# Christians Fear For Safety In Holy Land War

**Jerusalem** —(NC)— Fears for the safety of Christians and shrines in the Holy Land heightened in two reports available here from ecclesiastical sources which for security reasons cannot be identified.

**THE FIRST** report says: "On October 20 last, Israeli forces entered the locality of Rameh in northern Galilee. They found no resistance. The population, two-thirds Christians, and one third Moslems, were assured they could remain at their homes unharmed.

New troops, arriving the next day, ordered the Christians, including women and children, the aged and sick, to leave the town within half an hour. The Israeli threatened anyone remaining with the same treatment that was given to the people of Deiry Asain and Tireh, where massacres took place.

**"THE CHRISTIANS,"** the statement continues, "passed two nights in fields, finding shelter from the bad weather under trees. Some escaped to Lebanon. After two days, the Christians were allowed to return to Rameh. They found that during their forced absence their homes had been looted... Some Jewish officers promised compensation to the Rameh Christians."

The statement further declares: "Without any military or civil trial, Christians in Galilee have been sentenced to death by the Israeli on suspicion of having been connected with the Arab forces led by Kawakji. Israeli troops also spread terror by ordering suspects and certain other Christians to dig their own graves where they were then shot."

**THE SECOND** report deals with the desecration and looting of the Benedictine church and monastery of the Dormition on Mount Sion, located outside the southern walls of Jerusalem. The report charges that the church and monastery were seized by Israeli troops as a base of military operations. Because of these operations, the report declares, the Arabs shelled the structures and as a result of the fighting the institutions have been extensively damaged, with the interior of the church now a heap of rubble.

**ON THE MORNING** of May 18, Jewish commandos entered the Dormition church by demolishing the door and demanded passage to the tower, assuring the priests that they would not use their weapons in the church. This assurance was not kept.

"Before evening the church became a base of operations and the priests were forced into a few underground rooms. The Arabs answered the military operation by a shower of bombs which caused extensive damage to the church.

**"SOON AFTERWARDS,** however, Jewish troops tore down Hebrew placards from the doors of the library and the church and broke into many rooms and stole valuables. More grievous still is the fact that statues and crosses were destroyed and defiled and the church was converted into a dance hall.

"On July 15, three priests who had remained in the monastery, received orders to leave the building within a half hour.

## Tokyo Convert

Miss Mary Inukai, (above) of Tokyo, convert daughter of Ken Inukai, noted writer and statesman, is en route to study at Regis College, Weston, Mass. She became a Catholic in 1944 and has lectured on Catholicism throughout Japan. She also founded the Catholic Literary Guild to create a more extensive Catholic Japanese literature. Miss Inukai hopes to establish a Catholic woman's magazine in Japan. (NC Photos).

# Vatican - Egypt Harmony Noted

**Cairo** — (NC) — The first anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Egypt and the Holy See was observed here when Archbishop Arthur Hughes, Papal Internuncio to Egypt, gave a luncheon at the Apostolic Internunciature in honor of the Prime Minister of Egypt, M. F. Nokrashy Pasha.

It was said that this approachment has served the purpose of revealing Catholicism to the Moslem world and has thus moved the Moslems to a new and favorable spirit in their approach of Christians. Gratifying proofs of this are the good results so far obtained in negotiations between the Egyptian Government and the Papal Internuncio on the question of personal status, particularly as regards ecclesiastical jurisdiction over Christian matrimony and its consequences, in accordance with Canon Law.

**CHRISTIANS** look forward to the final solution of this and many other problems of vital importance connected with the safeguarding of their religious freedom in Islamic countries of the Near East.

The friendly attitude of King Farouk and the regard of Moslems for Popo Pius, it was remarked, have greatly facilitated the arduous task of the Papal Internuncio, who is described as a popular figure in the Islamic world.

### Missals to Poland

**Philadelphia** — (NC) — More than 35,000 vestments, 2,600 chalices and ciboria, 2,200 missals, and 535,000 copies of Father Stedman's "My Sunday Missal" have been sent to Poland since the end of the war by the Polish Catholic League, according to a report made at the group's recent national convention here.

# Social Justice Move Said Best Foe of Commies

**Monroe, La.** —(NC)— We can cut the Russian bear down to size by taking away the food on which he fattens racial and economic injustice, the Rev. Vincent J. O'Connell, S.M., chairman of the Catholic Committee of the South, declared at a mass meeting here.

The priest, who also spoke to the faculty and student body of Northeast Junior College, a state institution, and to a local Kiwanis group, said that social legislation, promotion of labor unions and the fight for civil rights are feared more by Stalin than "any un-American activities investigation."

"SINCE atheistic communism was conceived in the denial of God and His eternal law," he said, "the first positive step to defeat it would be an honest and sincere profession of the two commandments, 'Love the Lord, thy God, with thy whole heart, thy whole soul and all thy strength. And love thy neighbor as thyself.'

"The second step is sincerely trying to set up a social and economic system wherein these principles will be put to work.

"There is a third way, a cooperative effort to improve our system and iron out the major elements of its instability. Teamwork of labor, management, commerce, finance, farming and government will do it.

"The important point today is to recognize the urgent need for realistic steps to get this representative economic democracy into action."

# Orphans in Naples Number 40,000

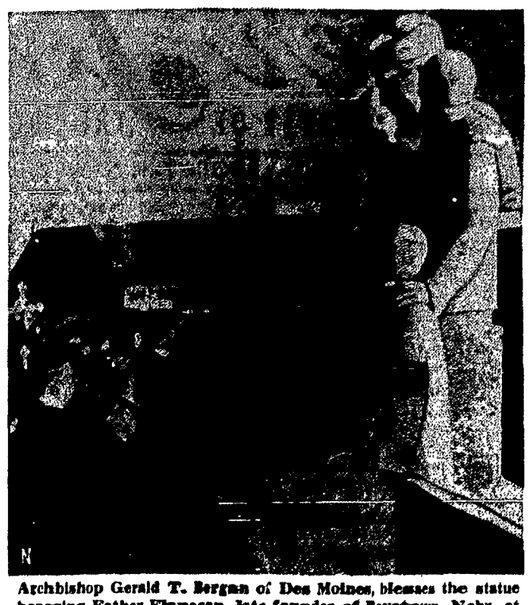
**New York** — (NC) — There are more than 40,000 homeless children in Naples, Italy, who have never had the advantage of attending school, according to a letter received at War Relief Services - National Catholic Welfare Conference here from Msgr. Ferdinand Baldelli, director of the Pontifical Commission of Assistance.

"These unfortunate children, abandoned or orphaned by the war," Monsignor Baldelli writes, "shall be sheltered this winter in institutions established by the Holy Father through the Pontifical Commission of Assistance and War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. Most of these young victims are suffering from malnutrition; often delinquent for lack of guidance."

### Ukrainian Prayer-Book

**Cologne** — (CIP) — A Catholic prayer-book in the Ukrainian language, to serve the needs of the many Ukrainian Catholics among the displaced persons in Western Germany, has just been published at Paderborn, British Zone. It is being distributed through the services of St. Andrew's Abbey, at Buko, Westphalia.

## IN FR. FLANAGAN'S MEMORY



Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan of Des Moines, blesses the statue honoring Father Flanagan, late founder of Boystown, Nebr., at unveiling ceremonies. The work of sculptor Eugene Kormendi, the memorial was presented to Boystown by the Variety Clubs International. (NC Photos)

# Card. Mindzenty's Secretary Seized

NCWC NEWS SERVICE

According to news agency dispatches from Budapest, police there have arrested Msgr. Andrea Zakar, secretary to His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, and have confiscated an issue of Magyar Courier, Hungarian Catholic news service, in the latest moves in their war on the Church

**IN REPORTING** the arrest of Monsignor Zakar, the news agency says it was announced by the Hungarian Ministry of the Interior which stated that he was being held because of "anti-national activities."

The confiscated issue of Magyar Courier is reported to have contained a statement by Cardinal Mindszenty saying that "never was a Primate of Hungary persecuted to such an extent as I," and adding: "Now I am waiting to see what is going to happen to me."

Some reports say that the confiscated statement might have been intended as a farewell message of the Cardinal to the Hungarian people, "today the loneliest nation on earth."

Dezsoe Jambor, editor of the Hungarian Courier, is also Hungarian correspondent of N. C. W. C. News Service.

**THE AGENCY** dispatches from Hungary serve to underscore a report from Vienna, to N. C. W C. News Service and published last week, saying that the unprecedentedly bitter attacks and threats against Cardinal Mindszenty have increased apprehension "that they foreshadow ominous developments."

Another in the mounting wave of attacks was reported by the Budapest communist - controlled radio, which declared that the national council of the Hungarian trade unions passed a resolution calling on the government to "take a stand against the anti-national activities of Cardinal Mindszenty" and demanding that the government "forbid the activities of clerical reaction."

Similar attacks were voiced, according to Budapest radio, at a meeting of leaders of the Small Landholders party in Budapest. One speaker is reported to have said that "Mindszenty is not a Bishop any more but the arch-politician of reaction, the commander-in-chief of every anti-revolutionary and fascist force."

### Statement in Leaflet

**Washington** — (NC) — The statement entitled "The Christian In Action," issued by the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States following their recent meeting in this city, has been published in leaflet form by the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

# Missioner Shot During Mass By China Reds

**Singapore** —(NC)— Five Chinese communist terrorists broke into a Catholic church at Bertam Valley in the Cameron Highlands of Malaya and wounded a priest, an influential figure in the region, while he was saying Mass before his congregation. The victim was the Rev Hippolyte Bertold, who was wounded in the hand in this second attempt on his life by communists.

**THE ATTACK** appeared to have been timed to take place while the whole congregation was in the church, but other armed bandits kept latecomers back on several paths leading to the church for the success of the surprise attack. All the terrorists escaped before the congregation could recover itelf for pursuit.

Father Bertold, a 37-year-old French priest of the Paris Foreign Mission, first came to Malaya in 1938. The Catholic community at Bertam Valley consists mainly of Chinese garden marketers.

**OWING TO** his knowledge of Chinese affairs and proficiency in several Chinese dialects, Father Bertold has become a stumbling block to the efforts of Chinese communists in the Cameron Highlands, where he wields a wide influence

Several times the communists have warned him to stop advising people in the area from supplying the terrorists

Father Bertold's Church is attached to the Catholic Mission School of the Sacred Heart at nearby Kinglet, whose establishment closed the doors of a communist school.

# Religious Groups Exempt in Negligence

**Harrisburg, Pa.** —(RNS)— Religious institutions in Pennsylvania cannot be sued for damages for alleged negligence, Dauphin County Court ruled here.

In an opinion handed down by Judge J. Paul Rupp it was held that the law "is perfectly clear" on charitable and religious organizations being exempt from liability.

## DP Handiwork

This gold and ivory chalice, wrought by Polish refugees in Germany, was used for the first time by Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle of Washington, at the Annual Pan American Mass held Thanksgiving Day, in St. Patrick's Church, in the nation's capital. It was given to the Archbishop by Displaced Persons in recognition of the prelate's work with War Relief Services —NCWC prior to his appointment to head the Archdiocese of Washington. (NC Photos).

# Vatican Opens War-shut Library

**Rome** (CIP) - Members of the diplomatic corps and other prominent guests attended a ceremony at the Vatican December 4 when the Vatican Library and several Museums which had been closed during the war and have recently undergone considerable changes and repairs were reopened to the public.

In recent years the Vatican Library has been accessible only to a very restricted number of scholars while the Chiaramonti Museum, the Lapidaria Gallery, the Borgia Apartments, etc., were closed. The reopened Museums include also the famous "New Wing" (Braccio Nuovo) containing some of the most precious Greek and Roman statues in the world.

# Fr. John Wynne Noted Jesuit Scholar, Dies

**New York** —(NC)— The death of the Rev. John J. Wynne, S.J., at the age of 89 has taken from the American Catholic community one of its truly monumental figures.

Father Wynne projected, organized and helped edit the Catholic Encyclopedia, and founded the Jesuit national weekly, America. As vice-postulator of the cause of St. Isaac Jogues and the other North American martyrs, he labored to prepare the information which hastened their canonization in 1930.

**HE ORGANIZED** the Holy Hour devotional movement in the United States, and was for many years director of the Apostleship of Prayer in this country and founded the League of the Daily Mass.

He had been actively interested even up to recent months in the cause for canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks, "the crown of the Jesuit Martyr's labors and sacrifices." He was vice-postulator of that cause.

His latest project was to build an Indian - style cabin at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs at Auriesville, N.Y., where the Indian maiden lived. In the summer of 1946 he noted the 70th anniversary of his entrance into the Society of Jesus.

Requiem Mass for Father Wynne was celebrated at the Fordham University chapel, following which interment took place at St Andrew on-the-Hudson, Poughkeepsie.

**FATHER WYNNE** was born in New York City on Sept. 30, 1859 He entered the Jesuit Novitiate at West Park, N. Y., studied at Woodstock College, Md., taught at St. Francis College in New York and at Boston College, and was ordained in 1890

In 1892 he was appointed U.S. director of the Apostleship of Prayer, editor of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart, director of the Auriesville Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, promoter of the beatification of the North American Martyrs, and editor of the Pilgrim.

In 1900 he organized the Holy Hour devotions in the United States, beginning at St Francis Xavier's Church in New York City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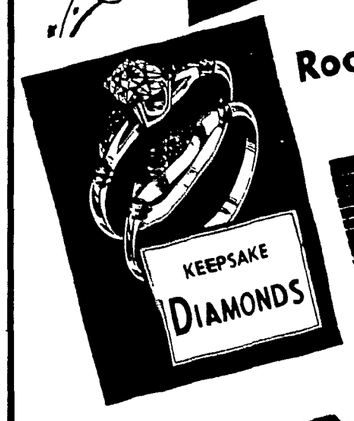

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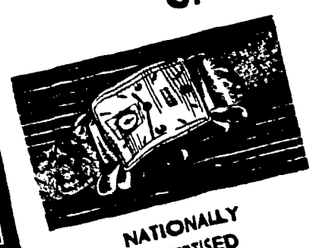

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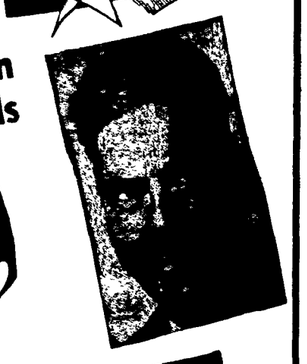

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