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Crippled DP, War Veteran, Discovers Special Job Needs Him In United States

By EILEEN EGAN Frankfurt, Germany (NC) Talk about the psychological movement—how about this. As a last resort, a young Polish displaced person came to the headquarters of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference on the outskirts of Frankfurt. He felt sure he could not qualify for emigration to the United States, but he wanted to be told once and for all, just for his own satisfaction.

HE WAS YOUNG, clean cut and well-built, but it was with diffidence that he approached the secretary on duty.

"What is the chance of a person with a disability going to the U. S.?" he asked. "It depends on the disability," the secretary replied. "Would you be good enough to tell me about the disability?"

The young DP hemmed-and-hawed, but would give no information other than the disability had to do with his leg. The secretary asked him to wait and shortly afterwards ushered him into the office of the Rev. Stephen Bernas of Chicago, who is in charge of the WRHS—N.C.W.C. headquarters here.

WHEN THE young man entered the office, Father Bernas had just finished a long-distance telephone conversation. He was able to tell the young man that a special job assurance had arrived from the United States for a DP who could be trained in an establishment which manufactures artificial arms and legs. The owner of the plant, located in the Middle West, stipulated that the DP he wanted should be minus a leg or an arm and one who wanted to work in making the devices.

Father Bernas asked the young man for his story. The young DP related that in the siege of Warsaw he lost a leg and now had to rely on a wooden one. Father Bernas explained the gist of the telephone conversation just concluded and asked whether the young Pole wanted to accept the job in the United States.

THERE WAS A light of incredible joy and tears streaming down his face as the young Pole said he would. Father Bernas made another phone call and the young DP was lined up for the job, assured he would leave for the United States as soon as his

case could be processed. The story of this Polish DP is just one of the many tales of heartbreaks which are heard in the 15 offices of WRHS—N.C.W.C. in Germany, Austria and Italy. To date near 30,000 displaced persons have been brought to the

United States from the misery of the DP camps in Europe under the auspices of WRHS—N.C.W.C. But there probably never has been any with the psychological moment angle like the one connected with the story of the young Polish DP.

BISHOPS IN GERMAN COAL MINE



Bishop Aloisius J. Muench of Fargo, N. D., Apostolic Visitor in Germany, and members of his party, dressed in miners' working clothes, descend 2,000 feet to the lowest-level corridor of a coal mine in Gers. Pictured on the occasion are Archbishop Lorenz Jaeger of Fulda, Bishop Muench, Bishop John B. Rosenthal, Vicar Apostolic of Quoonatov, South Africa, a native of Paderborn, Very Rev. Howard Smith, secretary to Bishop Muench, Rev. Alfred A. Schneider, representative of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference in Germany. (NC Photos)

Jesuit Asks Catholic Vote For Pupil-Aid Candidates

Auriclesville, N. Y. (RNS) — Roman Catholics should vote for candidates whose records show "they would give to the Catholic child the educational advantages he is entitled to under the Constitution," according to the Rev. Francis D. Burns, S.J., director of the Shrine of the North American Martyrs here.

FATHER BURNS emphasized that he was referring especially to the coming election to the exalted office of United States Senator. The priest mentioned no names. Probable candidates for the post will be former Gov. Herbert L. Lehman, Democrat, and John Foster Dulles, foreign policy expert, Republican. Lehman recently defended Mrs.

Eleanor Roosevelt against charges of intolerance leveled by Cardinal Spellman. The charges were made after Mrs. Roosevelt had expressed opposition to Federal aid for Catholic schools.

SPEAKING BEFORE 8,000 persons attending the second annual statewide pilgrimage to the Shrine, Father Burns said Catholics "should be willing to speak out firmly on such an important question as the 'Barden bill' (which would provide \$300,000,000 in Federal aid for public schools, but not parochial institutions).

He said Catholics should not allow the "red herring of Church and State to be drawn across the real issue—namely, that Catholic children as American children are entitled to certain educational benefits such as free bus transportation, free lunches, free health welfare and free non-religious textbooks."

Tokyo Reports 21 Percent Catholic Gain

By REV. W. A. MASCHMITTER Tokyo (NC) An increase of 21 per cent in the number of baptized Catholics, as also of the catechumens, in the Archdiocese of Tokyo is revealed by a comparison of official statistics issued by the Archdiocese in 1948 and 1949.

The percentage of increase in the Catholic population in 1947 was only 19 per cent above the 1946 figure. The number of Catholics, which was given at 10,397 last year has now risen to 12,441 while catechumens still under instruction now number 4,209 as compared with 3,450 last year.

THE TOTAL of baptisms for this year is 3,465, including 1,727 adults as compared with 1,413 adults last year and only 943 in 1947. Another encouraging feature of this year's report is the number of annual confessions which rose from 6,099 to 7,711 an increase of 26 per cent since 1948.

The report lists 26 parishes this year as compared with 21 last year, and of these six had more than 100 adult converts.

The new monastery of the Conventual Franciscans in the Akabane sector of Tokyo, has been inaugurated. By act of Archbishop Peter Dol of Tokyo a new parish was erected there on the same day. The Conventual Fathers have likewise purchased property for the establishment of their own major seminary in the Oji sector of Tokyo.

THE CONVENTUAL Fathers have also purchased property in Osaka for the erection of the Order's printery in that city, according to the Rev. Donatus Goscinski, a native of Poland, who is Superior of the Conventual Monastery here. The printery is in Nagasaki now.

Another activity of the Conventual Fathers here is the building of a workshop for poor widows near the monastery. The workshop will enable these widows to do needlework to obtain additional funds for their family budgets.

Jesuit Scientist New York (NC) — The Rev. Francis J. Heyden, S.J., director of the Georgetown University Observatory, was elected president of the American Association of Jesuit Scientists, Eastern States Division, at the convention held at Fordham University.

Anglican Prelate Lauds Abp. Beran

Quebec (NC) — Dr. C. P. Garret, Anglican Archbishop of York, told newsmen here that he is in "deepest sympathy" with Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague now held in virtual internment by the Czech communist regime. The Anglican churchman is making a tour of Canada and the United States. "I am very sorry for the Czechoslovak people who had just regained their freedom, and now are under another kind of tyranny," Dr. Garret said. He stated that Archbishop Beran is making a "very brave stand for religious freedom."

40,000 Catholics In Scandinavia

New York (RNS) — The Roman Catholic Church in Scandinavia has 40,400 members, according to a report by the Danish Information Office here. Of this total, 20,000 are in Denmark, 16,000 in Sweden and 4,400 in Norway. There are 104 priests in Denmark, 42 in Sweden and 48 in Norway.

Archbishop Flynn Dies [Flynn, Co-adjutor of St. John's St. John's, Newfoundland] died here at the age of 57, for (NC) Archbishop Thomas John, leaving a long illness.

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