

Attack on Non-Jewish DP's False, Camp Observer States

(The author recently returned from an inspection tour of displaced persons' camps in Germany and Austria. The tour was made with other newspapermen and was under the auspices of the International Refugee Organization.)

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Washington—(NC)—Maybe I didn't see the things I saw or hear the things I heard during a recent tour with 10 other newspapermen of displaced persons camps in Germany and Austria.

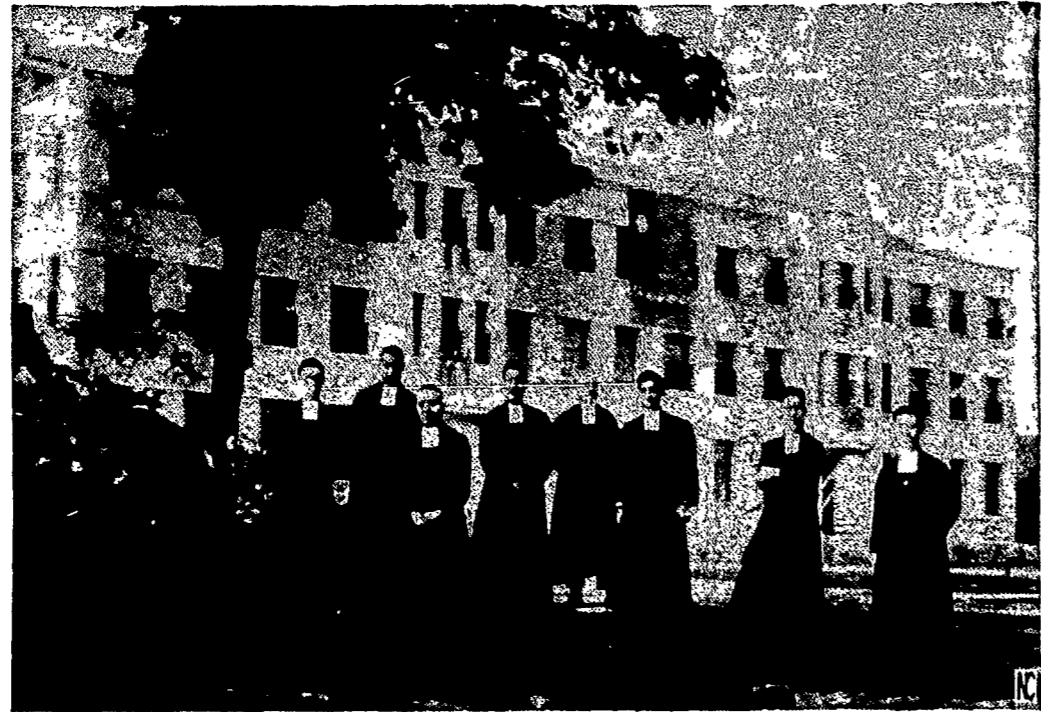
One of the 10, David W. Nussbaum, correspondent for the Overseas News Agency (and also of the Jewish Telegraph Agency) in a by-line article widely circulated by the ONA, has made some very grave charges involving most of the 550,000 displaced persons in European camps, including those who are eligible to enter the United States.

MR. NUSSBAUM, in effect, contends that virtually the only desirable among these 550,000 unfortunate persons, are the Jewish DP's. He asserts that some 400,000 others really are not displaced persons, but voluntarily joined the nazis when they retreated from eastern Europe in 1944. He charges that 80 percent of the 400,000 actually were nazi collaborators and he quotes as his authorities such unidentifiable characters as "an IRO (International Refugee Organization) area eligibility officer" and "another refugee expert."

If what Mr. Nussbaum has written is true, then a lot of important people have been negligent in their duties. These people include Ugo Carusi, U. S. Displaced Persons Commission chairman; the entire IRO staff; the U. S. occupation forces in Germany and Austria, and many, many others.

THE TOUR we made was under IRO auspices. The IRO is an United Nations agency charged with care, resettlement and repatriation of displaced persons. Before it can give any assistance whatsoever, the IRO must see that each DP meets certain eligibility requirements. Among these requirements are the DP must be a victim of nazi, fascist or quisling regimes during World War II, and a person compelled by nazi, fascist or quisling regimes to undertake forced labor or who was deported from his country for racial, religious or political reasons.

But more stringent than this, in the light of Mr. Nussbaum's charges, are certain prohibitions placed against IRO. These prohibitions specifically bar IRO assistance to 1. War criminals, quislings and traitors; 2. Any persons who voluntarily assisted the enemy in operations against the United Nations or in the persecutions of civil populations of United Nations members; 3. Ordinary criminals who are extraditable by treaty; and 4. Per-



In China's far-western city of Chungking, the Marist Brothers have just dedicated the first unit of St. Paul's College, a Catholic high school for boys. Archbishop Louis X. Jantzen, of Chungking blessed the new structure which will house 800 youths. Only the battered walls remained after the bombings of 1939-1940. (NC Photos)

sons who have participated in organizations seeking the violent overthrow of any United Nations government, or who have become leaders of movements seeking to prevent refugees from returning to their countries of origin.

MR. NUSSBAUM, it seems, would have it believed that exclusive of the Jewish folk in these DP camps, the vast majority getting IRO aid are just the type of persons that the IRO is strictly and legally bound not to aid.

There were four IRO officials with us on the entire tour. One was Herbert McGushin, IRO public relations officer in Washington. I talked with Mr. McGushin before undertaking to write this article. He said he was amazed at Mr. Nussbaum's charges. He reminded me of the repeated screenings which the DP's under IRO had to undergo before they were admitted to the camps.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER the war, the Army took on the job of looking after the DP's. The Army made the first screening, making certain of the kind of persons they were helping, and keeping out those not worthy.

Then came the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, probably known as UNRRA, and there was another screening. UNRRA was under the direction of a distinguished American of Jewish blood, former Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York.

Then, too, checks are made by the voluntary agencies, which include War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, in the preparation of applications by DP's for admission to the United States.

New College Rises From War Ruins

Holy Year Sets Pope's Masses In St. Peter's

Vatican City—(NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII, from time to time, will celebrate Mass in St. Peter's Basilica during the Holy Year of 1950 "in a perfect communion of prayer with the faithful of the world," according to an announcement made by Msgr. Sergio Pignedoli, secretary of the Central Committee of the Holy Year, at the Gregorian University.

MONSIGNOR PIGNEDOLI repeatedly emphasized the spiritual character of Holy Year activity, and asserted that quality rather than quantity was desired among pilgrims in accordance with the Holy Father's wishes and expressed confidence that the world will be better after observation of the Holy Year.

During the Holy Year there will be a Solemn Pontifical Mass every Sunday and Holy Day in one of the Roman basilicas in the Latin rite and in the venerable rites of the Eastern Churches.

A MUSIC commission is preparing plans for the singing of Gregorian Masses and hymns of penance and impetration by the pilgrims, and the choirs at the various basilicas are working hard to be prepared to furnish music for the great ceremonies to be held.

A special commission has been appointed to arrange great "congresses of studies of interest to pilgrims and visitors during the year."

The Holy Father himself is expected to consecrate during the Holy Year the Church of St. Eugene, the newest Latin church in Rome, now under construction in the Parioli section, and named in honor of Pope Pius XII according to the Vatican Information Service. It is expected to be completed in time for the Holy Year, which opens on Christmas Eve of 1949.

Hospital Given U. S. Grant Lafayette, La.—(NC)—The Federal Government has appropriated \$150,342 for Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital.

Red Confiscation Of Schools Told

Rome—(NC)—The ruthlessness of the Rumanian communist regime in despoiling the Catholic Church of all its schools and even of adjoining convents in which the teaching

article in La Civiltà Cattolica, Jesuit publication here.

ACCORDING TO the decree on "educational reform" issued by the Red regime, "all moveable and immovable goods which have belonged to churches, congregations, religious communities and private associations, whether profit or non-profit, . . . and which have been used for educational purposes . . . become the property of the State," the article points out.

As soon as this decree was promulgated last August, steps were taken to execute it. Schools were taken over by officials of the Ministry of Public Instruction, who compiled minute inventories.

MONKS AND NUNS who taught in the schools were given the alternative of either moving out of their convents or residing in that part of the building exclusively for religious worship. Some of the officials exceeded the limits of the law, the article reports, and ousted religious even from the portion reserved for religious services.

While inventories were taken of convents and monasteries no one was permitted to leave the premises or to receive visits from the outside. At one convent a nun died during the inventory period and the communist officials would not permit the nuns to accompany the remains to the cemetery, the article states. In many cases the food stores of the religious houses were confiscated and rations reduced to a minimum.

Penalties Asked On Actors Who Defy Decency

New Orleans—(NC)—A resolution calling on motion picture producers to discipline any film player who "has gained public notoriety for offenses or conduct" condemned for inclusion in films by the motion picture production code has been adopted by the Allied States Association of Motion Picture Exhibitors.



Monsignor Andrew Zakar, (above) secretary to Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary who is reported under arrest in Budapest on charges "suspicion of disloyalty," and giving information to foreign correspondents and diplomats about alleged persecutions of Catholics there. INF. (NO Photos)

Catholic To Preside At Electors' Dinner

Philadelphia—(NC)—Michael Francis Doyle, internationally known attorney and Catholic layman will preside over the Electoral College dinner in Washington the night of Jan. 20. This too, is in spite of the fact that Pennsylvania's votes go to Dewey.

President Harry S. Truman will head the list of notables attending the dinner on the eve of the inaugural—Jan. 20th, at the Mayflower Hotel.

THE RESOLUTION asks strong action by producers in dealing with such players and urges that they be banned from screen appearances until or unless they have received court acquittal or, in non-legal matters, exoneration by an industry committee. It also requests that the production code be withheld from any motion picture including a player who has gained such notoriety before production.

Producers have taken "elaborate precautions" to eliminate questionable material from films, according to the resolution. But "they have created no machinery for disciplining the screen stars, similar to the system maintained by organized baseball for dealing with such matters." On the contrary, the resolution said, producers have "condoned and even defended" the misdeeds of stars.

ABRAHAM F. MYERS, chairman of the board and general counsel of the association, which held sessions at the Roosevelt Hotel here, declared that "the rising tide of criticism is reminiscent of the rumblings that preceded the explosion in 1934 which led to the formation of the Legion of Decency."

"It too often happens," Mr. Myers declared, "that when the misconduct of a star is revealed and it becomes a nation-wide scandal, his employer has on hand one or more films featuring that star and, therefore, feels it necessary to defend such conduct instead of penalizing it." Joseph Finerman of Indiana said "there's growing masses on the part of the public toward stars who misbehave."

Boston Bans All Church Raffles

Boston—(RNS)—Lotteries of all kinds operated by churches are banned in Boston hereafter, according to orders sent to police divisions by Deputy Police Superintendent James T. Sheehan.

Captains of all stations were ordered to report to him in a week and state what had been found regarding lotteries and games of chance conducted by churches "or any other organization."

The order caused general surprise because churches for a long time have been openly selling tickets on automobiles and other items, and it was generally believed this practice was condoned by the police because the proceeds were used for charitable purposes.

British Surgeon Becomes Monk

London—(NC)—Dr. John Charles Flood, 50-year-old leading surgeon and member of the British General Medical Council, has given up the world and become a Benedictine monk. He is now a novice at the Benedictine Priory at Ealing, London, where he is known as Brother Peter.

Brother Peter—described in the press as "chubby, jovial and bald"—tried his vocation four years ago at Downside, the Benedictine Abbey in Devonshire, but was obliged to give up owing to ill health.

He has renounced a brilliant career, holding degrees in law and commerce as well as medicine. He practised for some time in Dublin.

Medical Unit Honors St. Louis Priest

St. Louis—(RNS)—The Rev. Alphonse M. Schwitalla, S.J., dean of St. Louis University Medical School for the past 21 years, received a gold medal and a certificate from the American Medical Association here.

Presentation of the awards, in recognition of Father Schwitalla's outstanding lay contributions to medicine and public welfare, took place during the AMA's convention. Now 66 Father Schwitalla was president of the Catholic Hospital Association for 20 years.

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