

U. S. Priests Laud Character of DP's

By REV. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN
Rome — Displaced persons are for the most part good, sound people, the kind who can well be used in America. This is the verdict of the National Catholic Resettlement Council's delegation given here after visiting DP installations throughout the American zones of Germany and Austria and in Italy.

The Resettlement Council, a mission sponsored by War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference for the purpose of gathering first-hand information which will facilitate the resettlement of DP's within the framework of recently enacted U. S. legislation.

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP of Mgr. Luigi Ligutti of Des Moines, Ia., executive secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, the delegation consists of the following other members: Mgrs. Eugene A. Lof, director of Catholic Charities, Buffalo; and John A. Murray, Catholic Charities, director of the Denver; and the Rev. Joseph Grummon, of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference in Lakes, Province, La., William F. Kelly, of the Social Action Department of the Brooklyn diocese, and Russell Schneider, N. C., a L. C. official of Fairfield, Mont.

The outstanding impression reported by the priest-investigators is their amazement at the sturdy character and determination manifested by displaced persons despite sufferings, losses, makeshift conditions of life in their camps and indefinite prospects for the future.

According to the priests, 50 per cent of the DP's are agricultural people acquainted with hard work and more than willing to perform manual labor. Many of them, they say can teach Americans about the mechanics of farming. The others are busy at their trade or learning a new one, as is evidenced by the frequency of vocational schools within the camps, the priests said.

THE MORAL and religious character of the DP's was of particular interest to the priests who noted that in every camp there was a chapel and in practically every room a shrine. In the words of one priest, in practically every case the first thing these refugees took in leaving their homes were their statues and religious objects.

To the objection that other countries had already taken the "cream of the crop" of DP's, the priests answered that the alleged "cream" was taken in the form of men without their families. Monsignor Ligutti and his associates consider that the men who stayed with their families are more than worth the risk of protracted and indefinite separation, after the best prospects as responsible, worthy citizens.

U. S. Seminary In Rome Will Open in Fall

Rome — (NC) — The North American College will reopen next Fall for the first time since it was closed in June, 1940, to receive 50 students for the priesthood from 39 United States dioceses, according to an announcement by the College authorities.

The students are expected to arrive in Rome in mid-September and will begin attending classes at the Gregorian University at its opening on October 15. In the meantime they will live at the summer villa of the College, the Villa Santa Caterina, at Castelgandolfo, and while there will make their annual spiritual retreat.

BISHOP MARTIN J. O'CONNOR, Rector of the North American College, pointed out that because of the long war-time interruption and the fact that both the old college building in downtown Rome and the summer villa have had to be extensively remodeled and modernized, this year's opening constitutes in effect a second establishment.

The Rev. Richard K. Burns, priest of the D case of Rochester, is vice-rector of the College, and is assisting Bishop O'Connor in preparing for the school's reopening.

In the main college building in Via Dell'Umiltà the modernization of living quarters, kitchen and laundry facilities according to American standards is nearing completion. The cost is estimated at \$550,000. The century-old Villa Santa Caterina, which is near the Holy Father's summer villa, sheltered some 1,500 refugees during the war and suffered slight damage during the fighting.

In the graduate department during the coming year there will be 21 student-priests from as many U. S. dioceses. As in the past, they will live in the residence hall, the Casa San Giovanni, on the Janiculum Hill site for the proposed new North American College.

After this new college for the seminarians has been built, the graduate student-priests will thereafter occupy the newly-remodeled building in downtown Rome.

41 Baptisms Listed At Tokyo University

Tokyo — (NC) — Forty-one college students have been baptized at the Catholic University of Tokyo since April, 1947, three-fourths of them being students at that school and the rest students at other colleges and universities in the city. About 160 of the 800 students at the Catholic University, a Jesuit institution, are now Catholics.

The university recently erected half a dozen quonset huts to serve as dormitories for some 80 students and it is to the credit of the 16 Catholics among this group that application for instruction among the dormitory residents have necessitated an extra instruction class beginning in September.

More than 28,000 yen was raised by students of the Catholic university during a recent campaign to aid the earthquake victims in Fukui. Wearing armbands that identified them as Catholic students, the boys posted themselves on Tokyo street corners. It has been remarked that not a few passersby who might have ignored the appeal made a contribution when they saw the word "Catholic" on the armbands.

Shibe Park Cheers at Wallace Talk Recall Reds in Prague

By ANNA M. BRADY
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Listening over the radio to the acceptance speech of Mr. Wallace at Philadelphia, this writer had a curious feeling of being back in Czechoslovakia during the period just prior to the Communist coup.

Loud speakers there blared forth speeches punctuated by applause that followed the same pattern of that which greeted Mr. Wallace's oration . . . the loudest following mention of the Soviet Union.

This was not surprising in Czechoslovakia. It was startling in Shibe Park.

One might wish that the enthusiastic followers of Mr. Wallace could have been present in Prague, February 23rd, just two days before the final capitulation of Mr. Benes, when this writer was discussing the situation with a man just arrived from Poland.

"In Poland meet with the same sort of demonstrations and speechmaking that afflict this country?" he was asked.

His reply was: "Two years ago, it was. Now that the Communists are firmly in the saddle they no longer stage numberless demonstrations which they use either to delude the people into believing they will be benefited by a Communist regime — or reduced by fear of reprisals to passive acceptance of Communist control. When the Communists have succeeded here, the demonstrations will cease."

How truly the man from Poland spoke events have already proved. But in America conditions are different.

For the United States is not in the Soviet orbit either strategically or economically and thus favors the good sense of the American people — a time played on the side of the non-Communists in Italy.

This is something the Kremlin still has to learn.

Hospital Methods of Nuns Copied by Japanese Nurses

By REV. W. A. KASCHMITTER

Tokyo — The story of how a continuation course in one hospital led to splendid spiritual results in several others was told here by Sister Emmanuela, Vice-Regional Superior of the Holy Ghost Sisters in Japan, who is now on her way to Rome for the General Chapter of her community. Sister Emmanuela is Japanese but was born in San Francisco and speaks perfect English and almost perfect German.

The Sisters of Holy Ghost Hospital in Nagoya were asked some months ago to direct a continuation course for the nurses of the Aichi Province and, as reported at that time, many of the nurses expressed the desire to learn more about the Catholic doctrine because of what they had seen, heard, and felt at the Catholic hospital.

Since that time the head nurse in a neighboring hospital has carried through various reforms in her own hospital, insisting especially on the spirit of charity and cleanliness that she had witnessed in Nagoya. She herself visits the Sisters every week to receive religious instruction and has called the Sisters in to administer baptism to a dying patient in her own hospital.

Recently another head nurse, who is also President of the Nurses Association for the whole province, conducted a hundred nurses to the Sisters' hospital to observe the spirit prevalent there and to attend Benedict of the Blessed Sacrament.

Again, in the Municipal Hospital of Nagoya, the nurse who has charge of some 80 or 90 problem girls ranging in age from 12 to 17, repeatedly has asked guidance from the Sisters and is herself taking instructions.

U. S. Martyrs' Cause to be Urged At Rome

By ANNA M. BRADY

Erle — (NC) — Bishop John Mark Gannon of Erie, who will go to Europe to represent the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference at the 70th anniversary ceremonies at Cologne Cathedral, will also go to Rome to ask His Holiness Pope Pius XII for a single pronouncement of beatification and canonization for all the early American missionary martyrs.

A group of leading American Catholic historians has been working under Bishop Gannon since 1939, when the prelate was named Episcopal Chairman of the Commission for the Cause of the Martyrs of the United States and was authorized to prepare a petition to be sent to the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

THE MASS beatification and canonization to be solicited by Bishop Gannon is not without precedent in the history of the Church. In 1900 Pope Leo XIII beatified on one day 77 missionary martyrs of China and Indo-China, and in 1929 Pope Pius XI beatified 136 English martyrs who died during the period from 1541 to 1680.

The American petition includes the names of 116 martyrs using the term martyr in its wide sense, and of these, 5 are placed in an Appendix because of the unavailability of satisfactory historical data. Included among the 118 martyrs are, 74 Franciscans, 15 Jesuits, 7 Dominicans, 6 diocesan priests, 1 Capuchin, 1 Sulpician, 1 archbishop, 6 Indians and 7 French officers. The states represented are Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin and the Territory of Alaska.

Previous to his audience with the Holy Father, Bishop Gannon will have an opportunity to confer on the petition at Cologne with the prefect of the Congregation of Sacred Rites, Clemente Cardinal Micara, since that Prince of the Church has been chosen by the Holy Father as the Papal Legate to the Cologne ceremonies.

Assisting at Rome at the request of Bishop Gannon in advancing the cause of the American martyrs has been the Franciscan Father Scipioni, who officially is procurator for all Franciscan causes.

Plans Studied For Deaf Children Aid

Washington — (NC) — To provide special facilities and training for all of the estimated three million hard of hearing school children in the United States is the aim of the Rev. Francis T. Williams, C. S. V., who heads a summer institute preparing teachers for the deaf and hard of hearing now closing its sessions at the Catholic University of America here.

How patient remedial work can overcome the hardships of deafness was demonstrated by four bright-faced, fun-loving 5-year-old children from Buffalo, N. Y., before an audience which gathered at the University in connection with the institute, to witness what progress two Sisters of the Order of St. Joseph have made with their scholars.

THREE OF THE children, Michael Seeger, Patricia Broderick and Maria Rados, are 100 per cent deaf. The fourth, Carole Van Scoter, has a 70 per cent handicap in her right ear and 60 per cent in her left. All were once mute because of their handicap.

But on a program under the leadership of Father Williams, the children's demonstration made the onlooker forget that they are not wholly normal.

The four children, who are to enter first grade in September, sat on chairs on the stage of McMahon auditorium. "Patricia, Carole, Marie, Michael . . . Sister Rose Anita of St. Mary's School for the Deaf, Buffalo, introduced them. Each bobbed up at the call of his or her name and curtled or bowed.

"They didn't hear a word I said, honestly," said Sister Rose Anita. The audience felt like pinching itself.

"When a child comes to the school he does not usually realize he has a name, that other children have names, and that objects have names, so our first objective is to build up a usable vocabulary," the Sister said.

ON A LARGE white placard were jumbled pictures of a dog, horse, ball, fan, house, man and other miscellaneous things.

"Door," she said, Michael pointed at the door. "Chair, spoon, fork, dress." Michael stumbled on that one, and there was great excitement among the girls. Patricia was allowed to point it out to him.

Father Williams founded the institute for teachers of the deaf this year, together with Dr. Roy J. DeFerrari, head of the Catholic University summer school sessions.

They are His Eminence Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and four Bishops who were formerly priests of the diocese. James A. McFadden of Youngstown, Charles H. LeBlond of St. Joseph, Mo., Michael J. Reedy of Columbus and John F. Dearden, Coadjutor of Pittsburgh.

Yvonne Mary Chouteau, 19-year-old Muskogee, Okla., girl, ballerina with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, is the youngest living person in Oklahoma's Hall of Fame, to which she was recently elected. She is pictured here in the title role of the ballet, "Prayer." Miss Chouteau regards her conversion to the Catholic Faith as "the most important event in her life. Photo courtesy of The Southwest Courier.

Card. Mooney To Be At Cleveland Rites

Cleveland — (NC) — Six prelates from outside the Cleveland diocese will participate in the consecration of the new St. John Cathedral at week-long rites here beginning September 5, climaxing the centenary celebration of the diocese.

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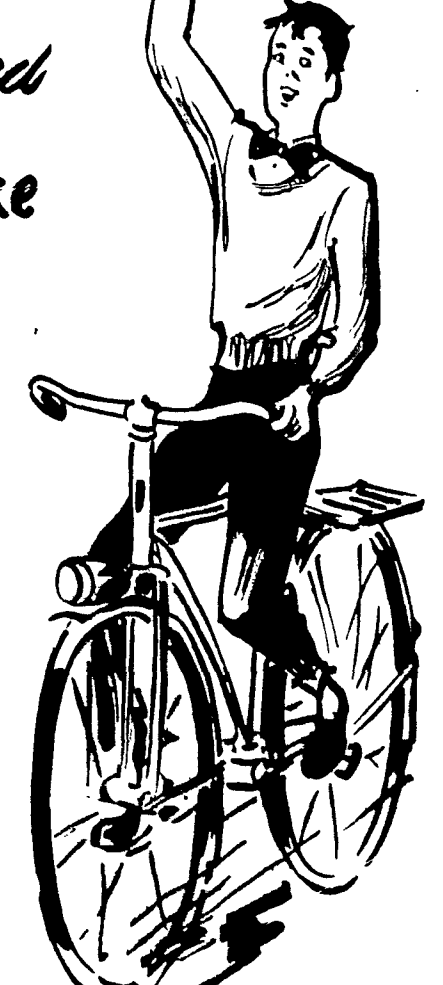
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