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Villa Given Pope Becomes School

Vatican City—(NC)—The Villa Schifanoia in Florence—dedicated in 1941 by Mr. and Mrs. Myron C. Taylor to His Holiness Pope Pius XII—the Pius XII Institute was formally opened with ceremonies in the presence of His Eminence Elia Cardinal Dalla Costa, Archbishop of Florence, and many representatives of the Church in Italy and the United States.

The Institute will be conducted as a graduate school in the fine arts under the direction of the Dominican Sisters of Sinisnawa, Wisconsin.

Five of eight girl students from the United States who are enrolled in the Institute attended the opening ceremonies in the course of which Cardinal Dalla Costa read a telegram from the Holy Father to Mr. Taylor, President Truman's personal representative to His Holiness.

The Holy Father's message renewed his expression of gratitude for the gift which made possible such a valuable work of Christian education.

Film Honors 'Silent Night' Priest-Author

Vienna—(NC)—Wherever Christmas is celebrated around the globe they sing, in many tongues, the hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Next December 18, one hundred years will have passed since the author of this most beloved of all Christmas hymns died in the little village of Oberndorf, near Salzburg.

He was Father Josef Mohr, whose memory will be honored in a film written by Rudolf Henz, director of the Vienna Broadcasting station.

There is probably no other German poet who has achieved such world fame through a single poem as his Father Mohr, the pastor of a little mountain parish who wrote the words for which the village schoolmaster composed the melody.

He was the child of poor parents—so poor that they could find no other person to serve as godfather but the executioner of Salzburg. He died at the age of 55.

Missionary Sister Routs Panther With Her Umbrella

Tingchow, Fukien—(NC)—A Chinese nun narrowly escaped death when attacked by a black panther on a mountain road 20 miles south of this city.

With two Swiss Sisters, the nun set out from Wuping just before daybreak for Shanghai, 18 miles distant along a washed-out busroad. The three were resting on the road when they were suddenly attacked by a black panther leaping from a tree behind them, jumping on the Chinese nun walking between the others, and threw her heavily to the ground.

ONE SWISS Sister advanced, opening and shutting her umbrella rapidly in a ruse which the Chinese used to protect themselves against tigers. The panther, apparently a young one, became frightened and disappeared in the darkness.

The panther had scratched the Sister's neck and hip with its heavy claws, and had bitten through the heels of her leather shoes. Her wounds are gradually healing.

Missaries of the Tingchow diocese, staffed by German Dominicans, have seen and met tigers several times, but this was the first encounter with a panther, considered more bloodthirsty than a tiger.

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Munich Bishop Freed From Pro-Nazi Charge

Munich—(NC)—Auxiliary Bishop Anton Scharrnagl of Munich has been completely rehabilitated, according to an official statement issued by the archiepiscopal Ordinariate here. The Bishop has been acquitted of all charges brought against him by a denazification court and will soon resume his duties in the diocese.

Shortly after the end of the war, says the statement, these charges were thoroughly investigated by order of the Holy See and found to be without any foundation. Nevertheless church authorities insisted that all witnesses be heard.

Denazification proceedings now have proven beyond any doubt not only that Bishop Scharrnagl never delivered confidential information to the Gestapo or provided them with evidence against specific individuals, but that charges preferred against him on moral grounds were shown to be nothing but calumnies of the kind Nazi propaganda has so often used to discredit the Church, the statement explains.

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State Seizure of Catholic School Protested in France

Paris—(NC)—The seizure by the State of Catholic schools in the Grand Combe mining area near Nimes, which were formerly conducted by the Christian Brothers, has caused serious incidents.

On the eve of the date fixed for the seizure 1,500 parents locked themselves in the school buildings and spent the night there, determined to hold out until they were ejected by force.

ON THE following morning the Prefect of the district appeared in person at the school, accompanied by 300 police.

U. S. Pilgrims Reach St. Therese's Shrine

Lisieux, France—(NC)—Members of an American pilgrimage to the European shrines of the Blessed Virgin were received here by His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, following their arrival at the convent where St. Therese of Lisieux used to live.

Cardinal Griffin spoke enthusiastically of the large number of pilgrimages being conducted to Europe and showed great interest in plans for a 1949 pilgrimage of American laymen to places associated with the memory of St. Thomas More.

Led by Msgr. W. M. Higgins of Denver, Colo., and the Rev. George B. Murphy of Brooklyn, the American Lisieux pilgrims are also visiting shrines at Lourdes and Toulouse in France.

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