

Nuns In Japan Win Converts At Hospitals

Osaka, Japan—(NC)—When Bishop Paul Taguchi of Osaka visited the national tuberculosis sanatorium here on July 15 he confirmed 15 converts who were "up and around" and several others to whom the sacrament had to be administered in bed. These conversions came as a result of visits paid regularly to this hospital and to nearly a dozen others by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

THE BISHOP sent a High Mass at which he was assisted by an Australian and a French priest serving as deacon and sub-deacon, respectively. Non-Christian Japanese were amazed that the foreign priest should take a subordinate position to a layman under present circumstances. They appeared deeply appreciative of the spirit of the Catholic Church so exemplified. Bishop Taguchi also addressed the 600 patients of the establishment over a loud-speaker system. One of the sanatoria visited by the Sisters has 350 nurses and student-nurses. The head nurse is a catechumen and thanks to her influence all the nurses now hear Catholic doctrine once a week and devote another hour to practicing Catholic hymns.

Kumamoto, Japan—(NC)—Fifteen of the inmates of the national leper asylum have asked to be transferred to the Catholic leper asylum conducted here by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary so that they can learn Catholic doctrine and live in a Catholic environment. The Sisters pay regular visits to the national asylum. Kumamoto leper asylum, the first project undertaken by the community after its arrival in Japan 50 years ago, has accommodations for 70 patients. The Sisters hope to double its capacity this fall as a memorial to their golden jubilee in Japan.

Tots In Romania Given Red Blanket

Bucharest—(CNP)—The first Russian children's book to be translated into Romanian as part of a large scale indoctrination program by "Russia" by the Red Front is described in the following feature: "In these recreation centers the children will receive a new education. They will be able to admire the best Soviet films which will take them to the enchanted world of the Anglo-Soviet Republic. They will learn games which are practical applications of the wonderful life of modern machines. Miniature laboratories will initiate them into the secrets of nature and will open new horizons to them."

These recreation centers, he stated, select displaced persons "as they would horses, for their physical capacity, concerned most of all that they can be easily assimilated"—and that means that they be able to labor and do the kind of work which no one else is willing to do. "At this moment in history when the practice of governments seems not to have crystallized, but is in the danger of crystallizing in an arbitrary and inhuman sense," the priest continued, "we risk seeing the paradox that our politics, eminently humane in intention, will work out

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Miss Dora E. Somerville has been named Director of Social Service for the Catholic Youth Organization in Chicago. A graduate of Notre Dame Academy and Ursuline College in Cleveland, Miss Somerville took a master's degree in Child Study at the Catholic University of America, spent a year in the National Catholic School of Social Service and took a master's degree in Social Work at Loyola University, Chicago. She served for a while as a case worker in the Catholic Charities of New York. (Peter Fish Photo).

First Triplets Born At Cabrini Hospital

New York—(NC)—The first set of triplets ever born in Mother Cabrini Hospital, which opened in 1921, were born Friday, August 13th to Catholic parents, Carmella and Frederick Aurlana. The Aurlanas are parents of four other children, the youngest two and one half and the oldest seven years. The babies are all girls. "There's nothing unlucky about Friday the Thirteenth," said Fred Aurlana, and Mrs. Aurlana murmured, "It's a wonderful blessed day."

Displaced Person Policies Scored As 'Materialistic'

New York—(NC)—The "materialistic" attitude of some governments towards displaced persons, which displays an interest in these people only in as far as they have ability to produce, was scored by the Rev. Aloysius J. Wycislo, assistant executive director of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, in a sermon in St. Gregory's Church, Bellerose, Long Island.

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Seizure of Rumania Catholic Schools Reveals Soviet 'Iron Curtain' Policy

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The confiscation of Catholic schools by the communist-dominated regime of Rumania is the last in a series of steps that are typical of all countries behind Europe's Iron Curtain, a survey of the situation reveals. The Concordat of 1929 (recently unilaterally denounced

NCCW Meeting To View Role Of Volunteer

New Orleans—(NC)—The part which Catholic women can play as volunteers in Catholic charities

will be studied from several sides at the national convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, which opens here September 11. Miss Elsie Mary Vulliet, president of the New Orleans Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will serve as convention host.

Mrs. A. H. Bender, of San Gabriel, Calif., will give her views on cooperation of volunteers with Catholic charities units. Mrs. Bender is president of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The convention will throw its spotlight on three leading social questions as Msgr. H. Joseph Jacobini, director of New Orleans Associated Catholic Charities, addresses the delegates on housing legislation. Miss Anne V. Houck, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Nurses, discusses health problems and George Reed, of the Legal Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, analyzes the Supreme Court decision in the McCollum case.

Prelates Share 'Kiss of Peace' On German Soil

By MAX JORDAN

Cologne—(NC)—It was during the Pontifical High Mass sung in the Cologne Cathedral to mark the 700th anniversary of its foundation. The point has been reached where the liturgy prescribes the kiss of the Peace of Christ to be exchanged between the prelates in the sanctuary.

HIS EMINENCE Josef Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, rose from his throne and approached the Papal Legate, His Eminence Clement Cardinal Micara, to be embraced by the representative of the Holy Father and receive the "Pax Christi."

And then the German Prince of the Church walked slowly around the choir to share—for the first time in German soil since the end of hostilities—the Kiss of the Peace of Christ with Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and Abbots whose native countries had been at war with Germany.

Archbishop John D'Alton of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland, who attended the celebrations, presented Cardinal Frings with a message from the Irish Hierarchy which stresses the traditionally close ties between German and Irish Catholics and voices the hope that Cologne will be rebuilt "just as Ireland surmounted many difficulties in the past."

New Bishop Named For Bavarian Diocese

Frankfurt—(NC)—The Rev. Julius Doepfner, vicar general of the seminary at Wurzburg, Bavaria, has been named Bishop of Wurzburg (Bavaria), succeeding the late Bishop Matthias Ehrenfried, who died last June.

Task Force Greeted By Pope Pius Belgian Bishops Fight School Move

Brussels—(RNS)—Headed by Joseph Cardinal van Roey, Archbishop of Malines, the Belgian Roman Catholic Hierarchy has issued a joint pastoral letter warning Catholic



parents against sending their children to new schools being established throughout the country under state supervision. It was ordered that the letter be read in churches until Sunday, Sept. 12, and that church bells be sounded in warning.

THE BISHOP CHARGED that an "intense and systematic propaganda is being launched in order that parents may send their children to the new state schools."

Stressing the duty of Catholic parents to send their children to Catholic schools, the Bishops asserted that "baptized children should not be sent to neutral institutions or lay schools," but to schools "where the formation of the soul proceeds together with the development of their intellectual faculties."

BESIDES CARDINAL van Roey, the pastoral letter was signed by the Bishops of Liege, Bruges, Namur, Ghent, and Tournai. The Bishops' letter came as an aftermath to what Catholic officials charge is a deliberate campaign by the government to persuade parents to send their charges to state-run schools instead of church-controlled institutions.

Pope Honors Chinese Woman For Girls' Education Work

Tientsin, China—For distinguished achievements in the fields of religion, education and social welfare, Miss Hsia Ching-ju, Catholic representative from Tientsin in the National Legislative Yuan, has received the medal "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" from His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Numbering nearly 3,000 students, Sheng Kung is now one of the largest and best known schools in Tientsin and in all Hopel province. Its graduates are welcomed as teachers in other institutions.

Because of her success at Tientsin, Miss Hsia was invited by the Bishops of Tsingtao and Tsinan to found middle schools in those two Shantung cities. Later she helped to found Catholic schools in Honan province.

Pilgrims To See Art Rome—(NC)—Pilgrims visiting Rome in the Holy Year 1950 will see a great special exposition of native Christian art from mission countries as part of the Universal Exposition of Christian Art. The exhibits will include paintings, sculpture, crucifixes, sacred vessels and church buildings in the styles of many countries.

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