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Quaker Praises Work Of China Catholic Hospital

Shanghai—“I was very much impressed by the way the Catholic hospital rose to the emergency,” Lewis Hopkins, chairman of the Friends Service Unit, stated here, giving an eye-witness account of the communist capture, occupation, and nationalist re-capture of Kaileng.

Mr. Hopkins entered the city, capital of Honan province, while fighting was still going on and remained after the Red forces withdrew. Artillery, rifle and machinegun fire, incendiary grenades and aerial bombing caused heavy casualties, he said, creating great need for food, medicines and surgical dressings.

Mr. Hopkins paid high tribute to the three private hospitals in Kaileng for their work during the crisis. These are conducted by the Lingshai Railway, the China Inland Mission and the Catholic Church.

“Dr. Ernst Lippe, surgeon in the Catholic hospital, worked night and day throughout the entire emergency,” Mr. Hopkins related.

From another source it was learned that Dr. Lippe, an Austrian who had to leave his homeland during the Hitler regime, performed operations on the wounded in Kaileng continuously from six a. m. to two a. m. the following morning.

“The Catholic hospital has only one set of surgical instruments,” continued Mr. Hopkins. “After each operation the doctor had to wait until these instruments were sterilized before starting the next one. He ran out of general anesthetics and had to amputate under local anesthesia. That meant working very fast under great pressure. To add to his difficulties, the operating room was damaged in one of the raids.”

“Regular capacity of the hospital is about 100 beds, but during these critical weeks it had from 300 to 400 patients. They were placed everywhere, inside and outside the building. Trucks standing in the hospital compound were used to shelter the wounded.”

The Catholic hospital in Kaileng was opened only last year by the Milan missionaries who, with Chinese clergy, staff the Kaileng archdiocese under Archbishop Gaetan Follis. The Rev. Mario Galbati is in charge of the hospital, assisted by Blessed Sacrament Sisters from Gerbano, Italy.

ALL QUESTIONS ANSWERED



A Catholic Evidence Guild pitch in the nation's capital. The scene is typical of meetings held every Saturday afternoon and evening in Franklin Park, Washington, D. C., and in at least six other major cities of the United States. In the picture, Monsignor John J. Russell, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Washington, answers the questions of hecklers. Standing at the crucifix side of the speaker's platform are, Emmet A. Blaes, Wichita, president of the National Council of Catholic Men, and James H. McCaffrey, Dallas, treasurer of the N.C.C.M. (NQ Photos).

Rio Meeting Draws From 13 Countries

Washington (NC)—As the first convention of the Inter American Catholic Social Action Confederation approaches, word received here indicates that at least 13 Western Hemisphere nations will be represented. The meeting opens on August 22 in Rio de Janeiro.

The United States delegation will include Bishops Carl J. Alter of Toledo, Episcopal Chairman of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference and William T. Mulloy of Covington; the Rev. Raymond A. McGowan, director of the Social Action Department, N.C.W.C.; Miss Linn E. Ebsette, representing the National Council of Catholic Women; Richard Pattee and John Parr, of the Inter American Bureau, N.C.W.C., as well as officials of employer and labor groups.

CANADA, CUBA, the Dominican Republic, Dutch and French Guiana, Venezuela, Guatemala, Ecuador, Bolivia, Trinidad, Brazil and Uruguay will also have delegates present. Other nations are expected to join this list.

The coming meeting represents the culmination of two years of careful planning and development of an idea long nurtured by those interested in hemisphere social problems. It was in January, 1946, at the second Inter American Catholic Seminar on Social Studies at Havana, that the formation of an office of Catholic social action which would be the common work of all American countries was proposed.

After months of study a tentative constitution was adopted by the members of the Confederation's organizing committee. Twenty-one of the 29 republics and colonial dependencies of the Americas have adhered to the constitution. At the Rio meeting the organization will be brought into corporate existence and its work and plans for the future will be outlined.

The following subjects will be discussed at Rio: agriculture, industrialization, the labor movement, mutual aid societies, ways of helping the poor, displaced persons, the United Nations, the organization of the American states, and Catholic Social Action. The conference planners concede this to be an ambitious program but suited to the caliber of the delegates.

Duluth Bishop Named Chief By Chippewas

Ball Club, Minn.—(NC)—Climax to the Indian Eucharistic Congress held at St. Joseph's Mission here recently was the initiation of Bishop Thomas A. Welch of Duluth into the White Oak band of Chippewa Indians. Ed Wilson of Ball Club, Minn., president of the Minnesota Chippewas, invested Bishop with a chief's regalia and gave him the finest name in the Chippewa language: “Be-shi-gay-dah-gog-shig,” or “Beautiful Sky.”

The Rev. Denis Parnell, O.S.B., pastor of the local mission, welcomed the delegates to the three-day congress, 37th of its kind held to further the religious in-

terests of the Catholic Indians of Minnesota. Next year's congress will be held at the Reed Lake, Minnesota, mission, it was decided.

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West Zone Germans Not Drawn to Reds

Notre Dame, Ind.—(NC)—Support of Soviet Russia among the German population in the Western Zone is almost completely non-existent, according to Dr. Waldemar Gurian,

professor of political science and editor of the Review of Politics at the University of Notre Dame, who recently returned after a six weeks trip to Germany. The internationally prominent authority on Soviet Russia taught special courses in political science at the Universities of Bonn, Cologne, Frankfurt and Munster during his stay in Germany.

THE PROFESSOR discussed the German situation with educators, students and other leaders at various German universities. He pointed out upon his return that few Germans in the Western Zone have any sympathy for the Soviet Union, although the Communist Party has a limited influence among miners in the rural territories.

“The tension in the current Berlin situation is spreading throughout Germany,” Dr. Gurian observed. “Naturally, there are groups in Germany who believe that a new war will provide the opportunity for Germany to regain some of her lost power and prestige. Intelligent people of the nation, however, realize that a conflict forced by Soviet Russia would have as its first victims Germany and Europe.”

Dr. Gurian said there is much speculation about the unity of Germany with western Europe. Some of this unity talk, he declared, may be ascribed to opportunist motives, but some of it must be attributed to a realization by the Germans that the aggressive tactics of the Nazis did not help Germany and that only a radical change will benefit the country.

“MANY OPPORTUNITIES have been missed to cooperate with the anti-Nazi element of the German population,” Dr. Gurian stressed. “Most friends of the allies and many members of the occupational forces in Germany are skeptical about the results of the denazification process because it has been carried out too schematically, with too much ‘red tape’ and with too many people involved.”

Dr. Gurian emphasized that only increased charitable aid by people of the United States can relieve the deplorable living conditions which exist in Germany. He said that many Germans told him that it has been only through the generosity of American parcels, often received from total strangers in the United States, that have enabled them to keep alive.

“Despite everything that has been done to relieve the situation in Germany,” Dr. Gurian declared, “more help must be sent to professors, writers, priests, students, and others if Germany is to effect a complete recovery.” He pointed out that he was much impressed by German students who displayed a sincere desire to be informed.

Regarding currency reform in Germany, Dr. Gurian explained that it “came at the last moment after confidence in existing paper money completely disappeared.” Although it was fortunate that with the introduction of new currency some rationing was abolished, Dr. Gurian said that many German experts are somewhat skeptical about the success of the currency reform and believe that deflation and widespread price increases and unemployment are unavoidable.

Catholics Use Luther Church

Frankfurt—(NC)—St. Mary's Church in Marburg, one of the “mother churches” of the Protestant Reformation which had that city as one of its main centers, now has been made available to the Catholic community there because their own church is undergoing repairs and they have no other house of worship. The Lutheran community has been most generous in making this offer.

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