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Legate Visits Pakistan... Karachi, Pakistan - (NC) - Archbishop Leo P. Kierkels, C.P., Apostolic Delegate to the East Indies, paid his first visit to the Pakistan capital since this country's establishment as a separate state.

Action Urged On Protestant School Clergy

New York - (RNS) - A proposal that Catholics begin court actions "here and there" to confront Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State with "logical consequences of their anti-nun bills," was made here by America, national Catholic weekly. "Maybe it is time for Catholics to challenge Protestant sincerity to the public school question," the magazine said. "Maybe it is time to say to Protestants United: all right, you say it is unconstitutional for nuns to teach in public schools; then what about the many more numerous Protestant ministers teaching in public schools all week and officiating in Protestant pulpits on Sundays?" America quoted an official of the National Catholic Welfare Conference to the effect that two-thirds of the counties in Missouri "hire ordained ministers to teach in their public schools."

"NOT ONLY in Missouri, either," America declared, "but in many more states. Not only teaching, either, but controlling public school policies."

Pointing out that Protestants were seeking to bar 74 nuns now teaching in the public schools of North Dakota, the magazine said "the really shocking thing about this anti-nun fury is its impertinence and hypocrisy." "Protestants United," it continued, "have suddenly 'discovered' a situation that has existed for 50 or more years without creating a union of Church and State a situation, which they know was brought about by responsible public school authorities because in no other way could they provide teachers for the children in their charge."

America asserted that Protestants United was attempting to rally Protestants in this country by falsely charging that the Catholic Church is deploying its nuns in public schools "so as to bring about a union of Church and State."

\$2,500 Given Mission... Rimouski, Quebec - (NC) - Former and present students of the Ursuline of Rimouski contributed \$2,500 to assist four Ursuline nuns in establishing a new mission in Japan.

Mother of Sorrows Class at Work



In their newly constructed school, "the studious sixth" of Our Mother of Sorrows School, Mt. Read Boulevard, shown hard at studies in a well lighted, well ventilated room. School is to be Dedicated by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney. (Story on page 1).

Religion, Labor Cited Weapons

Atlantic City - (NC) - Religion and the labor movement were ranked as the two greatest bulwarks against a "totalitarian America" by the Rev. R. A. McGowan, director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, in an address before the convention of the CIO Textile Workers Union of America here.

In spite of religious confusion in recent centuries and virtual exile of religion in Europe from economic and political morality in the 19th and early 20th centuries, religion hung on and is probably stronger today in Europe than it has been in centuries, Father McGowan said. "I cannot say so much for most of the labor unions of continental Europe and I think the reason is that the continental European unions were not like American unions or for that matter British unions," he continued. "But most continental European unions fell before the totalitarian chiefs. In one country after another, Russia, Italy, Germany, Austria and Spain and in the most of the States Germany once ruled and in the States Russia rules the labor unions have not lived up to their own nature. They have succumbed to government. Some did indeed rebel. Some went underground. But the broad face is plain to read. The unions did not and have not kept their own greatness."

Crib Made By Prisoners Of Japs Brought Here

Parma, O. - Figurines in a hand-carved Christmas crib on display in the chapel of the Veterans Administration hospital here were fashioned from odds and ends five years ago in Cabanatuan concentration camp in the Philippines.

They have at last found their way back into the hands of Father Albert Talbot, chaplain at the hospital and survivor of the prison camp, who buried them in a wooden box at Cabanatuan three years ago, along with baptismal records of 30 converts. The idea of the crib came to Father Talbot in 1942 when the Japanese commander granted permission to offer midnight Mass in the prison chapel. Six men, two of them converts and one a Protestant, set to work with mess-knives carving the figures from bits of native wood. Eight inches high, jointed at knee, hips and shoulders, the figures are clad in cast-off gauze bandages dyed with gentian violet, an antiseptic used for "jungle rot" and with iodine and other substances. The sheep have been made of little bunches of cotton coated with wax. The crib was set up in the open near the 20-seat chapel made of

Jap Officers Given Life For Priests' Torture Deaths

Montreal - (NC) Dispatches from Yokohama report that an 8th Army Military Commission has sentenced a former Japanese lieutenant to life imprisonment at hard labor for permitting his subordinates to torture and kill two Canadian missionary priests in the Philippines during the occupation of Mindanao.

The Japanese lieutenant is Lieut. Kiyozo Fukumaga. Two subordinates who actually murdered the priests are reported to be dead.

The two Canadian priests were the Rev. Omer Leblanc and the Rev. Leo Poirier, both of the Quebec Foreign Mission Society. Father Leblanc was ordained in 1937 and Father Poirier in 1938. They had been assigned to the Philippines soon after ordination.

According to word received at the motherhouse of the Quebec Foreign Mission Society, the circumstances of their martyrdom were as follows:

The two priests had been exercising their ministry at Santa Cruz when they learned of the Japanese invasion in December, 1941. With the rest of the people they fled to the interior.

The priests found refuge in the civilized towns in the center of Mindanao, but were advised that they would have nothing to fear if they gave themselves up to the invaders. This they did, in August, 1942.

Given a safe conduct guarantee by the Japanese, the priests left in a military truck for Davao, where several of their confreres were interned. The first night they had to stop at Pitil, where the Japanese soldiers attended a dance and became intoxicated.

After returning from the dance to the hospital where the priests were staying, some of the Jap soldiers began to strike them with the butts of their rifles and with chairs. A long-drawn-out torture began. It later was reported that the skin was torn off the priests' feet and they were forced to walk. Finally they were bayoneted to death, and their bodies thrown into the Mindanao River.

Named to CWV Post... Washington - (NC) - Appointment of J. R. Gorman, attorney of this city, as National Adjutant General of the Catholic War Veterans of America.

Catholic Weeklies Banned... Prague - (RNS) - The Czechoslovak Ministry of Information has banned three Roman Catholic weeklies because of their "negative attitude" toward the government. The papers are Nedele and Catholick, both published in Prague, and Rodina, published in Olomouc.

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Mother of the Week. May 4th is the feast of St. Monica, whose prayers turned her son, St. Augustine, from a life of depravity. After her we have named our MONICA GUILD, whose members give a dollar monthly to supply vestments to needy missionaries. For Mother's Day, why not enroll your own dear Mother as a member? We send her our lovely Gift Card, telling her this:

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FIFTY ORPHANS. It is not easy to feed those fifty orphans in the care of the Sisters of the Holy Family of East Boston, and Sister Stephanie asks urgently for two hundred dollars. Please do give something for ORPHANS' BREAD!

NEAR EAST MISIONS. The money from our American Near East friends bought the land and built the hospital. It has just twelve beds, all occupied on the first day. Now we shall depend on the devotion of Our Lady of Fatima to help us to make this shrine of Her Son's merciful healing the greatest ever."

SPRING AND BLIND! One day we saw a beggar with this sign: "It is spring and I am blind!" That aged, Carmelite, Father Peter, now eighty-three years old, came for the blind to his home at Bagdad, Iraq, and he asks us for three hundred dollars to help him to do so. Will you be the eyes of the blind?

ALWAYS HUNGRY. Every month we must send fifty food packages to our refugee seminarians in Hirschbach, Bavaria, and each package costs ten dollars. Remember that these young men are the hope of the Church in lands now occupied by Russia.

SPECIAL CHALICE. Bishop Scandar of the new diocese of Assiut, Egypt, asks for special chalices, costing fifty dollars. Here is your chance to make a rough beggar into our Eucharistic King.

HER FACE. Have you seen our picture of St. Therese as a novice and the beautiful poem on her life, "The Unpetalled Rose"? Gladly do we send it to all who give a mile for the Shrine Chapel of the Little Flower, soon to rise in Lebanon, north of the Holy Land, for the conversion of Russia.

MAY SHOULD BE. Mary's month should be the greatest for deposit in Mary's Bank for Near East Missions. You can make your deposit now! We would help Sisters in seven countries before May ends.

THOSE POOR PRIESTS. Every month we must send Mass offerings to two hundred refugee priests in Germany. We appeal to you for the Holy Father. Have two years' training will cost three hundred dollars.

THEIR BLOOD. Read what the Martyrs of our day are doing for the Church in our new pamphlet "THE FLOWERS OF THE MARTYRS." Ten cents for the missions will bring it to you.

ROBE OF INNOCENCE. Write for a picture of a First Communion class in a Near East orphanage. Ten dollars will supply a little white outfit for an orphan, on this holiest of days.

DEATH SENTENCE. Every man born is condemned to death and should prepare for it. Write for information on our plan of offering the Gregorian Masses after your death.

TWO FACES. Consider Father; doesn't look as a young priest, strong and smiling, and then as a leper, almost hideous. But this contained the seeds of his love for the leper. In his name, we ask help for the DAMIEN LEPER FUND, from which we receive these pictures.

SEND ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO: Catholic Near East Welfare Association. 480 Lexington Ave. at 46th St. New York 17, N. Y.