

### Red Trained 'Repatriates' Shock Families

They — (CIP) — Returning from Russian prisoner-of-war camps, 277 Japanese, who had been indoctrinated for years, sang the "Internationale," waved red flags, and shouted Communist slogans as their train pulled into Moji railroad station, on the island of Kyushu. Their wives, mothers and children, who had come to meet them looked shocked.

One indoctrinated soldier, however, told a correspondent of the "Osaka Mainichi" that a majority of the repatriates were not real Communists.

"IN TRUTH," he stated, "that many of us received Communist indoctrination, but not all of us are Communists or Communist sympathizers. To the great majority of us to subscribe to Communist was a means to an end — to get repatriated to Japan quickly and join our loved ones again."

When the repatriates were met by representatives of the Communist Party of Japan, "many wives and parents were seen separately clinging to the arms of their husbands and sons, talking them into returning from approaching the Communist government," "Mainichi" of the "Osaka Mainichi" reported.

"OUTWARDLY, IN their every movement, including their manner of speech, a strict regimentation was discernible — the same regimentation that had made the Japanese soldiers an efficient tool of Jingoism during the pre-war years. Inwardly, however, these repatriates seemed aware of some very slightly watching their every word from behind. Many of them cast a suspicious look at us tried to avoid them. Others sat silent and refused to talk. Even to their loved ones, we noticed, they did not seem ready to open their hearts. Something was apparently keeping them back."

THE RETURN from Russian captivity at Japanese soldiers who have obviously been thoroughly indoctrinated with Communist propaganda has increased anxieties in many circles here, particularly because it occurred at a time when Japanese Communism, after a decline of about two years, shows signs of being on the upswing again.

Widespread belief has been expressed in Japan that the Russians, who are still holding an estimated 400,000 Japanese prisoners-of-war, are returning only those whom they believe to have been successfully indoctrinated with Communist propaganda.

Angela Broadhead

Dublin — With the approval of Archbishop John McQuaid of Dublin, the Angelus from the bell of the Free Cathedral here will be broadcast daily by Radio Eirann as soon as the necessary equipment has been installed.

### MAKES MOVIES OF MISSIONS



A new movie company, organized to make the missions a part of every Catholic's life, has as its director, the Rev. Albert J. Steiner, M.M., Maryknoll missionary and editor. He is shown at the studio of the new organization, World Mission Films, which has produced its first film, "The Miracle of Blue Cloud Country," the story of an unusual convert movement in China.

### Plight of German Expellees Told By Catholic Official

New York — (NC) — Another Catholic leader has reminded Americans of the wretched situation of the 11,000,000 displaced Germans who are called "expellees." He is Brother Christopher Lynch, who returned here after serving for a year and a half as the representative of War Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference in Berlin. Brother Lynch was formerly Secretary General of the worldwide congregation of the Alexian Brothers.

COMMENTING ON the welfare situation in Germany, Brother Lynch stated: "The living conditions of Germany have improved beyond belief during the past two years not only in food and clothing but also in medical services and in the reestablishment of institutions. There are still very special areas of need, of course, the unimagined destruction will take generations to be reconstructed."

"There is one catastrophic problem in Germany that has not been touched realistically," added Brother Lynch. "That is the problem of more than 11,000,000 displaced people known as expellees who have flooded destroyed Germany in the last three years. Military officials, unprepared for such mass expulsion and unqualified to deal with the welfare problems involved, turned over these millions of expelled people to the already crippled and overburdened public and private welfare agencies."

IN BROTHER LYNCH'S opinion, if CARITAS, the Catholic Charities organization, and the work of the Evangelical Churches, had not had on hand large stocks of supplies from other parts of the world, a large proportion of the expelled would have died or suffered serious health impairment. Since the start of the year over 50% of all War Relief Services — N.C.W.C. relief materials sent to Germany have been earmarked for expellees through CARITAS.

Catastrophic as is the plight of expellees in the western zones, Brother Christopher said that their plight is far compared with the fate of the 5,000,000 expellees who now reside in the Russian zone. The general shortage of food, clothing and medicine in the Soviet zone of Germany has made the lot of the expelled populations so dire that it bodes ill for the future in the opinion of the welfare agencies.

Brother Lynch was adamant in his opinion that no private relief agency can solve the expellee problem. Such a problem can only come from a sharing by the Western governments of a program for expellees. As the mass expulsions were created by international agreement, so the solution of the problem can only be made by inter-governmental planning on the part of the Western nations.

Brother Christopher Lynch will resume his duties as Secretary General of the Alexian Brothers in Chicago.

### Slovaks Stand Firm Under Red Tyranny

By DR. FRIEDRICH FUNDER (Correspondent, NCWG News Service)

Vienna — The recent acts of open resistance to the persecution of the Church in Slovakia have aroused more attention throughout the world than the Prague regime may have expected. This is presumably the reason why the communist spokesmen have found no more to say on the subject.

This does not mean, however, that the eastern region of the Czechoslovak republic has settled down and accepted the regime imposed by the communist rulers; on the contrary, far from being pacified, in the Communist meaning of the term, Slovakia continues to give the Prague Red bosses more headaches than they are willing to admit.

SLOVAKIA'S TRIALS began with the "liberation." When, late in 1944, President Benes, fresh from his briefing in Moscow, entered Slovakia in the wake of the Red armies, one of his first acts was an order setting up a secret police on the pattern of the N.K.V.D. The part of the restored Czechoslovak republic where this dread organization was first put to work was Slovakia.

More than 80 per cent of the three million inhabitants of Slovakia are Catholics. Their religious zeal and loyalty to the Church have always been exemplary. This explains why those who strove to force Czechoslovakia under the yoke of a godless tyranny, turned their hatred against the hapless Slovaks. In their designs they were assisted, it is useful to remember, by a number of misguided non-Communists, liberals, socialists and others, whose anti-clericalism had been the main motive for their turning fellow-travelers.

ALREADY IN 1945, between April and June, when the regime established by Mr. Benes was ostensibly still democratic, about 20,000 members of the Slovak Catholic intelligentsia, not only young leaders but also many young of both sexes, had been put into concentration camps where two-thirds of them died. Of the remaining third only a few, so far, have been released, broken in body and mind. At the same time, two Catholic bishops and more than 170 priests were sent to prison.

But that was only the beginning of the communist war on Catholic Slovakia. According to a statement made in 1947 by the then Slovak Secretary of the Interior over 130,000 Slovaks had been jailed in the first two years after the "liberation" for "subversive activities or other political crimes" in other words, for having remained faithful to their religion.

It is not known how many more have since suffered a similar fate, but the number of Slovak Catholics imprisoned during the first year of the "People's Democracy," established in February, 1948, is believed to have exceeded 100,000. Some have put the figure as high as 150,000.

THUS IT WOULD seem hardly doubtful that well over ten per cent of the Catholic population of Slovakia have been sent to prison during the last four years; and prison, under a communist regime, means almost invariably inhuman treatment, if not methodical torture, and in many cases deportation to the USSR.

No class, profession, age group, or sex is safe from the most cruel persecution, whether priest or nun, student or peasant, intellectual or housewife — every Slovak who rates the Divine Law and the peace of his conscience higher than the commands of his atheist rulers must be ready to meet sufferings such as to make more often than not death seem a welcome relief.

Despite all that, the communists have made little headway toward their ultimate goal. No doubt, they will not be left of Church property and close down the remaining convents and monasteries. They may continue to send nuns to the torture chambers of the secret police and to brand Catholic students, as has actually happened in Topolcany and Bratislava, by burning the palms of their hands. They may dispatch further trainloads of prisoners toward an "unknown destination" in the East; but they will not succeed in tearing away Catholic Slovakia from her faith.

### SAILS WITH 'BAREX' FLEET



A Catholic editor is one of two news correspondents to accompany the U. S. Navy's BAREX-19 expedition, to reoccupy U. S. installations in the Arctic. Helicopters and an icebreaker will forge the way for ships which will dump 6,000 tons of supplies on the beach at Point Barrow and Barter Island, and try to get out again before the ice closes in. Pictured with the expedition's commander, Capt. Richard H. Serrano, U.S.N., is Fergus Hoffman, publisher of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Sea Hurst, Wash., International News Service correspondent who was summoned to testify before a congressional committee as an expert on defense needs of Alaska, and Rev. Andrew M. Proby, editor of the Catholic Northwest Progress, Seattle, who is making his third trip into the northland. (NC Photos)

### New Attacks Planned On Polish Church

London (RNS) — Steps to intensify the struggle against the Roman Catholic Church in Communist-dominated Poland were approved by the Communist Party at a recent conference, said to have taken place in Silesia, according to a Vatican Radio Polish language broadcast.

The Vatican station declared that detailed instructions have been sent by the Warsaw Politbureau to appropriate party authorities and the secret police outlining a four-fold anti-Church program.

THIS PROGRAM, according to the Vatican Radio, calls for: (1) Setting up a Polish People's Church, directed by a synod subordinate to the government. The new Church is to be completely independent of the Holy See and submissive to the policy of the regime.

(2) Obtaining from priests and other churchmen statements in support of the proposed new Church. This would be achieved by sending out questionnaires to the clergy, who would previously be subjected to pressure from Party members and the Security Police. The treatment met out to the clergy would depend upon their replies to the questionnaire.

(3) Material pressure on the Church, including the confiscation of its remaining property, the pauperization of the clergy by means of special taxation and differential salaries according to the "loyalty" of the individual priest.

(4) State control over all educational establishments, including seminaries and novitiates.

The Vatican Radio declared that since the Communist campaign against the Church had not yielded the results expected, the Cominform had decided to adopt different tactics in Poland. It said the execution of the plan had been entrusted to the Ministry of Education and the so-called Board of Information, which supervises the activities of the Security Police.

### New Emblem For Holy Year Set For World Distribution

Rome — (NC) — The design for the official emblem of the 1950 Holy Year has been decided upon and is now ready for world-wide distribution, it was announced by the central Holy Year committee here.

The emblem emphasizes the cross. The foreground shows the obelisk of St. Peter's, whose summit is intersected by writing to provide the shape of a cross. The background of the emblem is formed by St. Peter's square and the basilica resplendent in the sun.

THE WRITING intersecting the obelisk repeats the Pope's discourse of June 2, 1948, announcing the Holy Year: "May this truly Holy Year be for the human family the herald of a new era of peace, prosperity and progress." At the base of the obelisk are the words: "Holy Year, Rome, 1950."

This is the third emblem adopted and published by the central committee for the Holy Year. The first was on the occasion of the Pope's golden jubilee as a priest the second commemorated the Feast of the Assumption, when the Holy Year was officially proclaimed.

It was pointed out here that the emblems of the last two Holy Years, 1926 and 1933, also depicted the cross. The former depicted an angel bearing the cross against a background showing St. Angel's Basilica in the distance. The latter showed a purple cross, dominating the world.

### British General Serves Mass In Hong Kong

Hong Kong — (NC) — Since the beginning of July members of St. Joseph's church have seen the familiar figure of Lt. Gen. Frank W. Feasting, British commanding officer, serving the 9:30 Sunday Mass.

General Feasting is well known since he was in command of land forces here immediately after the war. He has now returned as General Officer Commanding in Chief of the three services in Hong Kong. His arrival to command the greatly increased garrison has done much to improve the morale of the civilian population.

### Near East Missions

Francis Cardinal Spellman, President  
Msr. Thomas J. McMahon, National Secretary  
Rev. Harry M. O'Conner  
Rev. Andrew H. Ragueh

### God's Lone Sentinel

Father Shouky — 41 years a priest — was for months God's Lone Sentinel down in Gaza, among the Refugees. He has been there since the fighting began last year; and Monsignor McMahon writes about Fr. Shouky "His house has 29 families in it — the strangest assortment of Christians and non-Christians I ever saw. He has 700 Refugees in tents on his grounds. He has even used half the Church to house Refugees. I spent \$3,000.00 there — for God knows they needed it. . . . Just before I left Fr. Shouky said: 'Next Sunday I shall preach to my people and to all these Refugees on the extreme kindness of the Catholics of America.' . . . Now, We Must Raise That \$3,000.00. . . . How much of it will YOU give?"

### CHAPEL SCHOOL

In Irbid (North Transjordan) there is a frontier military barracks, but no Church or school. The bishop wants to build a Chapel School here — because Irbid is close to the border — and it will do much to spread the Kingdom of God — in what has been largely Moslem territory. . . . Here is the chance to build a lasting memorial of a loved one — and win many souls for God. . . . It will cost only one hundred dollars.

### SABBATINI

In the Holy Land the Seventh Day Adventists are known as the Sabbatini. Their proselyting activity has added one more problem to the work of the Rosary Sisters of Beit-Mery in Lebanon. To hold our children the good Sisters had to open a Catholic Center with laundry, dormitory and refectory. The building has begun — but the Sisters had to go deeply in debt. They beg your aid and pray for your help! Can you spare them ten dollars — or more — or less?

### DANIEL OF KANDY

Daniel Arvaneth is one of Archbishop Mar Ivanios' students for the priesthood. . . . He has finished two years at the Seminary in Kandy, Ceylon. But he cannot continue without aid. . . . Will you support him for the next four years — one hundred dollars a year? . . . Adopt him as your priestly son in Christ — and you will share in his daily prayers as a student — and in every Mass and priestly labor, after he is ordained a priest.

### TURNUED AWAY WITH TEARS

Can you picture a Catholic Sister turning a homeless orphan away? Listen to Mother Marie of the Benedictine Sisters of Our Lady of Calvary on Olivet. . . . "Always do we get new demands to admit those unfortunate orphans — but we have with tears turned many away. The reason? Lack of food and clothes for them. Please help us! . . . If your eyes have ever flooded with helpless tears — you will not ignore this appeal. . . . One dollar — five — ten — fifty — in your charity — help!

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5) Enable our CHRYSOSTOMS to help students for the Priesthood. It is our Bargain Charity Package! Would you like one?

### WILL THEY OPEN IN SEPTEMBER?

In every Church in Lebanon the sermon on Trinity Sunday was on Catholic Schools. . . . Many of these schools cannot open in September without aid. . . . Please join our BASHLEAN dollar-a-month club for Schools! For some strange reason — this appeal is seldom answered — though it is one of our most crying needs. . . . Do answer this request so that all our Near East Schools can open in September!

### OUR SISTERS IN ISRAEL

We cannot expect the State of Israel to support our good Sisters — who labor and suffer and pray in the Saviour's Homeland. . . . The Poor Clares of Nazareth and Bethlehem — the Carmelites of Nazareth — must look to us for aid. . . . They will reward with prayerful remembrance, every gift you make — be it fifty cents or fifty dollars.

Send all communications to:  
Catholic Near East Welfare Association  
480 Lexington Ave. at 48th St. New York 17, N. Y.

### Material from Hitler Theater Builds Church in Munich

Munich — (NC) — Built with invaluable building material materials once used for the entertainment of Adolf Hitler, one of Munich's largest churches is nearing completion and will be dedicated next year. The edifice, which will hold close to 7,000 persons, replaces the church of Sacred Heart parish here, which was destroyed in an air raid.

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### Stamp Honors Saint

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### Non-Catholics Help Erect Catholic Chapel

Kinrossville, Va. — (NC) — Two ministers and members of their own congregations were among the non-Catholics who worked side by side with parishioners of St. Augustine's Chapel in constructing the chapel, which Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel, of New Orleans, dedicated. The chapel, a mission of St. Benedict the Moor Church, Napoleonville, La., is in charge of the Josephite Fathers.

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