

Catacomb Life Reported From Red Ukraine

By the FREDERICK FUNDING... The Catholic Church exists only in the "catacombs" in what is today the Soviet Ukraine. They say the twentieth century, subterranean, dark and mountain recesses in the Carpathian wilds.

This is the picture gathered from reports of refugees from this area, which once boasted of a flourishing Church with a number of bishops, thousands of priests and millions of faithful, housing mainly to the Greek rite.

NEW YORK, WHILE the Catholic Church in both the Latin and Byzantine rites has been of scanty number, with its property being turned over to the Orthodox (schismatic) Church, these reports state that Catholic religious life has actually been maintained. It is being practiced with a heroic tenacity.

Some people must walk 30 miles to attend Mass. It is also necessary to sneak out-of-the-way places because the spies and agents of the Soviet secret police are everywhere and spy on the priest.

German Communists To Check Sermons... Berlin — (AP) — Communist Party members in the Soviet-occupied Province of Magdeburg have been urged to attend church services to check up on the sermons delivered by priests.

Dulles, Lehman, O'Dwyer Express School Aid Views... New York — (AP) — The fall elections in the State of New York have brought the question of Federal aid to education into the forefront.

Story of Spanish Civil War Leader's Reconciliation with Catholic Church Told

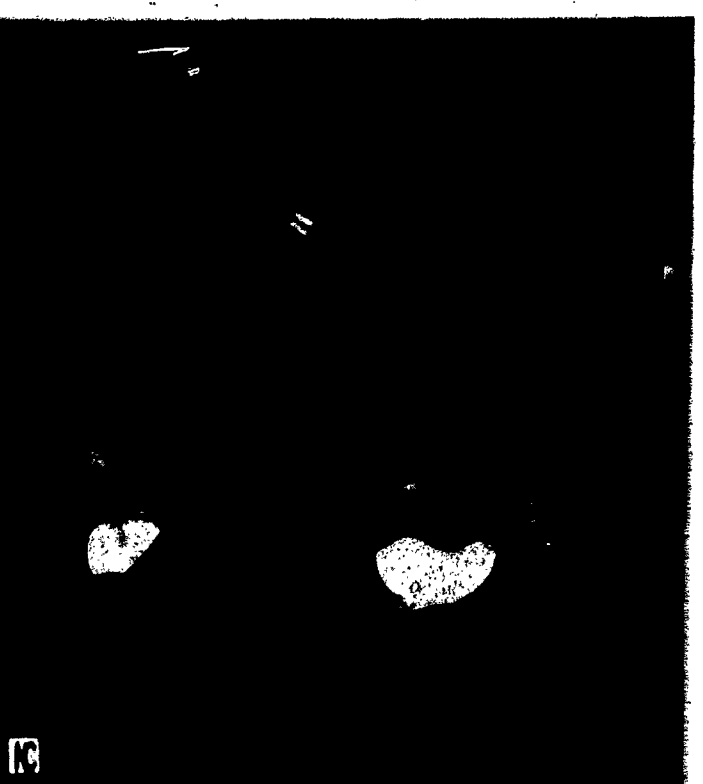
By FRANCISCO M. LUIS... The story of the reconciliation of the Church of Alexander Lerroux, one of the sponsors of the Spanish civil war, is now being told.

The disclosure is made by Nabilis Rivas, in a book he is writing, "My Memoirs." Senior Lerroux was born at La Rambla, Cordova, Spain, in 1884. He died in Madrid this year.

After the civil war, Monseñor Herrera-Oria became a bishop of Malaga upon his return from exile in Portugal. Senior Lerroux sent him a note of congratulation, which the bishop replied with a personal visit.

Maryknoll Missioner Stocks China Posts As People Flee... Kweilin, China — (AP) — While many residents are trying to move all their possessions out of town before active warfare hits this area, one man continues to bring supplies into Kweilin.

BLIND TWIN SISTER PIANISTS



Sister Johanna Madeline, O.S.F., and Sister Teresa, O.S.F., twins of the family of Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee, who have been blind since birth, told of benefits from the braille services of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae during its 19th annual convention in Chicago.

Judge Warns N. M. Teachers On Religion

Santa Fe, N. M. — (RNS) — District Judge David W. Carmody has ordered the principal and a teacher at the Lindrith, N. M., public school not to require pupils under their jurisdiction to attend or participate in religious services.

JUDGE CARMODY issued the order after refusing to issue a temporary writ of prohibition to prevent the defendants from teaching in the school.

Throughout the hearing here, William T. O'Sullivan, attorney for the plaintiffs, sought to establish that religious violations occurred in the Lindrith school last term.

Paper Praises Plans For Mindxsentry Film... Manchester, N. H. — (AP) — Plans for production of a motion picture, "Gully of Treason," depicting the imprisonment of Hungary's Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, have been commented in an editorial published here by The Morning Union.

Vatican Chooses New Hymn for Holy Year... Vatican City — (AP) — The Holy Year will witness a change in the Pontifical hymn which is rendered at "non-ecclesiastical" ceremonies, it was announced by the press office of the Holy Year.

FIRST IN PACIFIC ISLES



First American Brother to enter the Caroline and Marshall Islands, in the North Pacific, Brother John J. Walker, S.J., says a prayer before the shrine of his fellow Jesuit, St. Francis Xavier, patron of all missions, before setting out for Truk.

Spain Restores Religious Building Hit in Red War

Madrid — (AP) — The Spanish Government's Service for Work, the announcement states, included among the workers are 1,000 political prisoners who are receiving full salary and reduction in sentence for time spent helping with the reconstruction.

ACCORDING to the official announcement, the repair of the remaining religious edifices damaged or destroyed during the Civil War and the disorders which preceded it.

CWV Protest U. S. Aid To Tito's Regime

Washington — (AP) — All Catholic War Veterans units in the United States have been called upon to protest to the State Department against aid to the communist government of Yugoslavia.

"No aid should be given to Yugoslavia or any other communist country until there is positive proof that these ignoble puppets of the Kremlin demonstrate their willingness to recognize man's dignity and to render to God the things that are God's," Mr. Caffrey told the CWV units.

Convert Ex-Editor Dies in London... London — (AP) — Ernest James Oldmadow, convert ex-editor of The Tablet, weekly Catholic newspaper and review of London from 1953 to 1956, died here at the age of 81.

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