

# England Dedicated To Blessed Virgin

London—(NC)—His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, carrying out wishes expressed to the Catholic world by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, has solemnly consecrated England and Wales to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Walsingham, Britain's national shrine in Norfolk.

## London Draws French Cyclists

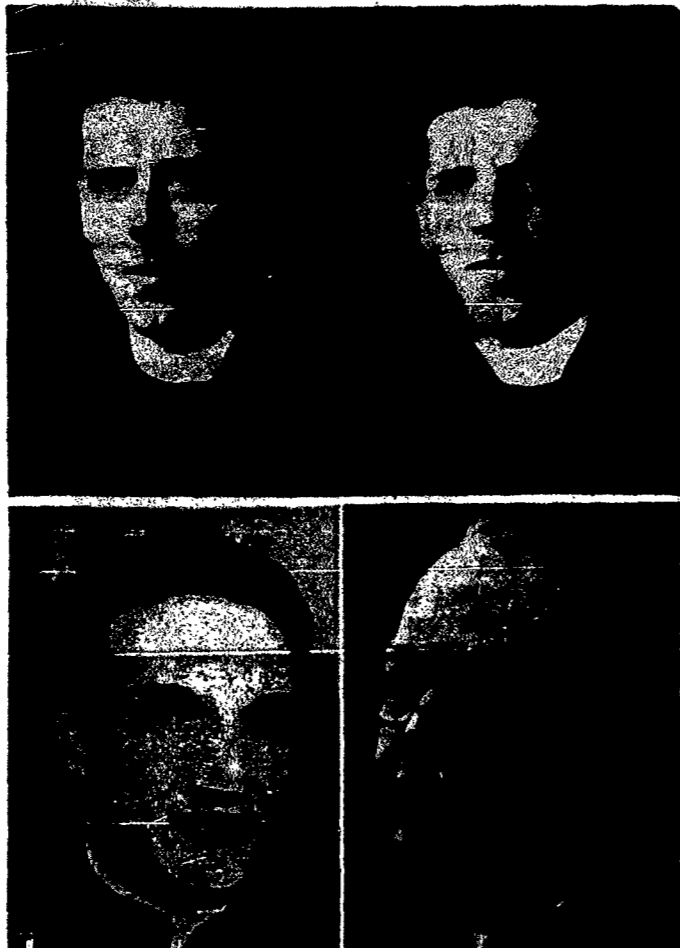
Paris—For the first time, 34 athletes taking part in the Tour de France, including several who were in the country, gathered at the Grande Roulotte for a religious ceremony presided over by Bishop Toppin of London. The French athletes were present. They congratulated the organizers for their manifestation of homage to the Mother of God and blessed all the members, saying that the success of the tour would be a sign of God's blessing on the nation.

## Czech Bishops Exhorted by Pope

Prague, Czechoslovakia—(NC)—An appreciation of the "many difficulties and anxieties" with which the Czechoslovak hierarchy must contend on its way to the Holy See, was the theme of a letter from Pope Pius XII to the Czech bishops. The letter, which is an answer to a message of loyalty sent to the Holy Father by the Czech bishops after their meeting earlier this year, has been printed in Katolicka Novina, Slovak Catholic weekly here.

Difficulties, the Holy Father writes, "may be faced only in such a way that religious life is fostered more and more." Filled with this aim and relying upon God's help, the Pontiff continues, "promote God's cause under unfavorable conditions as best you can, by word and example. The faithful under your care—yet, may safeguard the principles of the Holy Gospel, protect the rights of the Church and maintain unswerving obedience and loyalty to the Holy See which is based on unwavering divine promises. May your intentions be aided by the favor of God's grace and may it certify your work so that, in present conditions, demand it, you might never lack courage combined with prudence and firmness combined with meekness. God suffers with you that greater good may come when temptations are stoned; virtue, therefore, rises with new vigor when it is oppressed; and truth, after it is attacked, is crowned with the light of victory."

## TWINS, MAN 60, ORDAINED



Two brothers, Joseph and Stanley Otto (upper photo) of St. Bernabe's parish, Philadelphia, were ordained by Bishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford at the Holy Ghost Fathers Mission Seminary, Norwalk, Conn., June 18. Rev. Paul E. Rankin, C.S.C., of Malboro (lower left) was ordained on June 6, by Archbishop Francis Beckmann, C.M., of Panama, the first priest ordained in the Canal Zone. Rev. Fabian F. Chartier of Sacred Heart Cathedral parish, Detroit (lower right) was ordained at the age of 60, by Bishop William O. Brady of Sioux Falls, on May 27. (NC Photos.)

## Reds Employ Bible Talks As New Stratagem

Budapest—(NC)—Hungary's Reds have seized on a new method in their efforts to drive a wedge between the people and their clergy and thus stifle religion in this almost 70 per cent Catholic nation. They have now taken to reading and "explaining" the Bible in public.

This latest communist stratagem is narrated in New Mass, weekly of Hungarian Catholic Action. "On week days, about six o'clock in the evening, little groups appear on the streets and squares of the capital," the paper relates. "They stop and where people gather around, they produce the Bible, read certain chapters and explain them. 'THIS IS A typical explanation. 'Dear brethren,' they say, 'we shall read you a few words from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians: 'If I should speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have charity, I have become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. . . . 'Well, brethren, who are those who have no charity? We shall tell you. They are priests. It is their intention to keep the people in the darkness of stupidity. They take away the poor people's last farthing. That is what the churches are for.' This is the tenor of their 'explanations,' the New Mass states. No matter what passages of the Bible they read, it adds, their conclusions are about the same and have the overall effect of slandering the Church and its clergy. After one such 'explanation,' the paper relates, an angry listener cried out: 'If you're preaching charity don't use slanders.'"

Brother is Drowned Granby, Que.—(NC)—Brother Jude, 40, of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, a professor at Sacred Heart College, was drowned in Lake Brno when the boat in which he was travelling with seven other persons capsized. The others reached safety.

## New Deputy



Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) James H. O'Neill, who accompanied the Third Army in its sweep across France and into Germany, has been designated Deputy Chief of Chaplains of the Army to succeed Chaplain (Col.) Patrick J. Ryan, who has been designated Sixth Army Chaplain. Father O'Neill, First Army Chaplain since June, 1945, took over his new duties this week. He is one of only five Army Chaplains ever to attain the rank of brigadier general. Before joining the Army in 1924 he was an instructor at Mt. St. Charles College, Helena, Mont. His decorations include the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit.

Diocese Loses 'Distinction' Reno—(NC)—With the headline "Diocese to Quit No-High-School List," the Nevada Edition of the Register has inaugurated a series of articles describing the new Catholic high school to be opened at the former Flick Ranch near here. The diocese is now able, the Register comments, to drop its mark of being the only diocese in the United States without a Catholic high school.

## School Issue Tied To French Crisis

By M. MASSIANI

Paris—(NC-Radio)—While it would be an exaggeration to say that it was a religious issue which directly caused the ministerial crisis upsetting the Schuman cabinet, such an issue played an important part.

The anti-religious segment of the Socialist Party was impatient to break the party's close cooperation with the Christian group and to shake off the direction of Catholic Premier Robert Schuman.

## Seek Buses For Religion Class

Fort Wayne, Ind.—(RNS)

Representatives of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne are negotiating with city officials to conduct religious education classes in buses.

If approved, the plan calls for a Fort Wayne Transit Co. bus to be parked in the vicinity of each public school long enough to hold classes for pupils of the third, fourth and fifth grades.

The plan was evolved as a result of the U. S. Supreme Court decision barring religious instruction in public schools.

Churchmen here said the project had been approved both by the Fort Wayne Transit Co. and the Indiana Public Service Commission.

Regarding the military budget on which the Socialist party demanded immediate reductions, the determination of the Socialist deputies to reject any compromise proposed by Schuman was strengthened by two motives not publicly announced. The first was the hope that a cabinet crisis would make possible the postponement of the forthcoming cantonal elections in which the Socialists are sure to lose a number of seats to the followers of De Gaulle. The second was that the break with Schuman would leave them free to vote with the article-faiths, particularly with regard to the school issue.

As the Catholic Premier leaves office everyone must give him credit for the straightforward manner in which he directed the government affairs. He leaves behind the memory of an honest Chief of State.

## Ulster State Aid Program For Schools Watched Here

Belfast—(NC)—Education leaders in the United States and the British Empire are watching closely the development of Northern Ireland's "overhauled" school system, according to the Ulster Commentary, local monthly.

These features of the system, which follows from the Education Act of 1947, are indicated to be of great interest outside the country: 1) Religious education is made compulsory in every county and voluntary school. 2) THE FULL cost of teachers' salaries in all primary and intermediate schools in Ulster, whether controlled by the public education authorities or by voluntary agencies, is borne by the State. 3) In those hundreds of schools which have not been transferred to the local education authorities, some Protestant and some Catholic, the State not only pays teachers' salaries but provides a grant of 65 per cent of maintenance costs and a similar grant with respect to capital expenditures. 4) If the conductors of a voluntary school, Protestant or Catholic, are willing to accept control by a "Committee"—four members of the school's own choice and two appointed by the local

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