

Boys Town Receives Body Of Fr. Flanagan

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...of helping homeless and unfortunate youth. This led to the opening of his first home for boys, financed by a \$40 loan from a friend with three homeless waifs and two who were turned over to his care by the juvenile court.

ENROLLMENT at Father Flanagan's Boys' Home grew rapidly and larger quarters were needed within six months. He moved it to a large building in Omaha, but by September, 1919, it was again overcrowded.

In the fall of 1921, the home was moved to Oakbrook Farm, the original tract of the now largely expanded campus and farm of Boys Town. The first building, now the school building, was completed in November, 1922.

Boys Town today comprises more than 900 acres and 50 buildings, valued at several million dollars. It is a home and school for boys without a home, with no barriers of race, creed or color, and more than 5,500 boys from every State, the Philippines, Hawaii, Mexico and Canada have been citizens here.

In 1937 Father Flanagan was elevated to the rank of Domestic Prelate by the late Pope Pius XI, with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor, and was invested by the late Archbishop James Hugh Ryan of Omaha. During his mission to Europe, Monsignor Flanagan visited Rome for an audience with the Holy Father, Pope Pius XII.

Honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws were conferred upon Monsignor Flanagan by Mount St. Mary's College, Emmittsburg, Md.; St. Benedict's College, Atkinson, N.J.; and Creighton University, Omaha.

Boys, based on his philosophy that "there is no such thing as a bad boy," has been to give them a good, sound and vocational education, to keep them busy in their leisure time with sports, hobbies, crafts, recreation and cultural activities.

Death of Monsignor Flanagan evoked expressions of tribute and sorrow in the Rochester Diocese where the famed youth builder was well known.

The Boys Town founder paid his first visit to Rochester in March, 1941 to bring encouragement to the founders of St. Francis Assisi Recreation at its dedication. He was greeted warmly by Bishop James E. Kearney who welcomed Father Flanagan as an "old school mate."

In 1943 Father Flanagan appeared as speaker at the annual Catholic Charities dinner in Elmira.

Traveling with the famed Boys Town football team last November when they played Aquinas at Rochester spent a weekend in Rochester speaking to various groups including the Aquinas Mothers' Club and the First Friday Luncheon Club.

Magr. Flanagan Urged DP Aid

Frankfurt — (RNS) — Magr. Edward J. Flanagan, founder and head of Boys Town, Nebraska, urged here just before he died that the American government permit the emigration of displaced persons to the United States.

"The Stration bill or any other bill that would accomplish the same purpose should be passed," he declared, adding: "That is the only hope for these people."

Magr. Flanagan said he would confer in Berlin with General Lucius D. Clay, U. S. commander, and German youth leaders on young people's problems in the American occupation zone.

Proper Holyday Observance Set

Prague — (NC) — The Bishops of Slovakia have repeatedly approached governmental authorities with the request to permit proper observance of Sundays and religious holy days. They have also asked that extraordinary work shifts, such as the recently decreed "national shift," be carried out on Saturdays at night rather than on Sundays.

The Catholic weekly newspaper Katolické Noviny, published in Bratislava, in announcing the Bishops' representations to the government, declared that Slovak Catholics desire to add the strength of their faith in order to give workers' morale and to make working people increase their efforts, since the interests of the State demand it, but the newspaper added, "Catholics plead that divine and natural laws commanding the observance of Sundays and holy days be not violated."

The strength of religious life in Slovakia is indicated by reports from the famous Slovak Marian shrines, such as Mariánska Hora and Klokocov, according to which the number of pilgrims is expected to exceed all previous records.

Cures Reported Through Nun

Bhatnagar, Travancore, India — Several hundred favors and cures have been reported granted through the intercession of Sister Alphonsa, saintly Poor Clare nun who died here two years ago. The cures of several lame persons through her intercession have been termed miraculous by medical doctors.

Since the nun's death hundreds of Hindus and Moslems, as well as Christians, have visited her grave each week and have lit candles around it as a testimony of gratitude for favors received or as a petition for favors.

Sister Alphonsa was in ill health during the latter part of her life and suffered much pain. Several biographies of her have been written.

Marquette U. Head Dies Suddenly

Milwaukee — (NC) — Funeral services were held here for the Very Rev. Peter A. Brooks S.J., president of Marquette University since 1934, who died suddenly May 16 of a heart attack.

Father Brooks, a native of Watertown, Wis., and a graduate of Marquette, was Provincial of the Missouri Province of the Society of Jesus from 1937 to 1943. As a former Provincial he will be buried at St. Stanislaus Seminary, Florissant, Mo. After serving as a heavy artillery lieutenant in France during World War I, Father Brooks was graduated with honors from Marquette in 1921, and then joined the Jesuits.

Skull of Czech Saint Carried in Procession

Prague — (NC) — The jubilee year in honor of St. Adalbert, commemorating the 950th anniversary of the death of the Slav patron saint, was concluded with solemn ceremonies which were attended by thousands of Czech Catholics.

Following a Mass at the Benedictine basilica of St. Margaret, the skull of St. Adalbert was carried by Benedictine Abbots to St. Vitus Cathedral here, where Bishop Antonin Eltschekner, Auxiliary of Prague, intoned a Te Deum.

Swiss Guard Recruits Sworn in at Vatican

By THE REV. J. J. SULLIVAN

Vatican City — A ceremony has just taken place in the Belvedere courtyard of the Vatican which renewed an ancient tradition and symbolized a loyalty and a devotion unique in military history. It was the annual taking of the oath of service by the latest recruits to the Swiss Guard.

This ceremony is the high point of the year for the Guard and takes place on the anniversary of the most glorious page in their history. On May 6, 1527, only 21 years after their foundation, the full complement of the Guard, 42 men, gave their lives in defense of Pope Clement VII during the sack of Rome by the Germans and Spaniards of Emperor Charles V.

Many times your correspondent has wondered about these young men from the mountains of Switzerland who wear the garb of an age long past, whose very weapons are little more than stage properties in a medieval pageant. Could they really be soldiers of the ordinary kind, practical to duty but more punctilious to play, free and easy and careless, loquacious, loud and rough?

As the Guard paraded in all the splendor of those red, gold and blue uniforms, with shining breastplate and helmet and pike, and as the 16 recruits who had joined during the past year solemnly pronounced their pledge, I decided to learn more if I could about the kind of men they really are.

Random visits to the barracks and the canteen quickly proved that the friendly, courteous manner of these soldiers of the Pope are by no means reserved for the visitor at the post of duty, and that off-duty hours are not given to loud-mouthed laughter and rough-house, or other idle waste of time.

HERE WAS ONE practicing on the cello, another at his easel and oils. Two or three were studying a language, another history, and farther along were a pair working with knives, one carving wood, the other leather. None of these men, is a college man. They are the sons of ordinary Swiss Catholic families and have received the average primary and some secondary education.

Every candidate for admission to the Guards must be unmarried, under 25 years of age, and at least five feet and eight inches in height. Those who wish to retire may freely do so after giving three months' notice. Guards who have served 30 years are eligible to retire on full pay.

Morning Mass each day is at 8 o'clock. Nobody is compelled, everyone is invited, and of course at that hour several of the guards are on duty. Attendance each day runs between 20 and 30, and nine or ten usually receive Holy Communion. This out of the total number of 70 soldiers in the Guard.

They have their own Sodality of Our Lady, and they display an ardent devotion to the Sacred Heart. Holy Hour on Thursdays before the First Friday each month finds a goodly number of these lads giving that hour of



His holiness Pope Pius XII greets new members of the famed Swiss Guards of the Vatican, May 6, on the occasion of the 31st anniversary of the 100-man unit, marking the heroic struggle to defend Pope Clement VII, during the sacking of Rome by barbarians in 1527. (NC Photos.)

Card. Mooney Dedicates Detroit To Heart of Mary

Detroit — (NC) — Before the assemblage of more than 17,000 persons packed into the University of Detroit Stadium, His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney dedicated the Archdiocese of Detroit to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in conjunction with World Solidarity Day.

The Cardinal had given no previous intimation of his intention for the dedication, but when he recited the dedicatory prayer, he was joined in the invocation by the huge assembly.

Toward the end of a brief address dealing with the Sodality celebration, the Cardinal remarked that His Holiness Pope Pius XII in his recent Encyclical, "Apostolicae Sedes," had asked prayers to the Blessed Mother for the preservation of the Holy Places in Palestine.

Rome College Alumni Pledge New Chapel

Washington — (NC) — Full support of a project to have the alumni association of the North American College in Rome make a gift of the chapel to be erected at the site of the new seminary in Rome was voted at the alumni's 50th annual meeting here. Bishop William F. Murphy of Saginaw is chairman of the committee formed to solicit funds from the alumni for the chapel estimated to cost around \$250,000.

Some 400 of the more than 800 alumni in the United States gathered from all parts of the country to attend the three-day meeting. Magr. Peter J. Donley of St. Louis was elected as the new president.

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er request in this letter," the Cardinal continued, "a request that every Bishop consecrate his diocese to the Immaculate Heart of our Heavenly Mother. . . . It seems to me that I can find no more fitting occasion for such consecration than here today when so many are gathered to honor the Blessed Mother of Christ."

The Cardinal then recited the prayer of dedication which concluded with a renewal of the promises of both Baptism and Confirmation. Previously, in commenting on the observance of Sodality Day, the Cardinal had said: "The sanctity of motherhood that stands out in Christianity, all derives from the fact that a humble maiden of Nazareth, was made by God the Mother of His Son."

The Cardinal joined Magr. Walter R. Hardy, who preached the sermon on the occasion, in exhorting Catholics "to bring the Mother of Christ into our homes as co-operator with our own mothers."

New Papal Peace Plea Expected June 2

Rome — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII will make a renewed appeal for peace in a radio broadcast to the world on June 2, Vatican authorities disclosed. June 2, the Feast of St. Eugene is the Pope's name-day.

Besides urging the promotion of good will throughout the world, Pope Pius is expected to call for intensified efforts toward postwar reconstruction and the alleviation of distress among war victims.

Weather Balks Eclipse Priest

Washington — (NC) — A completely clouded sky prevented any observation of the total eclipse on May 8 by the Rev. Francis J. Heyden, S. J., of Georgetown University, who had set up equipment at Wu-K'ang, China, to study the eclipse for the National Geographic Society.

The wholly negative results of his mission were reported to the society here in a radiogram from Father Heyden. Some days before the eclipse, the Georgetown priest had reported a 60 to 70 per cent probability of favorable weather conditions.

Priest Cleared Of War Charges

Paris — (NC) — Among the clergy acquitted in the wind-up of what the Communist press called the "Conspiracy of the Monasteries," which involved giving shelter to political refugees in the postwar period, was a British subject, Father Vigoreux, Superior of the Marist College at Senlis.

Testimony before the tribunal brought out that Father Vigoreux, born in the British colony on Mauritius Island, was a model of courage during the Resistance. Named Superior of a college at Montlucon near Vichy, he gave shelter to a large number of students who were chased out of Alsace by the Germans. This action caused his expulsion by the Prefect of Vichy.

He then went to Savoie where he became more active in the resistance movement and founded the college of Our Lady of the Glaciers, composed entirely of men in hiding, young French men who refused to be exiled to Germany as workers and refugees.

Marshall Won't Be There
Washington — (NC) — Secretary of State George C. Marshall will be "unable to attend" a dinner in New York on June 3 at which The Churchman magazine was scheduled to give him its annual award. The Churchman is edited by Dr. Guy Emery Shipley, left-wing Episcopal clergyman, who visited Yugoslavia last Summer and signed a report attesting to freedom of religion in that country.

Prelate Cites Public's Right In Labor Strife

Boston — (NC) — In the struggle between labor and management the public "must have a prior claim," Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston told 3,000 delegates at the fourth constitutional convention of the United Steelworkers of America, one of the two biggest unions in the CIO.

Archbishop Cushing delivered the invocation at the opening session of the five-day convention, and then addressed the delegates. He was introduced by Philip Murray, president of the CIO and also of the steelworkers' union.

"In the current statement of the social question the constant emphasis is on labor and management," Archbishop Cushing declared. "The fact is that there is a third group, a group which includes all those who work and all those who manage, but which is nonetheless a separate group from either organized labor or entrenched management. That third group is the public, the people."

IN THE FINAL solution of the great struggle between labor and management, the people, the public, the community as a whole, must have a prior claim. To assume that the only rights involved in an industrial dispute are those of capital and labor is a serious mistake — and as between labor and management, that party will gain most in the long run which shows the greatest regard for the rights of the community and for the interests of the people."

Asserting that organized labor will realize its "magnificent opportunity" today "above all, by giving the public good a top place in its program and in the choice of the means by which it pursues that program," the Archbishop said he believed that labor "always tries to do that."

"But," he continued, "as one who always seeks to espouse the cause of labor, I trust that no mistake of strategy or ill-advised use of power will ever leave organized labor in the position of impairing the public good or blocking the rights of the people. The stakes are too great and the future of the labor movement is too deeply involved."

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