

## More Desecrations Hospice Profaned By Israeli Soldiers

By BROTHER ANTHONY BRUYA  
Amman, Transjordan (NC)—New charges of lootings and profanations suffered by a Catholic hospice in Haifa are contained in a statement issued by Msgr. Anthony Vergani, Vicar General for Galilee in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

(The statement, dealing with outrages committed in Terra Sancta Hospice at Haifa, was dated August 28. It followed a previous report by Monsignor Vergani which detailed similar charges of lootings and desecrations in other religious institutions.)

Monsignor Vergani's new statement said in part:

On June 8, I came (to Haifa) from Nazareth with the Rev. Pierre Paolo Pedagogi, who is the superior of the Terra Sancta Hospice. We found that it had been searched and that household goods had been stolen. The marble statue of the Blessed Virgin and the Holy Reliquaries in the chapel had been removed.

"Another wooden statue had been partially broken and thrown into the garden. Mass vestments had been removed; crucifixes were broken, with the images on the cross taken off and broken into pieces. Most of the holy pictures in the house were destroyed.

"WE WERE accompanied by Abraham Yaeli, who—under appointment by the representative of the Israeli government in Haifa—is in charge of religious institutions, and also by Isaac Shalfer, the officer in charge of the Hagannah post, and three Hagannah policemen.

"The gentlemen kindly proposed that, for security reasons, the hospice be placed under guard and under their responsibility, while we would have the right to come to the hospice whenever we desired. From June 8, when the hospice was handed over to Hagannah, it was under their responsibility.

"I made another inspection with Mr. Braunrot, religious affairs officer in Haifa, and an Israeli policeman. We found that the hospice had been completely emptied. All the furniture had been stolen, all beds but one, all cabinets and tables removed, all precious books in the

library stolen, etc.

"IN THE CHAPEL, the holy tabernacle had been broken to pieces and thrown on the steps. The altar had been overturned and the missals torn. In one corner of the chapel there was a pile of human dirt."

"Mr. Ittah, chief officer for minorities," the statement adds, "to whom we went because he was the holder of the keys, regretted the incident with much outward expression of grief; so did Mr. Braunrot and the Israeli police."

Similar lootings and desecrations are charged in a statement made by the Rev. Paschal St. Jean, Assumptionist Superior of Notre Dame in Jerusalem, to Jewish authorities in Jerusalem. The statement, dated June 28, says in part:

"SINCE MAY 19, we are apart from certain threatening circumstances, prisoners of the Jewish army. I was seriously wounded on May 19 when I visited the house of some of your officers. On the following day, one of my fellow-priests was killed."

"In the sacristy, liturgical linen and various consecrated articles had been removed from drawers and cupboards. We may add that the profanations have been even more than the thefts themselves. There were also acts of profanation in our two chapels where the bronze doors of the tabernacles were forced open, the white silken curtains torn away, and the images of Christ taken from the crucifixes and carried away.

"In the main chapel we surprised soldiers of both sexes dancing in the sanctuary to the tune of the harmonium. The pews had been thrown out and put to profane uses. We have seen mattresses in the main chapel, and Jewish soldiers must have slept there."

"I protest emphatically against these scandalous acts that have been committed in a consecrated place."

## Fr. Burns Warns Against Anti-Labor 'Slant' In News

By ARTHUR FARREY

A plea to the general public to investigate "the side of the workingman" in labor-management disputes, and a charge that "labor's side seldom is presented fairly in the daily press," were contained in an address by the Rev. Francis B. Burns, S. T. L., on Tuesday night in Sacred Heart Cathedral school hall.

Speaking on "The Catholic Church and Labor" in the first of a series of eight open lectures sponsored by the Monroe County Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary, Father Burns, professor of fundamental moral theology at St. Bernard's Seminary, asked:

"WHO IS to blame for most of the strikes we read about? The chances are it is not the labor unions. Without prejudice to employers we can safely say that the case of the workingman seldom is known to the general public."

"Our daily papers in this country are part of capitalism; they are run by capitalists; they are supported by the advertising of those who in the main are part of capitalism. With this background, even the best intentioned paper in the world will be found to carry stories that are slanted against labor."

Urging his listeners to be more tolerant of labor unions and to be willing to wait and find out their side before criticizing them too harshly, the priest-professor referred to last year's mine workers' dispute.

MOST NEWSPAPER stories of the dispute, he contended, failed to tell the whole truth about the miners' grievances, about the conditions under which the miners worked, about the lack of safety in the mines and the numbers of accidents. Instead, he claimed, they were publishing "the worst possible pictures of John L. Lewis and kept alluding to his stubbornness."

Father Burns also warned against what he termed a questionable use of statistics in nationally printed advertisements tending to extol the virtues of capitalism and minimize the viewpoint of labor. He cited as examples currently distributed ads titled, "Who Owns Corporations?" and "Labor Isn't Producing." Statistics used in both, he claimed, are misleading.

Stressing the analytical value of papal encyclicals on the social problem, Father Burns declared:

"WHAT OFTEN is called the 'Catholic doctrine' is, in reality, a statement of principles based on right reason—a rational program based on the natural law."

If the authorship of the encyclicals were concealed, he said, many persons who otherwise would discount them as Catholic would be found in entire agreement with their reasonableness.

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## Pontiff Condemns Wrong Practices In Public Finance

Bishop at 31



Said to be the youngest Catholic Bishop in the world, His Lordship, the Most Rev. Gullford Young, Auxiliary to Archbishop McGuire of Canberra, Goulburn, gives his first blessing following his consecration in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, Australia. Only 31 years old, he was ordained in 1939 and was formerly a secretary at the Apostolic Delegation there. Photo courtesy, Catholic Weekly, Sydney, (NC).

## Catholics Obtain Ex-Army Chapels

Washington (NC) More than 100 camp chapels so familiar to servicemen and women in World War II are now serving civilian Catholic congregations, the War Assets Administration announced here as it virtually wound up its program of disposing of surplus chapels.

The WAA figures show that of 615 Army and 27 Navy chapels awarded to date, 112 went to Catholic groups. The average cost of the chapels to the taxpayer was \$25,000; disposal price was, on the average, \$1,350. Cost of removal was assumed by the buyer. Fixtures, pews, pulpit, heating and plumbing equipment—but no organs or religious items—were included in the sale price.

More than 2,127 applications for surplus Army chapels were received by Maj. Gen. Luther D. Miller, Army Chief of Chaplains, who assisted the WAA in the disposal program. General Miller set up an advisory board of representatives of the Protestant, Jewish and Catholic faiths to help in assuring equitable distribution of the chapels.

'Come Down and We Shall Believe'

## Chinese Missioner Imprisoned and Tortured by Communists But He Refuses Demand to Deny God

By REV. ALBERT VAN LIERDE

Peiping (NC) — Released after eight months of torture in four Communist prisons in southern Jehol Province, Brother Matthias II, 37, has reached here and joined other members of the teaching Brothers of the Sacred Heart, an all-Chinese community founded in Jehol.

Brother II was jailed with five Belgian and two Chinese priests and two Brothers November 28, 1947. The Belgian priests were released in January, and banished from Communist territory. Father Peter Chang, I.H.M., one of the Chinese priests, was beaten to death January 8 of this year. The second Chinese priest is still in prison. The Brothers were recently set free.

From November until July, Brother II was confined to prisons at Meiliyngtai, Erhtaowantz, Shanhsuizai, and Lingyuan. Interrogated seven times before Communist courts, he was whipped, beaten with clubs, and was once suspended from a tree with his arms tied behind his back, for two hours. After that experience, he could not use his arms for five days.

For two months he wore handcuffs, at first iron rings, and for one stretch of seven days and nights, thin light letters that cut into the flesh of his wrists and robbed him of sleep. Twice a day the prisoners were given three small cups of weak soup. Brother II's jailers removed his handcuffs for these meals, but they replaced them in his open wounds, he suffered renewed and sharper tortures. During the winter, the prisoners' earthen beds were not heated, and no paper covered the window frames against the Manchurian cold.

Repeated attempts were made to elicit a denial of his religion from the Brother. He was told that if he denied it, he would be set free with enough money to get home. He refused. Brother II

## Dedicates Japan Town to Mary

Matsumoto, Japan (NC)—A non-Christian here, aware of the protection of Mary throughout the war, has caused a statue to be dedicated to her here.

The owner of this town's newspaper and movie house served at the front in the war. He carried with him a statue of Maria Hanon, figure of Our Lady originally copied from a Buddhist image, and distinguished by a cross carefully engraved on the back.

When the soldier returned to his peacetime pursuits he placed a statue of Mary in a niche in the front of his theater, and had the Rev. Raymond, O.F.M., dedicate it in accordance with Catholic ritual.

## Cornerstone Of Progress At St. Anne's



Marking the erection of another parish school in the Diocese of Rochester, His Excellency Bishop Kearney officially places the cornerstone in the new St. Anne School, Brighton Park, Rochester, assisted by the Rev. Walter J. Kohl, pastor of neighboring St. Boniface Church. The ceremony Saturday afternoon was in charge of the Rev. George J. Schmitt, pastor.

## Britain's Births Threaten Future Hornell Catholic Hospital

London (NC) — Dr. Halliday Sutherland, well known British medical expert, maternity specialist and leading Catholic writer, warned that if Britain's present birth-rate figures continue the British race will die out.

Dr. Sutherland told a Birmingham Catholic meeting that in 1871 it was fashionable for the British family to have six children; in 1896 two; and in 1931 one, and that today it is fashionable to have no children at all.

He charged that the British Government is willfully delaying publication of the report of the Royal Commission on the Birth Rate, appointed in 1943, and called for the complete outlawing of all contraceptives and birth control propaganda and greatly increased children's allowances in the income tax. There is also of course, need for a great religious revival, Dr. Sutherland said.

"We are not the only people to lose an empire," he added. "Spain lost a great empire, but she still has a future. Spain is a nation of many children, that is why she has a future. The nation of few children has none."

## Drive Seeks Addition to Hornell Catholic Hospital

Hornell—Construction of a new three-story addition to St. James Mercy Hospital will be part of the goal sought in Fund Appeal being conducted here.

(See architect's drawing, Page 7).

Much needed additional bed capacity and other facilities for St. James Mercy and Bethesda Hospitals, the only two such institutions serving this city and surrounding communities, have made such an appeal necessary, it was announced by the trustees of the hospitals.

HIS EXCELLENCY, Bishop Kearney heads the St. James board, which includes Dr. O. K. Stewart, president; John Wells, treasurer; William L. Collins, Dr. J. Raymond Kelly, Sister M. Aquinas, Sister M. Grace and Mayor Ernest G. Stewart. Joseph R. Cullen is secretary and legal counsel. The hospital is conducted by the Sisters of Mercy.

John Mellinger, general chairman of the drive committee, pointed out that in 1947 both hospitals admitted a combined total of 6,471 patients, as compared with 3,377 patients ten years ago, an increase of 50 per cent. Continued demands present a problem of concern to the entire community, he said.

In addition to Hornell proper, the communities of Canisteo, Alfred, Almond, Arkport, Canaserota and others will be included in the campaign coverage.

Assisting Mellinger, as vice-chairman of the area-wide appeal, will be Arthur W. Baker, William L. Collins and William G. Holland.

Karber and Waasdorp, architects of Rochester, drew plans for the St. James Mercy addition, which will front on Canisteo Street and will supplement existing hospital buildings.

Tobin Credits Popes  
With Guiding Ideas

New York (NC) — Maurice J. Tobin, Secretary of Labor, said in an interview here that his policies on social issues, including civil rights, had been based in large part on the writings of recent Popes.

"You may certainly say," he told a reporter for the Labor Leader, "that the social encyclicals have guided me in my public life. This is particularly true of the stand I have taken on civil rights, and on social legislation passed while I was governor of Massachusetts."

Remember the "Bakers" (bright fall flowers, most notably purple)—all BAKERS' FLORIST, 347 Main St., Tel. 1964. Daily delivery of all flowers, baskets, etc.

## 'Times' Anti-Semitism Story From Spain Called 'Calumny'

New York — A New York Times correspondent who attributed to the ecclesiastical member of Spain's Film Censorship Board a statement to the effect that Christian charity should not be extended to Jews has been charged with misrepresenting facts by the Spanish Embassy in Washington.

In Madrid also, the president of the Board of Film Censors has issued a denial of the alleged anti-Semitic remark and called it "calumny."

PREVIOUS TO these Spanish statements His Excellency Francis Cardinal Spellman publicly clarified the Catholic attitude to the matter and condemned as contrary to Catholic doctrine the view attributed by the New York Times to the Spanish churchman.

The Cardinal issued his statement following publication of a dispatch from the Madrid correspondent of The New York Times, Paul Kennedy, who reported the banning in Spain of the American movie "Gentlemen's Agreement," and attributed the anti-Semitic statement to the ecclesiastical member of the Censorship Board.

The Times' correspondent reported that the banning order, issued by the ecclesiastical censor, stipulated that while it was a Christian duty to stimulate love among individuals, societies, nations and peoples, this should not extend to Jews.

Commenting on this alleged remark reported by The Times' correspondent, Cardinal Spellman stated:

"I DO NOT know what was actually said in Spain, who said it, or why it was said, but I do know that it is untrue to say that the Christian attitude 'stimulate love among individuals, societies, nations and peoples' does not extend to Jews. The Jewish race and nation are part of the human race and the Christian duty to stimulate love among individuals, societies, nations and peoples, this should not extend to Jews."

"And when Christ was asked to explain who was His neighbor, His reply was to the unforgivable parable of the Good Samaritan, praising the Samaritan for his loving care of one who did not belong to his race or his religion, ending with the command: 'Go, do thou in like manner.'"

"THIS IS the 'Christian attitude.' This, I repeat, is Catholic doctrine in Rome, Jerusalem, Madrid and in Kabul. It was Catholic doctrine 2,000 years ago. It is Catholic doctrine today and will be Catholic doctrine forever."

A statement along substantially the same line was also issued by the Rev. John LaFarge, S.J., editor of America, national Catholic weekly.

Following publication of Cardinal Spellman's statement, Spanish authorities characterized the Kennedy dispatch, published in The Times as "calumny."

The report by The Times' correspondent in Madrid on the banning of the film "Gentlemen's Agreement," "misconstrues the facts," charged a statement by (Continued on Page 8)

## Homeless Room British Zone

Cologne—Between 150,000 and 200,000 vagabond people are today roaming the streets of the British zone of occupation in Germany, Bishop Wilhelm Berning of Osnabrueck said in an address to a mass meeting of 20,000 Catholics in Hamburg on the occasion of a religious convention.

AS LONG as so many are depending on a few—cellars, bombed homes and camps for living quarters, the streets of Germany like the Christian spirit is difficult to achieve, the Bishop added.

"It is more important today than ever that we be Christians in earnest. The Christian family faces a transcendently vital task in this connection. Parents should not be denied the right of education for their children. The right to obtain a living is the right that Father Kolping has always insisted that social progress could not be achieved unless the reforms started with the individual," he said.

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