

### Secular Dress Nuns Approved By Bp. Muench

(NC) — By using a secular garb while teaching in the public schools of North Dakota, Catholic Sisters have done something unusual but not unprecedented, Bishop Aloisius J. Muench of Fargo was written in the Catholic Action News here.

"Rather than retreat from the field of education which they rightfully occupy," the Bishop stated, "and thereby acknowledge defeat of both basic rights and educational interests, they have made an adjustment that does them great honor."

A STATE-WIDE referendum on the wearing of nuns garb by Sisters teaching in public schools was held in June. After the voters approved an anti garb statute, church authorities decided to allow the teaching nuns to wear a modified form of secular dress so that they might continue their work. Bishop Muench, who has served as Apostolic Visitor to Germany for several years, was overseas at that time.

The prelate reviewed other instances in history in which Sisters have had to adjust their mode of clothing in order to perform their mission. He said that 300 years ago St. Vincent de Paul "caused a sensation" when he prescribed the dress of Breton fishermen for his Daughters of Charity.

He noted that the Ladies of Nazareth, a Dutch community with an apostolate among working women, do not even have a uniform secular dress. In Mexico and in some European countries where persecution made it unsafe for Sisters to identify themselves in public, they adopted street dress, he recalled.

"The need of adjustment has been recognized for many years now in a practical way in the Catholic hospitals of our country," Bishop Muench wrote. "Hospital Sisters put on hospital service garb, especially in operation rooms, during the hours of duty. No one has ever yet called it a religious garb. Indeed, it covers up the religious garb." The Fargo Bishop said that the North Dakota nuns-teachers "have focused in a most dramatic manner the eyes of the nation on a system of education that has isolated itself from religion," and added that "we hope the courageous action of our Sisters will help to call attention to these perils and give to American youth the knowledge of God and His holy things to which they have a rightful claim."

**Hond Memorial**  
Cracow, Poland (NC) — Poland's Catholics are responding generously to an appeal for a fund to construct a large institute for the medical treatment and education of crippled boys and girls as a memorial to August Cardinal Hond, the late Primate of Poland.

### TRUMAN HONORS TAYLOR



For his many missions to His Holiness Pope Pius XII and to other leaders in church and state throughout Europe, the Medal for Merit is conferred by President Truman upon Myron C. Taylor, who has served as personal representative of two Presidents of the United States to His Holiness the Pope with the rank of Ambassador. The presentation ceremonies took place in the President's office, and was witnessed by Mrs. Taylor, members of the presidential cabinet, other government officials and friends. (NC Photos).

### Taylor Gift to Cornell Will Aid Catholic Campus Work

Ithaca (Special) — A new \$1,500,000 student religious center to be built on the Cornell University campus as the Christmas gift of Myron C. Taylor, White House envoy to the Vatican, will serve over 1500 Catholic students according to the Rev. Donald M. Cleary, Catholic Chaplain of the university. Mr. Taylor's gift will be used to erect and furnish a World War II Memorial building named Anabel Taylor Hall, in honor of the industrialist's wife. It will serve as a student interfaith center, accommodating the offices and activities of the Cornell United Religious Work program presently housed in Barnes Hall.

**NAMED AS THE** late President F. D. Roosevelt's personal representative to the Holy Father in February, 1940, Mr. Taylor visited the Vatican seven times for the President in the interests of peace. He was retained by President Truman in the same capacity and has made four lengthy trips to the Vatican for the present administration despite persistent criticism of several Protestant groups.

**X-Ray Starts 'Picture Craze'**  
Kluksing, Kansas (NC) — Eager requests to "see my picture" are complicating the work of the X-ray department in St. Vincent's hospital here, according to the Rev. Louis Morel, C.M.  
The X-ray has become one of its most talked of pieces of apparatus. The staff will feel relieved when the patients get the idea that X-ray pictures are not to be regarded as portrait studies.

Facilities of St. Vincent's are in heavy demand. Five doctors, four graduates of Aurora Catholic University, Shanghai, and one from Italy — form the resident staff. Daughters of Charity conduct the hospital.

### Electrical Tortures Used by Communists

Cleveland (NC) — Electrical torture devices have been used by Rumanian communist police in a campaign to destroy the Byzantine Rite Catholic Church. This is the claim of two American Rumanian priests, who said the information had been relayed to them through the underground.

According to their account, published in the Catholic Universal Bulletin, Cleveland diocese weekly, one of these contrivances, placed on the head to enfeeble the victim's control over his own actions, was used on Canon Coriolan Tamalian, rector of the seminary and editor of the Catholic newspaper at Oradea Mare, Rumania.

Canon Tamalian was arrested and beaten for days by communist secret police in an effort to force him to sign a petition addressed to Moscow demanding Patriarch Justinian, asking to be received into the Rumanian Orthodox Church. Despite his sufferings, Canon Tamalian refused to sign.

The electrical device was then placed on his head and turned on. Deprived of the power of expressing his own will, the canon, without knowing what he was doing, signed the petition. Later it was shown to him, and communist couriers then carried the paper among Catholic priests and laymen, seeking other signatures on the strength of the canon's.

The next Sunday, Canon Tamalian, who had been released from imprisonment, took the pulpit in the presence of his bishop, told the people what the communists had done to him, and publicly repudiated his signature. After Mass, he went into hiding, but was recaptured and is now presumably either dead or undergoing further torture.

**THE AMERICAN** priests who received this information are the

Revs. John Spatarlu of St. Mary Rumanian Byzantine Rite Church, Youngstown, and George Babutiu, of St. Helena and Most Holy Trinity Rumanian Byzantine Rite churches here. Their informants say the persecution is designed to "exterminate" the Byzantine (Greek) Rite Catholic Church, which the Red Rumanian government announced recently "no longer exists." The purpose is to drive the people into the Orthodox Church dominated by Stalin's puppet Patriarch Alexei of Moscow.

Stalin and Alexei are reported pathologically afraid of the Byzantine Rite Church, which they fear may be the instrument of the conversion of Russia, promised by Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima. They have no such fear of the Rumanian Catholic Church, because they feel that Russians will not join the Latin Rite because of its cultural differences from the eastern rites.

### Concert Held For Prague Archbishop

Prague (RNS) — Over 1,000 persons attended a special birthday concert here for Archbishop Joseph Beran of Prague, who will be 60 years old on December 29.

Thanking the sponsors, Archbishop Beran said he was persuaded to sanction the event because of his feeling that "a drawing together of the faithful is needed at this time."

### Japanese Government Backs New Sisters Hospital in Tokyo

Tokyo (NC) — A new sanatorium for tubercular girls has been dedicated on property adjoining Sakuramachi Hospital on the outskirts of Tokyo. Its establishment was first suggested about seven years ago by the Ministry of Justice, which aimed thereby to provide for both the spiritual and physical welfare of wayward girls with a police record who had contracted tuberculosis. The ministry asked the Japanese Sisters of St. John the Evangelist to take charge of the work.

**FUNDS FOR** the new hospital were contributed by the Emperor, by various departments of the Government, and by the International Catholic Women's Club, which recently donated a million yen for the purpose. In a special message Prime Minister Yoshida expressed his deep satisfaction over the fact that the Sisters had taken over this important work.

**SIMILAR SENTIMENTS** were expressed in a written message by Minister of Public Welfare Hayashi, who said he deeply appreciated the efforts the Sisters are making to restore the pa-

tients as useful members of society. Governor Yasui, of Tokyo, called the hospital a model for all other social works and stated that the splendid record made by the Sisters and doctors in the older Sakuramachi hospital was due in great part to the religious spirit animating them.

**THE ORIGINAL** Sakuramachi hospital, which has a capacity of 150 beds, was established ten years ago by the late Father Totuska, who was a practicing physician before becoming a priest. It was he who laid the foundations for establishment of the community of Sisters of St. John the Evangelist. The older hospital was nearly completed when Doctor Totuska contracted his last illness and he was the first patient to die in it. Since that time the undertaking has been under the direction of the Rev. Henry Punsmann of the Society of the Divine Word.

### MASS-GOERS' BABY-SITTER



While his mother attends Mass in Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Hartford Conn., little Leonard Morris is fed by Patricia Craine, a member of the local Maximilian Club. The club, in addition to sponsoring a baby-sitting project of Mass-goers, also drives semi-invalids and shut-ins to and from Mass. (NC Photos).

### More Religious Brothers Needed, Says Radio Speaker

LaCrosse, Wis. (NC) — A religious brother is not "a man who has a higher calling which is distinctly different from vocation to the priesthood," declared Brother Francis Greiner, assistant novice-master of the Marianist Novitiate, Galesville, Wis., in a talk on the Catholic Hour of Station WLCX here.

**"MANY TEACHING** brothers with masterships and doctorates in various fields gained in universities at home and abroad form the personnel of the teaching communities; many registered nurses are to be found among the brothers on the staffs of hospitals," he said.

"Working brothers recognized as master plumbers, master printers, and certified engineers perform professional services for the various societies."

Brother Greiner said that there are only about 7,500 brothers in the United States today, a "number entirely inadequate."

Many Bishops are asking for brothers to teach in their schools, but there are too few to fill the needs, he said, and added that one Superior General recently asserted that he could place 500 American brothers at once if they were available.

### Pamphlet Urges Marshall Plan Aid For Spain

Washington (NC) — Exclusion of Spain in the Marshall Plan and in the project for a united Europe is urged in a pamphlet, Spain and the World of Today, written by Major Arthur H. Ryan and recently published by the Paulist Press.

**ALTHOUGH SEVERELY** critical of many aspects of the Franco regime, Monsignor Ryan, a recent visitor to Spain, concludes that there is no other practical alternative at present.

He states that Spain is no threat to international peace and that it was excluded from the United Nations solely to please Russia. This exclusion, he claims, had the effect of actually strengthening Franco's position.

**SINCE SPAIN** is no threat to peace and since, the author states, "Spain fought and won over a decade ago exactly the same battle as France, Britain and America are waging now — the battle against communist domination," he asks that Marshall Plan aid be given to that country.

He urges this all the more strongly because, he says, "situated in a dominating position in the western Mediterranean, it is a link with Africa and with South America, and its absence from a Western European bloc is a fatal weakness."

### Paratroop Chaplain Authors War Story

Washington (NC) — The Catholic University of America Press has announced publication of "Paratroop Padre" by the Rev. Francis L. Sarason, chaplain with the famed 51st Airborne Division during World War II, now stationed in Japan with the Army.

Father Sarason entered the Army as a chaplain in April, 1942, and went overseas with the 51st Parachute Regiment. He landed with paratroop troops in Normandy on D-Day, was in the invasion of Holland, was captured at Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge, and spent the last six months of the war in a German prison camp.

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