

Lithuanian Priest Here As DP Discloses Soviet Barbarism

New York — (NC) — Father Anthony Petrulis, a Lithuanian priest who arrived here recently as a displaced person, has disclosed the Soviet barbarism which he witnessed in Lithuania.

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the field, and a tank was ordered to roll over their heads and chests so that none would live. Father Petrulis heard the screams and the crushing of human skulls and bodies, but the tank miraculously passed him, scratching only his head.

It was night time and Father Petrulis lay very still while the soldiers searched for those still living. Seeing death approaching anyway, he and a few of the others, rushed to the edge of the field, and fled. Bullets bounced past their heads as they ran, and Father Petrulis fell into a ditch; many dead bodies already lay where he fell. His eyes were closed for some time, but he was revived by the soldiers.

quater men in the night. He discovered a few of their comrades, including his own brother, Father Francis, who was praying. Each had thought the other had perished.

They reached an inhabited village and found that the Soviet Army had moved on and that the German Army was approaching. The group was arrested by German officers, but later released, after receiving medical care and food.

Father Petrulis, who normally weighs about 170 pounds, weighed 87 at the time of his release. Father Anthony Petrulis and Father Francis returned to Lithuania on July 8, 1941.

British Women Fight Sale Of Contraceptives

By JOHN A. GREAVES
London — (NC) — A demand that the sale of contraceptives from automatic machines be outlawed has been made by the National Board of Catholic Women's Conference, meeting at Blackpool, Lancashire.

In a resolution being sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Town and Country Planning, and the Minister of Health, they declared:

"This conference... representing the main women's societies in the Catholic community, is greatly disturbed to note that slot machines are being utilized for the sale of contraceptives. They firmly believe that this method of sale is dangerous to the morale of young people and is indeed an invitation to promiscuity.

"They call upon the Home Secretary to prevent the sale of slot machines for this purpose. Neglect to do this will result against the national welfare both morally and physically. It is urged that steps be taken immediately to prohibit the sale from slot machines and to refuse permission for such machines to be erected on the King's highway (public highways)."

MacArthur Advisers Push Birth Control

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR
(Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Tokyo — Japanese high-school girls peddled contraceptives last summer, earning more money than some of their working relatives. Tokyo streetcars, newspapers and magazines display brazenly explicit advertisements for birth-control drugs and gadgets.

When the Japanese Welfare Ministry first licensed contraceptives for sale last April, about 19 firms were manufacturing them. Now 35 firms produce them.

RETAIL VALUE of drugs produced for birth control in Japan last June was 25 million yen, about \$77,000. The August output of these drugs was worth 46 million yen, about \$126,000. Add to that the retail value of devices made by 18 firms for the same purpose — some \$80,000 a month. From Japan's much-needed latex imports, enough for 6,000,000 dozens of these devices per year has been allocated.

What that sort of industry can do to rehabilitate Japan is not clear. Incidentally, two American firms have written, with samples, to Tokyo, asking to get in on the Japanese contraceptive market.

On June 6 General MacArthur issued a memorandum disavowing their statements saying that they represented individual opinions only. Their influence on Japanese officials, however, has naturally exceeded anything a private individual, unconnected with SCAP could have had in mid-April the Japanese Welfare Ministry, for the first time, had licensed contraceptives for sale.

LATE LAST summer Brig Gen Crawford F. Sams, chief of SCAP's public health and welfare section, and Dr. A. R. Manloff, American civilian woman physician, chief of the public health section of the Tokyo Military Government, Team, attended the opening session of a six-day course on birth control held in the Japanese government's Institute of Public Health here.

Czech Catholic Journalist Flees Red Terrorism

(NCWC NEWS SERVICE)

IN THE name of God, I am writing from a free country. The man who thus announced his escape from the open and hidden terror of a tyrannical regime—his memory haunted by a previous communist arrest—is Vaclav Myšlivec, for many years correspondent of NCWC News Service in Czechoslovakia.

ACCOMPANIED BY his wife, he made his way to freedom, with the shots of frontier guards and the barking of police dogs ringing in his ears. They left behind the country of their birth, their home, their friends, their possessions, the grave of their daughter. They sacrificed much, but they have gained more: the freedom to think, the freedom to write, the freedom from fear, the freedom to worship.

Escapes Reds



Vaclav Myšlivec, for many years Prague correspondent for N.C.W.C. News Service, who has succeeded in escaping from Czechoslovakia, following previous arrest and numerous threats by agents of the Communist regime.

NOTED SCULPTOR-CONVERT

Christian Petersen, noted Iowa sculptor and associate professor of applied art at Iowa State College, has been received into the Catholic Church, at St. Cecilia's Church, Ames, Ia. Many of his works are on the campus of Iowa State College. His statutory group, "Madonna of the Schools" adorns the parish grounds. Mr. Petersen is shown working on his statue of St. Bernadette.

Air Service Set To Passion Play

Munich — (NC) — Special airplane service will be available to Holy Year pilgrims, who wish to include a visit to Oberammergau and its famed Passion Play in their itinerary.

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St. Andrew, Patron of Scotland, is founder of the Church in Patras, Greece. The people of both places share the virtues of courage and industry. Their parish church of St. Thomas almost destroyed by war, their own wealth exhausted, their church by their own labor and returned it with their own meagre means to the extent of \$400. They need \$600 more. Help themselves, they deserve help.

REMEMBER ME!
That's the message of every gift, souvenir or monument in the world, an earnest plea to be remembered. Every one wants to be remembered. It's a natural human desire. Our departed ones want to be remembered. They may need to be remembered. During this month of the Holy Souls, to remember your loved ones. Enroll them in our Burial Society, for a year for one dollar, perpetually for twenty dollars. Arrange for Gregorian Masses. But remember them!

PATCHES ON PATCHES
Even the intrepid knows the priest's cockade is his badge of office, but a badge of patches in many cases. Monsignor McMahon has appealed for cockade material. Twenty dollars will provide a durable and respectable cockade in the Near East. Help clothe our priests in a becoming manner.

THE OTHER NINE
Everyone recalls the gospel story of the ten lepers who were cured by Christ. Only one returned. "And where are the other nine?" Perhaps they forgot. And their ingratitude has never been forgotten. Perhaps we forget the many lepers who have not known the wonderful mercy of Christ's healing. Some we do help. But what of the other nine? OUR DAMIEN LEPER FUND tries to do something about it. Any donation, however small, is a help to the other nine who might be forgotten.

NUMBERS
In September, 1936, five Disident Oriental were recruited to Rome. Today the five are 57,000. Archbishop Mar Ivanios, leader of the flock, has great devotion to our Lady. We're helping him build a new Shrine Church in Trivandrum, India. We need one thousand dollars. If five can become 57,000, our goal should be easy.

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