

# SUPERIOR OF ST. DOROTHY NUNS CURED AT SHRINE OF FATIMA

Lisbon, Portugal—(NC)—Mother Francisca Arbones Lado, 41-year-old Superior of the Institute of St. Dorothy at Vigo, Spain, is looking much better than she did many months ago when she was stricken by a decalcification of the spine.

She is the beneficiary of a cure at a Mass for the Sick at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, that famed Portuguese goal of millions of Catholic pilgrims.

The story of Mother Francisca's cure was written by Mother Maria Cristina Peixoto, a Portuguese nun, now 74 years old, who returned to her native land last July after teaching in Dorothian schools in America for 37 years.

In her letter, Mother Cristina writes that Mother

Francisca had suffered intense pain and virtually lived on a stretcher. It was decided to have her undergo an operation, but physicians of a sanatorium said it would be useless.

"Human means having been declared useless," Mother Cristina says, "she was encouraged by members of her Order to have recourse to Our Lady by taking part in the services for the sick held at Fatima" on the 13th of each month.

Mother Francisca was taken to Fatima, where she arrived along with other pilgrims, who crowd the hill-sides of the Cova da Lira, and, singing hymns to Our Blessed Mother, march in a candlelight procession to the Shrine at dawn. But Mother Francisca, brought by auto-

mobile, was immediately put to bed.

Exhausted and suffering excruciating pain, she was taken to the Mass and Benediction at noon. During the Holy Sacrifice, she was feeling so ill that she thought she was going to die, Mother Christina writes. She said as much to the Mother Superior of the Dorothian Convent, who, "instead of worrying, rejoiced, because she believed it to be a token for her coming cure." Mother Cristina goes on:

"After the Mass and sermons began the procession of the Blessed Sacrament. There were seven rows of patients, numbering about 600. Mother Francisca was the second in the first row.

"As the celebrant stopped and blessed her with the

Ostenorium, she felt, as she said, a very strange sensation all over her body, as if she were given a new body, and she realized that she was cured. She notified the Mother Superior of the Convent of Fatima, who kept all ways near her. The latter told her not to say anything about it, because the crowd would fall upon her.

Finally a priest asked her how she felt, and she replied that she "felt cured."

"Then," said the priest, "get up and follow the procession, giving glory and thanks to the Blessed Virgin."

There was immense rejoicing among the Sisters of St. Dorothy, who immediately notified all houses of their Order. At the hospital she was examined again, and her cure was verified.

# REDS STEP UP ATTACKS ON CHURCH

## They Need You, Uncle Sam!



## Writer Asks Congregationalists To Combat Secularism; Warns On 'Separation' Slogan

New York—(NC)—Protestants should work to make religion influential in all public and private decisions and not allow themselves to be dissuaded in the battle against secularism by a phrase like "separation of church and state," according to a writer in the Congregationalist monthly, Social Action, published here.

## New DP Group Docks in U. S.

Boston—(NC)—Blitz memories of treaties and oppressions were left far behind as 902 displaced Europeans, the second shipment to arrive in this country under the new DP law, walked down the gangplank from the U. S. Army Transport General John Bundy, here.

STORMS AT sea had delayed the ship a day in its crossing from Bremerhaven and a heavy November fog plus tired minds overshadowed the view of many of the DP's as the General Bundy pulled into this great haven of the oppressed.

There were many family groups among them, three, four and five to a family. As to nationalities, they were 347 Poles, 299 Latvians, 65 Czechs, 18 Lithuanians, 14 Russians, 11 Germans, 10 Austrians, five Hungarians, four Ukrainians and three Yugoslavs, while the rest were listed as stateless.

THE LARGEST group, 342 came over under the sponsorship of War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference. It was estimated that there were more than a score of other Catholics who made the trip under the auspices of other welfare agencies.

As the General Bundy docked, a group of dignitaries came aboard to welcome the newcomers.

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## Noted Japanese Musician Joins Catholic Faith

Tokyo—(NC)—Dr. Kunihiko Hashimoto, for many years professor of music at the Imperial Conservatory of Music at Ueno, Tokyo, and one of the leading composers in Japan, has been received into the Catholic Church.

Professor Hashimoto has long taken a deep interest in the great Catholic masters of music such as Mozart, Beethoven, and Haydn.

Mrs. Hashimoto was received into the church on the same day, thanks largely to her contact with Miss Arishima, also a convert, who is a daughter of one of Japan's leading painters.

One ambition of Dr. Hashimoto is to compose some religious pieces. Friends have expressed the hope that he might compose something special for the great international pilgrimage next year, the fourth centenary of the arrival of St. Francis Xavier in Japan.

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## Communism and Starvation Menace Free China and Catholic Missions

### Hunger Hits Refugees in Suchow Area

By REV. C. J. MCCARTHY, S.J.

Shanghai—(NC)—No less ominous than the military threat facing the Suchow area, 350 miles northwest of here, is the prospect of famine, likely to reduce 2,500,000 persons to starvation before next May, Catholic missionaries arriving here reported.

Heavy rains destroyed the autumn crop of beans, peas and sweet potatoes — on which people depend for their own food. This year the spring wheat was used to pay taxes, support the contending armies and repay debts incurred after floods and a poor harvest in 1947.

IN THE PHINZEN and Yao-wan districts floods have crumpled homes, drowned domestic animals and ruined crops and provisions. This area is staffed by American Franciscan priests of the Santa Barbara, Cal., Province.

"Well over half of the 4,000,000 persons in our mission territory face stark starvation before May, when the next harvest ripens," declared the Rev. Roscoe Renaud, S.J., of Montreal, a member of the Suchow mission staff. "The people are already undernourished, trying to stretch scant provisions by eating only one meal a day. Resistance to disease is low, and children especially die by the hundreds."

Catholic missionaries are playing a leading role in helping refugees driven by Communism, food and famine into this crowded metropolis of Shanghai, thus giving their Chinese compatriots convincing evidence of the Church's sympathy and concern for Christ's poor. They are assisting more than 1,200 refugees quartered in four makeshift camps on the southwest outskirts of Shanghai to recover their self-respect and to become self-supporting again.

IN ONE CAMP 90 persons occupy cramped dugouts in one-time grave mounds used as anti-aircraft installations by the Japanese during the war. In these narrow damp tunnels and in a few larger underground pits for a hair-shirt, the refugees now huddle for shelter from wind and cold.

### 'Cease and Desist'

## Murray, Re-elected President of the CIO Unions, Launches Fight Against Communist Infiltration

Portland, Ore.—(NC)—Elected for the ninth time as president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, Philip Murray emphatically declared that "all those engaged in the propagation of communist doctrines" in the CIO "cease and desist."

MR. MURRAY repeatedly reminded the delegates to the CIO convention here of the necessity of getting on with the job of organizing the unorganized especially in the retail white-collar and public worker fields. Replying to a statement credited to William Green, AFL presi-

## Editorial Help China Now!

The Octopus of Russian Communism is coiling its deadly arms around another great nation — the Free Republic of China, the most heavily populated country in the world.

Nanking, capital of Free China, is now under terrific siege by Moscow-aided Chinese Communists. Nationalist forces under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek are making a desperate defense of the capital but its fall to the Red besiegers is only a matter of days.

The desperate plight of war-weary China and the pending fall of Nanking forecast the early fulfillment of an old Moscow dream — the Sovietization of all China.

The Kremlin architects of the Soviet World State have planned for this day — the day when China with her teeming millions, two-thirds of the earth's population, becomes part of the Red orbit.

China's only hope is the United States. Only with American economic and military aid can our sister republic of China and war-time ally against Japanese aggression hurl back the new threat of Communist aggression.

Why should the United States give immediate economic and military aid to China? There are some very good reasons.

First, we are tragically shortsighted if we fight Communism in Europe and at the same time do nothing to halt the march of the Red conquerors in the Orient. If Russia wins China she will rule the greatest land-mass in history — an area stretching from the Adriatic to the Pacific, in a Red Asia (General MacArthur's position in Japan will be untenable. The Philippines, India, the East Indies and vulnerable Alaska will be the easy prey of the Russian Octopus.

Secondly, American taxpayers have a stake in China. Already they have invested millions in relief aid to the struggling Republic. If China goes Red this American investment will be written off as a total loss, and a Red Orient means that we must be prepared to spend billions to bolster up the military defenses in the Pacific.

Thirdly, there is the heroic story of the Christian missionaries, many of them Americans, who have labored long and hard to bring the Faith of Christ to China's people.

If the Red banner of atheism is raised over China then the Cross of Christ will go down. And with it will go all the schools, churches, missions and hospitals which brave missionaries have established at the cost of many years of sacrifice and work.

The American public can help China by appealing IMMEDIATELY to President Truman, WRITE OR WIRE TODAY TO THE PRESIDENT urging American aid to embattled China. Only through an avalanche of such appeals can President Truman discover that informed public opinion in this country wants to save democracy in our sister Republic of China.

Save China and save the Orient for God and Freedom!



CHIANG KAI-SHEK

## Church Has 'Martyr' Role Under Reds

BY STAFF WRITER

A step-up in Communism's fierce struggle to destroy the Catholic Church is revealed in a summary of dispatches received this week from countries now under the rule and Red banner of Soviet Russia.

In all lands "under the Russian boot" is evidenced Communism's recognition of the Catholic Church as the bulwark of Christian civilization and the main obstacle to Soviet plans for world conquest. Systematic oppression and even active persecution, is on the increase.

Everywhere the headlines are the same; one reads the same story, between the lines: hate, hate for Christ; hate for His Church. Millions of Catholics in Europe and Asia are coming to know—as Catholics in America do not yet know—the full meaning of the word "martyr."

Here are some of the headlines, picked at random:

**BUDAPEST**—Hungarian Cardinal Mindszenty, arrested with Purgas.

**VATICAN CITY**—Bishops Protest Yugoslav Persecution in Trieste Area.

**PRAGUE**—Czech Government Offers Church Subsidies in Effort To Control Ecclesiastical Appointments.

**ROME**—Latvian Bishops Ask Prayers of World for Liberation of Their Peoples from Dictatorship. "Vatican Radio Jammed by Red Communist Station." "All Oriental Rite Catholic Bishops Placed under Arrest in Rumania."

**NEW YORK**—Ukrainian Catholic Group Protest Imprisonment of Prelates.

Subterfuge abounds in the accounts of Communist persecution of the Church. Hungarian Reds, loudly boasting their espousal of "popular democracy," hurl epithets at "Joseph Mindszenty" (Continued on Page 6)

## Jesuit Weekly Has New Editor

NEW YORK—(NC)—The Rev. Robert C. Flannery, S.J., distinguished 46-year-old educator, political scientist and journalist, has been appointed editor-in-chief of America, national Catholic weekly, and of The Catholic Mind, monthly magazine, both published here by the Jesuits.

Word of Father Flannery's appointment came from Rome in a letter from the Very Rev. John B. Janssens, S.J., Superior General of the Jesuits. Father Flannery succeeds the Rev. John LaFarge, S.J., as editor-in-chief of both publications.

FATHER LAFARGE will remain as an associate editor of America, devoting himself to writing and to improving some of the magazine's literary facilities. Father LaFarge has been a member of the America staff since August, 1925. He was named executive editor on July 11, 1942, and editor-in-chief on July 22, 1944.

The Rev. Benjamin L. Masse, S.J., will remain as executive editor of The Catholic Mind.

FATHER FLANNERY announced that he expects to continue the policy of his predecessors and to devote special attention to expanding the circle of the readers of the magazine. He was born in Exonabab, Mich., on December 7, 1904. He was educated at Loyola University in Chicago, St. Louis, Ill., and Georgetown University in Washington. He was ordained a priest on September 6, 1928. He was awarded his doctorate in philosophy from Fordham University in 1935.

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