

Berlin Cardinal Retires... His Eminence Cardinal von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin, who had to postpone his scheduled trip to England because of an attack of jaundice, is now recovering "nicely" at St. Hedwig's Catholic Hospital here.

Refugee Doctors, Nurses Aided by Catholic Units

(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 second of five articles in which the author, assistant to the executive director of the Catholic Committee for Refugees, presents various aspects of the problem.)

By ALPHONBUS A. DIETRICH

The modern refugee movement began with Hitler's assumption of power in 1933. Emigration from Germany began slowly because of the feeling that Hitlerism was a passing fancy.

Enactment of the Nuremberg laws in September, 1933, proved decisively that a crisis was at hand and that there was no turning back. The German hierarchy appealed for assistance in behalf of Catholic refugees, and their appeal was endorsed by Pope Pius XII.

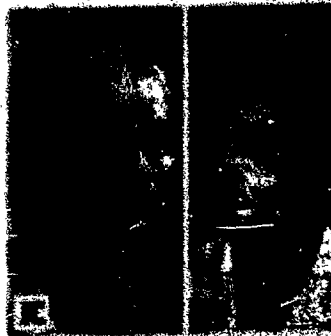
The Catholic Committee for Refugees (originally The Committee for Catholic Refugees from Germany), was authorized by the American Hierarchy at their annual meeting in 1934, to cooperate with the Hierarchy in Germany in the care of Catholic refugees.

Since January, 1937, offices of the Committee have been located in New York City, and they are now at 265 West 14th Street. The Committee has been directed to give material and spiritual aid to Catholics, who on account of racial, political and religious beliefs, are victims of persecutions and involuntary exiles from their homeland. Here the Catholic Church in the United States for the first time set up a national relief organization for aid to immigrants.

THE COMMITTEE has played a substantial role in rehabilitating the lives, fortunes, and opportunities of Catholics who have suffered and lost everything under the withering blights of nazism and fascism, as it is now operating in a similar capacity in behalf of victims of communism.

Both material and spiritual aid has been given to thousands of Catholic refugees, among whom have been priests, statesmen, doctors, lawyers, educators, artisans, merchants and laborers. Families have been reunited, re-

School Honors



Dr. Francis Xavier Thibon, 1941 professor of English at College of Mount Saint Vincent, New York, who was awarded the Cross Pro Ecclesia in recognition of his 21 years of teaching service at the college. (Right) Mrs. Thibon, who has been named head of the Art Department of Catholic University of America. (NO Photos)

Novelist Gets Loyola Degree

The Rev. Francis Xavier Thibon, S.J., was inaugurated 21st president of Loyola College in a ceremony at the 35-year-old Jesuit institution here at which honorary degrees were awarded to the Belgian Catholic novelist, Evelyn Waugh, and to Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., Maryland State School Superintendent.

In the installation address, the Very Rev. Martin Cyril D'Arcy, English Jesuit provincial, declared that "a Jesuit education has to be second to none in its pursuit of truth and in its integrity," and added that "because this ideal is both preserved and fostered at such Catholic institutions as this, we Christians fear not the future."

for 36 cases totaled \$54,000.50. Some of these scholars are now teaching the following subjects at leading institutions of higher learning: government and international law, political science, economics, music, religion, modern languages, sociology, history, comparative literature, dentistry and ology. They were placed in research work in the fields of economics, pathology and cancer. Others have written a number of books and many articles for the Catholic and secular press both here and abroad.

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Additional services rendered have been job placements, aid to skilled, unskilled and professional workers, vocational training grants, editorial counsel, education, including scholarships, ascertainment of attendance at Catholic schools, and continuance of education where necessary and advisable by virtue of a special talent. Formerly the Committee was able to give its own English courses for Catholic newcomers. Other services are medical aid, family and children's aid, including placement of children in summer camps; religious counseling and ascertaining that the spiritual needs of refugees are met; resettlement of cases both here and abroad, location service for relatives on both sides of the ocean, international correspondence and inter-agency cooperation with Catholic and non-Catholic organizations throughout the world.

More than 75,000 inquiries by mail alone came to the Committee during this period for counsel and aid in various matters. Similarly, more than 33,500 of face interviews were given.

EMPLOYMENT HAS been secured for musicians, professors, physicians, office workers, bankers, librarians, architects, dentists, research workers, chemists, bookbinders, electricians, artists, nurses, accountants, draftsmen and mechanics. In a number of cases the Committee financed retraining courses so that white collar workers might secure gainful employment in vocational fields in current demand.

A total of 145 teachers and 101 physicians were helped. Obviously these foreign professionals needed assistance for themselves and their families during their early days here in order to familiarize themselves with the content and methods of American education and medicine to learn the English language to become acquainted with American regulations and standards. In many instances we had to support the families of physicians while the latter were serving internships. These professionals also often needed refresher courses. In some instances younger doctors were aided to study rather than take internships, since it was felt they would have a good chance to pass their medical examinations. These professional people have made remarkable adjustments. Many of them are today practicing in leading hospitals. They often handle Committee cases without charge. Teachers aided by the Committee likewise are in some of our finest Catholic educational institutions and a number of them are heads of departments.

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