

Marshall at Paris Mass... U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall, American Ambassador Jefferson Caffery and Gen. Henry Giraud attended solemn Mass in Notre Dame des Victoires on Armistice Day.

Tokyo College Authorized To Give American Degrees

Tokyo — (NC) — The International College of the Sacred Heart, conducted for girls by the Religious of the Sacred Heart here, has now been affiliated with the Catholic University of America in Washington, according to information received here from the university. Sacred Heart College is, in fact, a double school, with courses given both in Japanese and English. The Japanese government recently authorized the school to give the Bachelor's Degree in the arts and the sciences to students in the Japanese courses. The school lost eight of its nine buildings during the war and lack of equipment still makes it impossible to provide the necessary courses for a science degree, but plans are under way to remedy this situation.

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'Magician' of Japan Starts New Colony in Forest Area

Tokyo — (NC) — It takes a magician to start a new colony in Japan, which jama a population of 80,000,000 in an area of 20,000 square miles smaller than California. It has been done, and the magician is the Rev. Joseph Flaujac of the Paris Mission Society.

FATHER FLAUJAC has had several audiences with His Holiness Pope Pius XII and Emperor Hirohito, and last spring flew to Europe and back via the United States as a messenger bringing a nautographed photograph from the Emperor to Pope Pius and from the Pontiff to the Emperor.

From Emperor Hirohito Father Flaujac received a grant of some 750 acres of "forest primeval" in the mountains north of Tokyo two years ago and some 60 persons already are settled there.

He believes that by Japanese methods about half of this rough and mountainous district can be brought under cultivation and provide a living for some 2,000 to 3,000 persons in his "St. Joseph's Colony."

HE HOPES soon to establish a school for carpenters and cabinet makers to train orphans from an asylum he established to take care of children of tubercular patients he is already caring for in his two sanatoria in Tokyo.

These works along with the establishment of a community of Sisters, all Japanese, would be achievement enough for one man. But Father Flaujac, despite his limited means, is working on a new dispensary for emergency cases in Tokyo, plans a hospital at St. Joseph's Colony for convalescents with a view to making room for more emergency cases in the Tokyo hospitals, and is negotiating with the Trappists to establish a monastery and agricultural school in his mountain colony.

Catholics To Start School in Plymouth

Plymouth, Mass. — (RNS) — This historic town—where the Pilgrims landed 328 years ago—will soon have its first Roman Catholic school.

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston has announced that an estate recently purchased here will be converted into a school. The announcement said classes would start next September.

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Christmas Card To Stalin Urged

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Writing in the Knights of Columbus Recorder here, the originator of the idea, John J. Sullivan, sets forth his view that an investment in a five-cent stamp, an envelope and a card might pay big dividends.

"At one time Stalin believed in God, worshipped and loved God. Somewhere in his heart there must exist some trace of this dormant faith and love. I feel confident that if enough people were to send a Christmas card to Mr. Stalin and at the same time utter a prayer to God in his behalf, it might mean the reviving of this faith and love."

Beatification Move Cologne — (NC) After a long interruption caused by the war, efforts to have the late Father Kolping, founder of the worldwide organization of Kolping Societies, beatified have been resumed here by order of His Eminence Josef Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of this See.



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