor.)

SIGMUND SCHULTZ, writer of the article in Collier's magazine, had said that Dr. Hundhammer and his wife, who are Catholics, are the friends of General Muller and his wife. The writer had referred to the American commander in connection with a general discussion of what he termed "the morass of German reaction in Bavaria" insisting that "many an American who now holds power in Germany and who has not the foggiest notion of the intricacies of German politics, continues to protect some of the most reactionary of these men."

The writer went on to say that "because some of our officials like the real with which Dr. Alois Hundhammer goes to church, we tolerate him as Minister of Education."

It was to prove her point that the writer accused Dr. Hundhammer, a prominent Catholic leader of Bavaria, of abetting the demoralization of German youth and of having had contact with pro-Nazi German reactionaries involved in the murder of Martin Bormann, a Catholic member of the former Reichstag who was killed by political opponents in 1931.

VIRTUALLY ALL of these charges had been refuted in the Munich magazine. Dr. Hundhammer, who is a Catholic, had formally denied all these charges and that he has seen the Munich editor for the first time.

Miss Schultz charged that Dr. Hundhammer's aides threatened Protestant teachers with removal from their posts if they failed to convert to Catholicism. As Dr. Alfred Baumbach, chief of the education branch of the U. S. military government office for Bavaria, told this correspondent only one single instance is known of a Bavarian school teacher being asked to convert. Protestant members of his teaching staff to become Catholics. He wished to hold that the Hundhammer administration removed the only man.

"He did so," said Dr. Baumbach, "before military government even heard of the incident."

As for Miss Schultz' claim that Dr. Hundhammer "sees to it that Munich and Erlangen universities remain hotbeds of reac-

tion," Dr. Baumbach pointed out that in both towns denazification measures applied by order of Dr. Hundhammer were "so severe that in Erlangen alone 71 members of the faculty were dismissed."

"We have no evidence whatsoever," concluded Dr. Baumbach, "of Dr. Hundhammer keeping open jobs for Nazis in his department, as Miss Schultz has claimed. As a matter of fact the record of his ministry in this respect is very good."

RED-EXILED BISHOP DIES

Prague — (NC) — Bishop Theodore G. Romzha, Ordinary of the Eastern Rite Diocese of Mukacevo (Munkacs), died suddenly on October 23, according to the newspaper Blagovesnik, published by the Eastern Rite Diocese of Presov, East Slovakia.

Mukacevo before the war was the capital of the area known as Sub-Carpathia or Ruthenia, easternmost part of the Czechoslovak Republic, which was ceded to the Soviet Union in 1945. The area is now called the Subcarpathian Ukraine.

It is not clear where and under what circumstances Bishop Romzha died. More than a year ago it was reported that he had been arrested by the Soviets and deported to parts unknown. He had been the only Bishop of the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite in Soviet-ruled territory who up to that time had a limited amount of freedom.

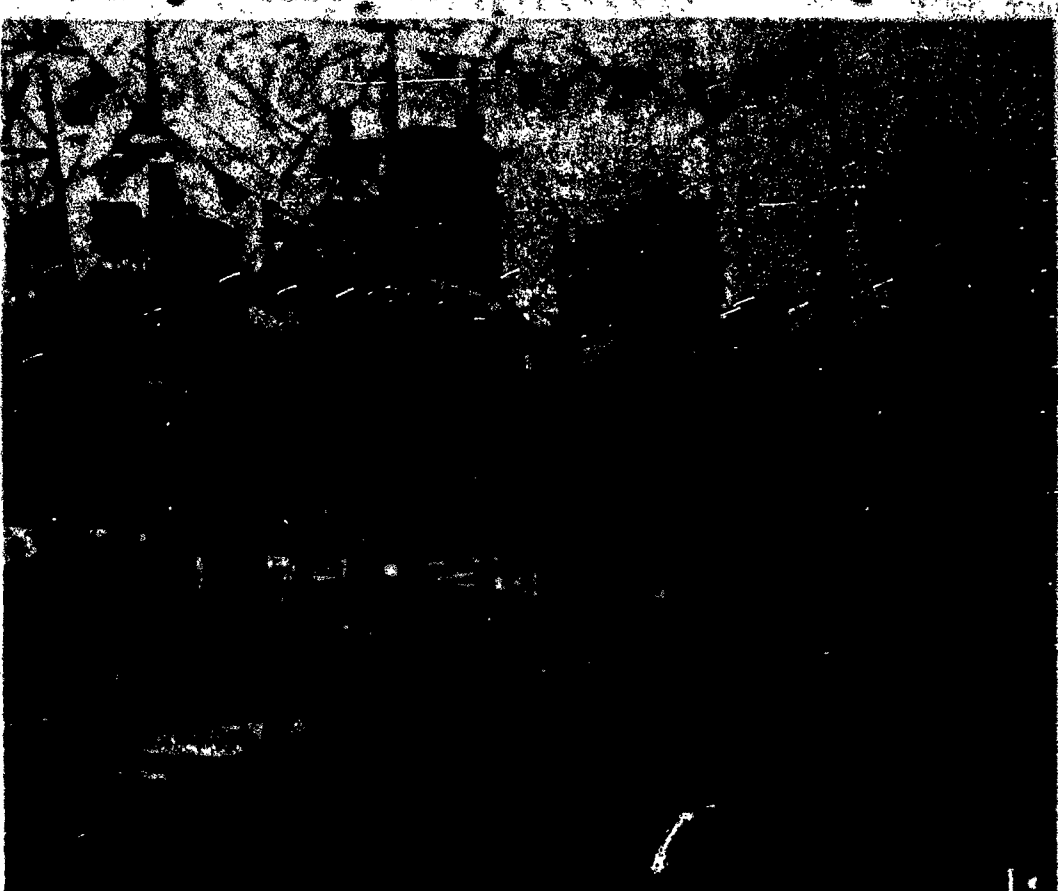
An alumnus of the Pontifical Russian College in Rome, Bishop Romzha was named Titular of Apollonia in 1934 and appointed Auxiliary to Bishop Nicholas Dudas of the Byzantine Rite Diocese of Hajdudorog in Hungary, who up to that time was Apostolic Administrator of the vacant Diocese of Mukacevo.

Archbishops Given British Commissions
London (RNS) — For the first time three Catholic Archbishops, those of Westminster, Liverpool, and St. Andrews and Edinburgh have been granted commissions in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. The commissions entitle them to go on board drill ships at ports and become members of the crew.

In announcing the decision, the admiralty stated "We have recently been revising the lists and thought it only fair that the Catholic Archbishops should be represented in view of the numbers of men and officers in the service who are Catholics."

N. D. Honors Broadcaster
Notre Dame, Ind. (NC) — Edgar Kobak, president of the Mutual Broadcasting System and a former Notre Dame student, has been elected chairman of the Advisory Council for Science and Engineering at the University of Notre Dame.

Navy Vessel Honors Heroic Chaplain



Father Daniel S. Rankin, S.M., assistant fleet chaplain of the U. S. Navy's Atlantic Fleet, had priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, celebrated Mass aboard the U. S. S. Schmitt, at Norfolk, Va., the first Mass offered on the destroyer transport named for the Rev. Allyn H. Schmitt, Navy chaplain who died heroically in the sinking of the battleship U. S. S. Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. Captain Herbert Dumstrey, Navy chaplain, delivered the eulogy. Official U. S. Navy Photo. (NC Photos)

Plight of DPs Catholic Church in U. S. Active in Aiding Refugees

(Mass migration resulting from war and persecution has given rise to one of the principal humanitarian problems facing the nations today: that of refugees and displaced persons. This is the first of five articles in which the author, assistant to the executive director of the Catholic Committee of Refugees, presents various aspects of the problem from a point of particular interest to Catholics.)

By ALPHONSE A. DIETSCH

The Catholic Church, of necessity, has always been and will always be interested in the problem of the migrant because it has to do with fraternal charity.

This practice of hospitality or harboring the homeless was developed to such an extent that in civilization's noblest hour, the era of Christendom, "there were hospices on the banks of rivers, on the summits of mountains, in cities and deserts, for the reception of travelers." Catholic charity attended the steps of the migrant to the ends of Christendom.

Since immigration has to do with our neighbors it is a phase of fraternal charity or, more precisely, international charity. Hence it is subject to the rules and obligations of charity. Man is to live the good life, not just live.

For the refugee and displaced person this is impossible or highly improbable in the state of his origin. Hence arises an ethical claim of migration to a state wherein there is the possibility of attaining the end of his mission on earth.

IMPOSSIBILITY of migration or repatriation is harmful to both the temporal and the eternal good of these people. Now it is with nations as it is with men: they have the duty to share with others what they can reasonably spare.

Surely no nation has more than it can reasonably spare. Our ability to rescue and rehabilitate the lives of our neighbors is the greatest, and hence likewise our obligation. It is true that charity is not binding with grave inconvenience, but displaced persons coming to the United States today are of our civilization, they are examined as to physical and mental health, loyalty, morality, likelihood of becoming a public charge and so forth. One can reasonably expect therefore that no grave inconvenience will arise on these counts.

It would appear that the only difficulty remaining is that of housing, and it is a serious one. Nevertheless, this difficulty might be bypassed if certain principles of selectivity in the granting of immigration visas until such time as the housing crisis is overcome.

VIASAS COULD BE issued to certain categories of immigrants who would not enter into competition for American housing. Such categories would be farmers (and there are thousands of these), domestic servants, and other persons of the United States and other allies constituting a part of settlement programs to sections outside housing shortage areas. Recognition of our obligation in charity makes necessary the ascertainment of ways and means to meet this obligation. Emergency legislation by Congress is the only answer, because without emergency legislation there is no way for the United States to assume its responsibility in the solution of the problem of refugees and displaced persons. Some such bill as the Stratton Bill providing for the admission of 100,000 refugees each year for four years is a necessity.

Just as the Catholic Church is the oldest organization in the United States, so also the first immigrants to what is now the

Unity of Americas Credited to Church

Medellin, Colombia — (NC) — Catholicism has brought about the strong feeling of solidarity in the American peoples, Dr. Mariano Ospina Perez, president of Colombia, declared in receiving an honorary doctorate from the Bolivarian Pontifical University here.

The Colombian president announced that he was presenting to the Catholic university a comparative study of American, European and Asiatic languages written by his father over a 15-year period.

United States were some 500 Spanish Catholics who founded St. Augustine on August 28, 1565. The first Catholic refugees came to this country aboard the Ark and the Dove, and with them they brought religious freedom to the United States on March 23, 1634.

THE HISTORY of the New World is by no means without early instances of refugees and displaced persons. Rhode Island was founded by refugees from Massachusetts. A classical example of displaced persons is that of the Acadians, who were driven out of Grand-Pre in 1755. Probably the earliest American organization for the care of immigrants was the Charitable Irish Society founded at Boston on March 17, 1771. Thereafter and particularly in the 19th century many organizations were established for immigrant aid, notably the Irish Emigrant Society founded in 1841 through the efforts of Bishop John Hughes and St. Raphael's Society established in 1853.

Basically these organizations while doing splendid work, nevertheless, cared mainly for Catholics of some particular nationality. Resources and technical information and skills acquired by these immigration agencies become lost and unavailable when once the mass immigration of that particular nationality group ceases. Hence the wisdom of the founding of the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Immigration by the Bishops of the United States in December 1920. It had as its purpose the perfection of a national Catholic Immigrant Aid Organization for assistance to migrants of all nationalities and as a clearing house for questions of immigration and emigration with which the Catholic Church in the United States was particularly concerned.

THE ADVENT of so-called strong men in Europe gave rise to governments by might, which ruthlessly disregarded the rights of their subjects, and the world was again confronted with compulsory mass migrations. To cope with this emergency the N. C. W. C. established in 1936 the Catholic Committee for Refugees. The N. C. W. C. Bureau of Immigration is the overall organization handling all questions of policy relating to immigration, whereas the Catholic Committee for Refugees is under a lasting debt to the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Immigration, which has always given unreservedly of its great fund of technical knowledge and skill, of its wise counsel and of its services.

Prize for Young Farmer
Dubuque — (NC) — Floyd Peters, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peters, Bellevue, is the winner of two Iowa state contests. A senior in St. Joseph High School, Bellevue, Floyd won first place in the state in the national field crops activity and received a free trip to the national 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, this week. Floyd also is the state winner in the soil conservation activity and will receive a \$25 United States Savings Bond.

Discrimination Scored by Priest

New Orleans — (NC) — Father O'Connell, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, scored discrimination against Catholics in the American Federation of Labor members of the AFL. He said that the AFL was an organization which was not an international union, but a national one. Father O'Connell said that at a recent meeting of the Catholic Committee of Refugees.

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