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Abolition Meets in August Philadelphia (NC) — The 77th annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, which will be held in Philadelphia from August 8 to 10, will observe the centenary of the visit to the United States by the Rev. Theobald Mathew, Ireland's famous apostle of temperance. It has been announced.

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CZCH STATE MARKS TIME IN CHURCH WAR

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 Picha of Hradec Kralove, northern Bohemia, had told a church congregation he is a "semi-prisoner" and cannot receive visitors freely.
 PARAPHRASING words spoken by Archbishop Ryan at St. Nicholas monastery on June 18, the Bohemian Bishop recently declared: "I cannot make to you the sermon you expect, since the Minister of Education has forbidden me to speak to you freely. I, therefore, refrain, but not because of the fear of persecution, which already has become a fact. In my residence at Hradec Kralove, I am under police surveillance. I am not free to receive personal visitors nor visit from my own functionaries. I am thus a semi-prisoner, kept from members of my own diocese."
 The Church-State truce has not brought any cessation in the war of words that has been going on for more than a year.
 Addressing a gathering at Bishop's Picha's seat in Hradec Kralove, Minister of Internal Trade Frantisek Krajcik declared that "the bishops are beginning to dance to a foreign tune, and are intriguing against our homeland and people." He charged that the Catholic hierarchy sent copies of recent pastoral letters to foreign legations where they were broadcast over the radio even before they were read in Czechoslovak churches.

Ballet Dancers Ask Blessing Opening Night

Melbourne, Australia—(NC) —A deep hush fell over the audience as curtain time approached on the opening night of the ballet at the National Theater here. The hush grew deeper as a representative of the ballet company appeared before the curtain and made an unusual request.
 In line with an old Russian custom, the spokesman said, the ballet dancers wished a blessing on their venture before the season's opening performance. He called on the Rev. Andre Dupeyron, M.S.C., vicar and missionary in New Guinea and now in Melbourne, to bless the group.
 No stranger to the ceremony Father Dupeyron made his way to the stage and gave his blessing to all the dancers assembled there. By chance the priest had one time served as a chaplain to the De Bell Russian Ballet company. He had met the group on board ship in 1938. The dancers were en route to Australia for a tour while he was returning from his native France after a vacation. They asked him to become their chaplain and he acted in that capacity for three months.
 By coincidence the opening performance here was Tchaikovsky's ballet, "Aurora's Wedding," which was introduced in Australia 13 years ago by the company to whom Father Dupeyron had served as chaplain.

LETTERS TO CONGRESSMEN SET RECORD

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 and estimated: "Well, 25,000 letters, easily." A good deal of the mail consisted of parish-produced form letters, but many were drafted individually.
 New York Congressman, William T. Byrne of Albany, had also received 500 letters protesting the Barden Bill, which, it was declared topped any response in his office since President Roosevelt attempted to reorganize the Supreme Court. They started coming after Cardinal Spellman's address. It was explained.
 REP. FRANK W. HAVENNER of California was the recipient of an estimated 4,000 Barden Bill protests, and the total in the office of Rep. Jack Z. Anderson of California matched that number. Rep. Richard J. Welch of California was already on the record against the Barden measure, but his staff staggered under the impact of letters which reached a total of 1,031 in one day.
 The two Congressmen from the Milwaukee area, Representatives Clement Zablocki and Andrew Blumenthal, had 2,000 and 3,000 responses, respectively.
 Rep. Thomas Martin, who has a southeastern Iowa district, reported 900 to 1,000 expressions of opposition to the Barden Bill. Detroit Congressmen were uniformly swamped.
 TWO OHIO Congressmen made significant comments on the great volume of Barden Bill mail they have recently received. The correspondence is preponderantly against passage of the measure.
 "It's the type of mail I like to get," said Rep. J. Harry McGregory of the 17th Ohio District. "It's personal mail. It's not canned attack. These people are sincere."
 Rep. Stephen M. Young of Cleveland also directed attention to the personal character of the mail protesting the Barden Bill. "It's the kind of a letter that impresses a Congressman trying to represent his constituency," he said.

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Priests Refused Permits To Visit Shrines in Israeli Area

By BROTHER ANTHONY BRUYA, O.F.M.
 Amman, Jordan — The requests of three priests for permits to visit shrines in Israeli territory were either flatly rejected or remained unanswered this week.
 Two of the priests, Americans of the Josephite and Oblates of Mary Immaculate communities, had requested permission to visit Nazareth and other shrines in the western part of the Holy Land. The requests were rejected.
 The third priest, the Very Rev. Joseph Montero, O.F.M., procurator general of the Custody of the Holy Land, had asked permission to go to Air Karim to celebrate Mass at the Shrine of the Visitation on July 2, Feast of the Visitation. His request was made a week in advance of the feast.
 Despite the intervention of the Spanish consul in Jerusalem, Father Montero's requests remained unanswered. When an American Franciscan telephoned Israeli authorities on behalf of the procurator general, he was told that the requested permission was not granted "for some special reasons which cannot be explained over the telephone."
 Chinese Pralate At Fatima Lisbon — (RNS) — Roman Catholic Archbishop Paul Yu pin of Nanking, China, arrived here from Rome on a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima where he will offer prayers for peace in his native country.

McCormack Calls Aid Bill Unfair

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Rep. John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, House majority leader, has denounced the proposed Barden Bill which would provide Federal funds amounting to \$300,000,000 to aid education, as "grossly unfair." He declared the measure discriminated against parochial schools and against Negro children and predicted it would not become law.
 Indicating that he would lead the fight against the bill, introduced by Rep. Graham A. Barden, North Carolina Democrat, Rep. McCormack said "this so-called public school assistance bill is not in fact truly representative of Federal aid to education for the benefit of all our citizens."
 "The Barden bill," he continued, "is unfair in that it would allocate Federal funds to the states on the basis of total child population and then prevent the states from using the funds for the benefit of any child in attendance upon a non-public school."
 "The bill fails to assure a fair share of the Federal funds being allocated in some states for the use of Negro school children."
 "I believe," the majority leader declared, "the Barden bill is, therefore, a prohibition bill."

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TRULY MODEST
 The most modest request that we have received in many a day comes from the pastor of Amouda in Syria. Thanks to his zeal, the parishioners have themselves—built a school out of the native rock... Now he needs eighty dollars for desks and equipment for his pupils—Catholic, Armenian and Orthodox... Surely someone will answer this modest appeal! Will you provide the means—that once again Christ may gather the little ones about Him?
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