

Girl Flies Aid To Red-Seiged China City

Hong Kong—(NC)—The persistent courage of a Chinese Catholic girl resulted in more than 6,000 pounds of badly needed medicine and bandages being flown into the North China city of Taiyuan in the seventh month of its siege by the Communists. The story has just been learned here.

EVA WONG, a native of Taiyuan and a graduate of the mission school there, managed to get clearance to accompany correspondence as an interpreter so she could return to Taiyuan via the Chinese Nationalist "Operation Vittles" into the besieged city, bringing medical supplies.

At the airlift terminus in Tsingtao she met the Rev. Nicola Cerasa, mission procurator at Taiyuan who also was anxious to return to the city. By this time the Red artillery had some of the airfields under fire and pilots were refusing to land in Taiyuan as they were being shot at. Father Cerasa wanted to parachute in but the pilots talked him out of that.

However, the group managed to get a pilot who was willing to land and flew in. Eva Wong arranged for the 80 pounds of medicine and bandages carried on the flight. Soon after she made a second flight in with 200 pounds.

One of the correspondents on the first flight was the Rev. Patrick O'Connor of the Society of St. Columban N. C. W. C. News Service correspondent in China. He told the Bishop at Taiyuan what setup was needed for ECA aid and on returning from the city reported the need here.

After Miss Wong's second flight Father O'Connor urged her to see Roger D. Lapham, ECA administrator in China. She contacted ECA and set up a flight by a CNAc plane which flew a whopping 6,000 pounds of medical supplies into Taiyuan.

Church Persecution Planned by Nazis

Munich (CIP)—Nazi documents discovered after the Nuremberg War Crime Trials have disclosed that Nazi leaders had plans to destroy the Catholic Church by splitting it into numerous National Churches under the slogan "To Each Catholic country its own Pope."

This was revealed by Michael Cardinal Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich and Freising in a pastoral letter issued on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the priesthood of Pope Pius XII. According to these plans a religious persecution in Italy, of which the Pope would have been the direct victim was also intended. Cardinal Faulhaber stated Pope Pius XII he added was conscious of the fact that such plans were being prepared by the Nazis.

Nun, Who Made Emperor's Baby Garments, Dies

Tokyo—(NC)—Sister Elizabeth Mogi, Japanese nun who made various garments to clothe the present Emperor when he was still in the cradle, has died here at the age of 88. She spent 70 years in religion and was the oldest Japanese member of the St. Maur community here.

Born in 1860, a dozen years before the first Catholic Sisters came to Japan, she was one of the first pupils of the Sisters of St. Maur when they established themselves in the Tsukiji sector of Tokyo—then the only place where foreigners were allowed to live.

Becoming a convert at the school, she joined the St. Maur community at the age of 18 and spent half a century working for the orphans and teaching in St. Maur's elementary school.

A skillful needleworker, Sister Elizabeth spent many years in St. Maur's sewing school and rejoiced over the fact that she made many of Emperor Hirohito's baby garments there.

Chilean Bishops Publish Social Reform Program

Santiago, Chile—(NC)—A four-point program "to save our country and society" from Marxist forces has been set down by the Chilean Hierarchy in a joint pastoral.

The pastoral urges: (1) full application of the social doctrines of the Church; (2) a reform in the way of life of all classes and professions; (3) a renewal of the Christian spirit, especially among the working classes, who are exposed to the errors of communism and socialism; and (4) reform of the institutions of society in accord with this new spirit.

"ALTHOUGH WE may be proud of our social laws and of the progress achieved, there is still much to be done to attain the ideals set forth by the Sovereign Pontiff," the Bishops say, calling on the faithful to work for Christian social justice as an objective of Catholic Action.

Criticizing the fundamental tenet of Marxism which would keep the Church confined within the walls of the sanctuary, the Chilean Hierarchy affirms "the duty and right" of the Church "to judge with supreme authority" social and economic problems involving moral questions. The Bishops blame excessive accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few as the principal cause of present-day economic evils and demand a more equitable distribution of wealth.

Red Bulgaria Religious Education Scuttled

Fribourg, Switzerland—(CIP)—The steps by which private and religious education were uprooted in Communist Bulgaria from 1945 until the mention of God to school-children of 14 to 18 years of age was forbidden in March of last year are revealed in a survey prepared for the KIPA, Catholic news agency here.

THE FIRST step was a decree of 1945 which made it illegal for private schools to accept any more children of Bulgarian parents. Inspectors from the Ministry of Education then instructed the principals and presidents of private institutions to include courses in "Soviet culture" in their curriculum.

The next step was that students attending private schools, which once flourished in Bulgaria, were told they must join Communist youth organizations.

Those in grammar school were indoctrinated in the "Septem-britke," organized in honor of the children who participated in the Bulgarian "People's Democratic" Revolution of September, 1944. High school students were enrolled in the Communist "New Youth," which held meetings discussing the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Maxim Gorky.

ONCE THE extra-curricular activities of the private schools had been taken over, the Education Ministry issued new instructions for the classrooms. Prayer was forbidden in the school, and teachers in private schools were instructed to devote one session each week to a "Democratic Hour" during which they had to explain and defend the policies of the Government.

IN FEBRUARY last year the Ministry of Education ordered that all religious pictures be replaced by portraits of Stalin and Bulgarian Prime Minister Georgi Dimitrov. Saints Cyril and Methodius, especially revered by Bulgarians because they spread Christianity in the Slavic countries, were to be known in the future as "Comrades" Cyril and Methodius.

The final blow to private and religious education came in March of 1948 when moral education, and the mention of God or the supernatural to students from 14 to 18 years of age was forbidden. This order was also

Students of College Received Into Faith

New Orleans (NC)—Twenty one students of Xavier University a co-educational college for the Colored conducted by the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament were baptized here at St. Joan of Arc Church which is in charge of the Josephite Fathers and received their first Holy Communion in the university chapel.

'IN THE LAND OF THE FREE'



— Young displaced Person, refugee from Poland, finds interest in the cross worn by Mother Liguori, C.I.C., Superior of the Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother, whose Motherhouse is at Brockton, Mass. Postulant Rita Kaporek is shown with the Mother Superior. They met the group of DP's arriving on the ship "Marine Flasher," at Boston. Photo by Frank Kelly. (NC Photos.)

South Dakota Mining Town Will Honor Father DeSmet

Central City, S. D.—(RNS)—Father Pierre-Jean DeSmet, first known white man to enter the fabulous Black Hills, now a ghost village but once a bustling mining town, that sprang up with the discovery of gold in near-by Deadwood Gulch in 1876.

Central City is being re-created in the fashion of the "days of '76" as a tourist attraction. And the plans call for a shrine honoring Father DeSmet the Jesuit who came to the Black Hills in 1848 and learned from the Indians of the rich gold bearing ore the section contained.

FATHER DESMET, the only white man who could go among the Sioux in safety, gave his name to the DeSmet mine, one of the Black Hills area in the Church of St. Lawrence O'Toole here.

President Tells Educators To 'Build Peace'

Philadelphia—Pope Pius XII and President Truman addressed messages to the 8,000 delegates gathered here this week for the 46th annual convention of the National Catholic Education Association.

The Holy Father sent his Apostolic Benediction to all participants of the convention and said he prayed that "this convention may contribute to the solidarity and the furtherance of all the association's praiseworthy work."

IN A MESSAGE to Archbishop John T. McNicholas of Cincinnati, who is president general of the association, President Truman declared that education built on character that understands the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man "will guarantee peace among men and will increase their measure of human happiness."

"I have long been impressed by your conviction," the President wrote, "that education must develop character which impels individuals to fulfill their responsibility to God and to

much today about the social virtue, I believe that peace is related to the character of the individual. In our time, peace can only have an understanding of American life and the values of democracy. To make those values more interesting that are to live with his peace and unity.

"I NEED HARDLY repeat to the members of your association that I have made innumerable pleas for the will to peace. I think the virtuous citizen must believe that peace is everybody's business. The teacher in America has a special duty of leadership in the pursuit of peace; he must help build that character rooted in peace that understands the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men.

"Education built on these high ideals will guarantee peace among men and will increase their measure of human happiness, for it will produce a citizenry dedicated to doing good from the highest motives." His Holiness, Pope Pius XII sent his Apostolic Benediction to all who participated in the meeting.

Stigmatist Vetoes Movie Life Offer

By MAX JORDAN



Munich—Theresia Neumann, the stigmatist of Konnersreuth, Bavaria and her family are irrevocably opposed to the project announced by an American film producer to make a motion picture of her life and experiences.

Theresia, says a statement issued on her behalf by the Rev. Joseph Naber, the parish priest in Konnersreuth, has always refused suggestions of this kind and will not change her mind. Her family concurs fully.

All legal means will be employed, if attempts are made to make motion pictures taken in Konnersreuth itself. All those who feel that such pictures would be extremely bad taste because of the supernatural character of the Konnersreuth phenomenon, both Theresia and her family have consistently objected to such publicity.

Senate Kills Bill To Tax Catholic Schools

Montpelier, Vt.—(CIP)—The things needed in the state every means of taxation should be sought.

SENATOR CARLETON Howland, Vermont, and Senator BRONSON of Franklin, New Hampshire, introduced the bill. Howland introduced the bill on a 13 to 9 roll call vote. The bill would exempt from the land of Windsor, sponsor of the measure. Cleveland defended the proposal on the premise that the trend toward tax exemption of all school and college owned property is dangerous. He argued that with so many other

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