

# Communist Threat In Italy Growing

Washington — (NC) — There is a growing appreciation of the danger of the communist threat in Italy, and the fact that the communist movement is a development which will have for all of Europe.

The threat to Italy may seem as a threat to many people, since the population of that country is so predominantly Catholic. But the fact is that the movement is very real, and this is testimony to the very heavy influence of the world today and to the influence of the communist movement on the continent of Europe.

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# A Mercy Gift From U.S. to Europe



The National Catholic Welfare Conference is sending these ambulances to Europe. The ambulances are pictured in St. Peter's Square before they were formally put into commission. (NO Photos)

# Ragged Theater Man Turned Stevedore Given Needed Clothes by Rochester Priest

Rochester — (NC) — For the ragged theater man turned stevedore, the needed clothes were given by a Rochester priest. The man, who had been in the theater for many years, had lost his job and was struggling to make ends meet. The priest, who had known the man for many years, decided to help him out by providing him with the clothes he needed.

# FRENCH VOTE SCHOOL AID

Paris — A large number of towns and villages in the region of Vichy in the west of France have voted subsidies to Catholic schools within their jurisdictions ranging from 100 to 500,000 francs.

# Parochial School Pupils Denied Buses

Oklahoma City — (RNS) — Transportation of parochial school students in Oklahoma public school buses is illegal, State Attorney General Mac Q. Williamson ruled here.

# Adult Baptisms In Japan in '47 Triple '46 Mark

Tokyo — (NC) — Adult Baptisms in Japan tripled in 1947 over the previous year's total, but the number of Catholics in the country is still down 10,000 from the 1933 figure.

# Catholic Education Meet Held in China

Shanghai — (NC) — The first all-China Catholic conference to take place since before the Sino-Japanese war, and the first national-wide effort toward concerted action by Catholic educators, took place this week at the National Catholic Educational Conference here.

# Portable Altars On Airplanes

Amsterdam — (RNS) — For the first time in the history of commercial aviation, portable altars will be carried on all planes of the KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, it was announced here.

# MASS OPENS DAIL SESSION

Dublin — (NC) — Archbishop John McQuinn of Dublin presided at a Mass in the Pro-Cathedral here, which marked the opening of the 13th Dail (Irish Parliament) President Sean T. O'Malley, Dublin.

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**DAMAGE DONE TO Church buildings during the war and the amount of reconstruction done since then is listed in floor space with 170,000 square yards listed as destroyed and 50,000 square yards rebuilt.**

**THE U.S. missionary contingent of 61 priests, Brothers and Sisters stands 10th among the foreign Catholic missionary groups now working in Japan, according to the reports.**

**THE SAVAGES of the war can be seen from the fact that though Catholics numbered 119,262 in 1933 they numbered only 103,263 in 1947. It should be remembered, however, that approximately 3,000 Catholics in the Ryukyu Islands (Okinawa, Okinawa) are now administered separately by the Capuchin Fathers, from Guam.**

# PRELATE ASKS RUMANIAN AID

New York — (NC) — Rumania is still in critical need of food, clothing and medicine, according to an American Embassy official acting as Regent of the Pope's Nunciature in Bucharest, who has helped to administer aid sent to Rumanians by American Catholics.

# DP Admittance Urged by CDA

Southern Pines, N. C. — (NC) — Reaffirmation of its stand in favor of emergency legislation for the resettlement in this country of a fair share of Europe's displaced persons was voted here by the national board of the Catholic Daughters of America.

# Public Housing Expansion Urged

Washington — (NC) — Immediate provision for continuing and expanding the present public low cost housing program was urged by Mayor John O'Grady, executive secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

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