

Red Prison Camps In Reich Exposed

By MAX JORDAN

Berlin — (NC) — "Nazi gas chambers almost seem child's play compared to the methods now practiced in Soviet concentration camps in Germany," according to a broadcast over the American-controlled station here which was heard throughout the Soviet zone.

The broadcast fully confirmed charges made already in January, 1947, by His Eminence Josef Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, as chairman of the Fulda Conference of German Bishops.

ACCORDING to the broadcast, there are now 13 Soviet camps in Germany and "hundreds of thousands of people go through these camps, and transports constantly move East, mostly at night, to unknown destinations. Many collapse enroute because of undernourishment."

It is recalled that the German Bishops received not even an acknowledgment by Soviet authorities of their protest last year, in which the Bishops cited many instances of young people being kidnapped off the streets in Soviet-controlled areas.

To this day thousands of families in Berlin and throughout the Soviet zone have had no word about the fate of their children who disappeared in Soviet camps.

THE BROADCAST cited the experiences of a young girl who was held for three years in one of these camps only because she had been a member of the Nazi girls' group to which all children attending public schools had to belong. She said that in her camp alone there were some 15,000 prisoners.

A woman, who was arrested because she had entered the Soviet zone to join her fiancé, said she was subjected to unspeakable indignities by Soviet secret police agents in the Buchenwald camp. Many of the women detained there, she said, had their heads shaved and the hammer and sickle emblem tattooed on their shoulders. Quite a number of women were held as hostages for their husbands and sons who had fled to the western zones of Germany.

Fr. Flanagan Honored
Buffalo — (NC) — A plaque "In Memory of the World's Greatest War Dad" was presented at the national convention of the convention of the American War Dads here in honor of the late Fr. J. J. Flanagan, founder of Boys Town.

Fifteen Baker Kids Plan Reception For Arrival of Sixteenth



The fifteen children of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Baker, of St. Patrick's parish, Joliet, Ill., gather around the dinner table to discuss the newest event in their family, the arrival of the 16th child Baker, a baby brother John Francis, born last week at St. Joseph's Hospital. Mother and baby are doing fine but their father is confined to the same hospital with pneumonia. The children pictured are (clockwise): Joyce, 5; David, 11; Althea, 12; Janet, 15; Donna, 14; William, 16; Jimmy, 1; June 19; Raymond, Jr., 20; Mary, 10; Elsie, 2; Larry, 11; Joe, 8; Allen 4, and Ann, 6. AP Wirephoto. (NC Photos).

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Jesuits Abandon Old Manila Site

New York — (NC) — Ground will be broken this month for the new Ateneo de Manila, known as the West Point of the Philippines, according to word received here from the Philippine Jesuits. The former site in the old city will be abandoned, and the new university will rise six miles east of Manila in the Marikina Valley.

TO BE ERECTED under the supervision of the Rev. William Masterson, S.J., president of the Ateneo, the new university will house high school, college departments, and graduate schools of law and medicine. With more than 12 buildings and an athletic stadium planned, the approximate cost is estimated to be \$3,000,000.

"The step is one we take reluctantly," wrote a Philippine Jesuit leader, "but we have no choice: to remove the ruins caused by the bombardment of Manila would cost three-quarters of a million dollars; the property has commercial value, and our new location will be far more suited to study." Classes are expected to start with the opening of school next year.

ALSO BEING rebuilt is the Ateneo de Cagayan, one of the most phenomenal of Philippine reconstruction projects. President of the Ateneo de Cagayan is the Rev. Edward Haggerty, S. J., "the Guerrilla Padre." Toward the close of the war Father Haggerty, with the guerrilla forces, had been made a supply base for Japanese ammunition. He then gave directions for American guns to fire on his own school, and his directions were so able that the school was completely destroyed. Only the front and back walls were standing when he returned to the school.

Through a cooperative industry, Father Haggerty has been able to restore both college and high school even finer than he possessed before the war, at the same time his industries have restored the people of his district to normal living.

In his report Father Cullum, the Mission Superior, says that the beginning of school saw 17 Jesuit High schools with an enrollment of 6,375. In addition four colleges admitted their greatest enrollment at the beginning of the fall semester. The mission work in the Philippines is done by 115 priests, 122 scholastics and 29 lay brothers.

For Fr. Damien



A nation-wide campaign of prayers for the beatification of Father Damien, "Apostle of the Lepers of Molokai," is under the direction of the Rev. Francis Larkin, S.S.C., (above) who has been appointed promoter of the leper priest's cause. Father Larkin is also National Director of the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the Home, with headquarters in Washington. (NC Photos).

Catholic Paper Hits Soviet Spy Net in Americas

Buenos Aires — (NC) — Immigrants from Soviet satellite nations are being schooled in the techniques of espionage and sabotage before leaving for Latin America as members of the Slav Union, "Antorchas," Catholic Action Youth publication, charges in its September number.

"The Slav Union," the article adds, "has its main seat in Argentina and numbers about 800,000 members, some of whom live in Colombia, Uruguay, Chile and Bolivia. The Union is completely subject to the orders of Moscow, as given to it by the Panslav Committee in Belgrade."

THE PLAN was devised in November, 1946, by the Politburo and the general staff of the Red Army, according to Antorchas, and was sent along to Soviet repatriation committees, which enjoy diplomatic immunity.

When the enlistment of "students" for espionage and sabotage began, the recalcitrant ones were whipped into line by propaganda or threats against their families still in the Iron Curtain zone.

The publication named Col. Igor Semionovskiy Furmanoff, head of the German Institute of Social and Economic Investigation, functioning in the Soviet zone of Germany, as chief of the network. His Argentine agents, the publication adds, are Ante Tulic, chief of the Argentine section of the Yugoslav secret police, and A. I. Soanovskiy, Russian engineer and operator of a Communist bookshop called "The New Book," in Buenos Aires.

Streets Named After Nazi-Killed Martyrs

Cologne — (NC) — The names of three who died in the Catholic struggle against the Nazi regime have been given to streets in the neighborhood of "Kettlerhaus," headquarters of the Catholic Workers' unions of western Germany.

Group for Protection of Young Women Names Martyr of Chastity Its Patron

Catholic Altar In 4 Chaplains Chapel Denied

Philadelphia — (NC) — No ecclesiastical authorization has been given for the erection of a Catholic altar in the Chapel of the Four Chaplains which is proposed to establish here, says Fr. Cletus J. Benjamin, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, stated.

Monsignor Benjamin branded as "misleading" stories that have been published about the chapel and speaking of a Catholic altar for Catholic services as a part of its equipment.

It had been announced a Chapel of the Four Chaplains would be opened within Episcopal Temple at Temple University, Philadelphia, as a memorial to the four chaplains of three faiths who went down together when the transport Dorchester was torpedoed in 1945.

The announcement stated that the chapel would have three altars, one for Protestant, Hebrew and Catholic services.

Rome — (NC) — Their sessions opened with a papal reminder that the modern girl's worldliness and experience are no protection for her virtue, delegates to the congress of the International Association for the Protection of the Young Girl closed the meeting by placing their activities under the patronage of Blessed Maria Goretti, 11-year-old Italian girl killed in 1902 in defense of her chastity who was beatified last year.

THE FOUR DAY gathering was the association's first post-war congress, and the importance attached to it by His Holiness Pope Pius XII can be judged from the fact that inaugural session was a papal audience at Castelgandolfo, papal summer villa.

In his discourse the Pontiff pointed to the universal danger and terrible evil lying in the path of the modern girl. This danger, he said, is augmented by a fundamental weakness inherent in the young girl of today—her profound ignorance and gross confusion in doctrinal and moral matters even of the natural order.

IN SPITE of this, there is still hope, he declared, "for through the heart of the young girl may be weakened, tarnished and dangerously ill, her very nature is fortified against discouraging temptations and the wicked counsels of the world." He added: "Therefore, she needs above all else a Christian protection which will sustain, elevate and rehabilitate her in a new life."

This is the "serious and difficult work" which the association must assume in its Christian and supernatural charity, the Holy Father told the delegates.

He also referred to campaigns carried on by "the enemies of religion" who seek to diminish the efficacy of proper instruction and to neutralize the preventive remedies offered to adolescents "often living in contaminated atmosphere." In the face of this social evil, the Pope declared, members of the association must engage in the most widespread activity and use all possible means.

Canon Law Bans Stalin Writings Vatican States

Rome — (RNS) — Press reports that the Congregation of the Holy Office has issued a special decree placing the writings of Soviet Premier Stalin on its Index of Forbidden Books were denied here by officials of the congregation.

"There is no need to place Stalin's books on the Index," the officials stated, "since the reading of his books is forbidden de jure, according to Article 1399 of canon law. Nothing more is needed."

Article 1399 contains a general ban on the reading by Catholics of writings opposed to the Catholic Church.

West Point Fetes Retiring Chaplain

West Point, N.Y. — (NC) — The U. S. Army's future leaders said good-bye to Magr. George G. Murdock, who has left the U. S. Military Academy here after serving 16 years as chaplain to Catholics in the Academy's cadet corps and as spiritual adviser to the Catholic officers, enlisted men and civilian residents at the post.

Leaving as rector of Holy Trinity Chapel at the Academy, Monsignor Murdock has assumed the pastorate of Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

The farewell to Monsignor Murdock included a brigade review of the cadet corps and an informal reception at Camp Buckner recreation hall, where he was presented with a number of gifts by his former parishioners. Monsignor Murdock offered Mass, which was followed by a Communion breakfast at which the former chaplain was guest of honor.

Catholics Must Not Give Up Efforts for Peace -- Vatican

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — Substitute Secretary of State, who signed the letter, praises the organization for its study of the pronouncements and writings of the present Pontiff, in which he indicated that the way to justice and peace can be found only by the light of the eternal truths safeguarded by the Catholic Church. By proclaiming these truths without letup, the letter says, Catholics will earn the gratitude both of their country and of the Church.

"We should not be discouraged," the letter stated, "The darker the sky is and the heavier the clouds are, the more we must work to let the rainbow of peace shine over this poor world."

The Holy Father sends his congratulations to the meeting for considering the problem of peace, the letter says. It is only too clear that the eventual peace will be based either on Christian principles or it will ignore them and the contribution of Catholics must be of first importance if the hope of a Christian peace is to be maintained.

131 Chinese Students Sent Here by Priest

Nanking — (NC) — Twenty Chinese students now en route to the U. S. from Shanghai bring the total sent to American Catholic universities and colleges this year through the efforts of the Rev. John T. S. Mao to 131. Scholarships for the 131 have been obtained by Father Mao who visited the U. S. earlier this year to canvass the colleges and also to maintain contact with the students already there.

Easton Schools Drop R-T Plan

Easton, Pa. — (RNS) — Released time programs for religious instruction have been discontinued by the Easton school board in a 5 to 3 vote.

Members of the board said the action was taken because of the U.S. Supreme Court decision banning religious instruction in the public schools of Champaign, Ill. Dropping of the program, which was inaugurated two years ago, came over the protests of a number of Protestant ministers who had offered to intervene in court action.

The ministers had produced a check for \$3,000 to reimburse the board in case court opinion was against it and costs would have to be paid. The board refused the offer.

Cardinal Piazza Honored
Rome — (RNS) — Adedeo Cardinal Piazza, Patriarch of Venice and President of Italian Catholic Action, was named by Pope Pius XII as secretary of the Consistorial Congregation. Among the duties of the congregation are the constitution of new dioceses and provinces.

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3. Get Your New Range or Water Heater Absolutely Free... When you buy your new range or water heater you are eligible to win it—free. Here's all you do. During Centennial Month from October 1st to 31st ask about the R. G. & E. old stove or water heater contest. At the end of the month if your old range or your old water heater is judged the oldest one turned in—you will be refunded the entire amount you paid for your new one.
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