

Cloistered Carmelite Nun In Bronx Gets Pictures Inside Convent For Herald-Tribune Photographer

New York — (NC)—Inside pictures of a cloister in the Bronx. Our photographer was barred, but his camera was not. A nun did the job for him.

This legend accompanied a picture-story on the Discalced Carmelite Monastery in the Bronx which appeared in This Week Magazine, popular syndicated Sunday supplement. An account of how the nun took the pictures has now appeared in Editor and Publisher, trade journal published here. It was quite a process.

After two New York Herald Tribune staff men found that they could take only exterior pictures of the convent, they received permission to instruct a Sister in the complicated operation of a Speed Graphic news camera.

Ira Rosenberg of the Herald Tribune sat down before an iron spiked grill webbed with black cloth and talked for two hours with the unseen nun on the other side. He described the conversation as follows:

"Everything I told her we both wrote down, so we could check against each other.

"For instance, she would give me the dimensions of a room or a cell and the approximate distance to the subject from the camera. The subject, of course, would be another nun. We wanted to get a nun into most of the pictures, if possible.

"This procedure continued till we had 16 pictures lined up. She'd describe the scene she thought would make a good shot and guess at the size of the room, and then I would tell her what footage to use and how wide to open the aperture.

"There she was, sitting behind there, still not knowing what the camera looked like and what aperture and foot age meant. Along about this time, I informed her I was sending the camera in. I then assembled the camera and pushed it through the turn, a dumb-water-like device in the wall, shaped like a half barrel. I also presented her with holders and peanut bulbs.

"Her next comment was, 'I've never seen anything like this — I've only used a Brownie No. 2.'

Then with the camera in her

hands, lens pointed toward her, she heard the ABC's of the Speed Graphic. After several good-natured fumbles, she learned to cock the shutter, insert the bulbs, and slide in the film holders.

"I said to her," the cameraman recalled, "get all the mechanics right and you'll get

the pictures. She replied, very seriously, 'With God's help, I'm sure we can do it.'

The nun's first try was not successful, due to a mistake in exposing the film, but she was certain that she could succeed on the second attempt and she did. She snapped 18

times and missed on only three pictures. Originally the picture story was scheduled for publication in the daily Herald Tribune, but when the cloistered Carmelite Sister came through with her pictures it was decided to give the story country-wide play in This Week Magazine.

'Irish Travelers' In Mass Wedding



In Immaculate Conception Church, Memphis, Tenn., six young couples are shown being congratulated after their wedding there by Msgr. M. F. Kearney (left) and Rev. Angelo Leoni in a renewal of an old custom of the 'Irish Travelers' meeting nearby in their annual encampment. Monsignor Kearney is an alumnus of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester.

Nocturnal Adoration Groups Worship in 110 Centers

Bellaire, N. Y. — (NC) — Inauguration of the practice of all-night adoration at Incarnation Church here this month marks the opening of the 110th official center of the Nocturnal Adoration Society in the United States.

The Nocturnal Adoration Society is a society for Catholic men, priests and laymen — whose purpose is to provide adoration for our Eucharistic Lord during the lonely hours of the night to atone in a special way for the sins committed during the night, and to bring God's blessings on the particular city and country in which the Society functions.

The essential condition of membership is a pledge to spend one hour a month before the Blessed Sacrament exposed between 10 p. m. and 6 a. m. The traditional prayer recited during

these nocturnal vigils is a portion of the Office of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Local branches choose one night a month for an all night vigil in their church. Their members are divided into groups. Each group is assigned a definite hour of Adoration, the time of which is advanced each succeeding month. According to this system of rotation, the groups return to their original starting points every nine months, having thus covered successively all the hours of the night.

Nocturnal Adoration was first organized in Rome in 1810. The Society was introduced to the United States in 1882.

Msgr. Randall Aids Catholic Press Directory

New York — (NC) — Complete plans for publication of the new Catholic Press Directory, which has been taken over by the Catholic Press Association, will be ready for presentation at the meeting of the C.P.A. executive board here on November 11, it has been announced.

The editorial board for the new directory is composed of Msgr. John S. Randall of the Catholic Courier Journal, Rochester, N. Y., who will have charge of the printing and distribution of the volume; the Rev. Alfred Barrett, S.J., C.P.A. executive secretary, who will be in charge of editing, and Ray McCarney, publisher's representative of Philadelphia, who will be in charge of advertising.

Educator Raps Colleges For Anti-Religion

Durham, N. C. — (NC) — American universities "throw their weight against religion by disclaiming involvement in religious matters," Dr. Ernest C. Colwell, president of the University of Chicago, asserted here. Faculty attitudes "of indifference or carefully controlled neutrality" lead students to conclude that education "is an area that does not need religion," he declared. Carrying this notion into the business world, the graduate is "easily persuaded that business does not need religion either," and as a result religion "is progressively banished from all the important areas of living," Dr. Colwell said.

THE CHICAGO educator spoke at the close of a three-day inaugural ceremony at Duke University for Dr. Arthur Hollis Edens, newly installed Duke president.

"The strange twist which has been given to the separation of church and state" is one reason for the non-committal attitude toward religion, Dr. Colwell declared.

"WHAT BEGAN as a repudiation of one established church supported by the state has become a ban upon religion in the activities of any state-supported institution," he said.

If "tolerance" toward different faiths means elimination of religion in education, the state should "seriously consider whether tolerance can conceivably be as important to the continued existence of the country as religious faith," he maintained.

MOREOVER, HE continued, "no religion will tolerate a definition of the service of God that merely puts it on a level with the indiscriminate accumulation of information."

Religion and morals must become "the important and pervasive element in all education and inquiry," Dr. Colwell said, and the university's own confession of faith will be a major support in creating faith for students.

Israeli Promise On Dormition Abbey Still Awaits Fulfillment

Washington — (NC) — Representatives of Israel have expressed "disappointment" during negotiations over the realization of the Dormition Abbey on Mount Zion in Jerusalem, but it still remains to be seen whether the Israeli promise will be fulfilled.

This view was expressed here by the Rev. Leo Rudloff, O.S.B., of St. Mary's Monastery in Morristown, N. J., who participated in these negotiations as Canonical Visitor for the Holy Land of the Dormition. Father Rudloff was recently named Prior of the Dormition and he plans to return to Jerusalem later this year to assume his duties.

NEGOTIATIONS have been going on for several months. Dormition Abbey has not yet been returned to the Benedictines, either partly or in full, according to the latest information received by Father Rudloff.

He was emphatic in making it clear that the negotiations concerning the Abbey must not be interpreted as part of any general, overall negotiations toward settling claims for damages suffered by Catholic shrines and institutions as the result of the fighting in the Holy Land and of transgressions committed by Israeli elements.

Father Rudloff also stressed that any settlement that might be reached in the case of Dormition Abbey could only be regarded as a "working agreement" and would still be subject to the outcome of negotiations on a higher level; that is, between the Holy See and the Israeli Government.

The negotiations between the Benedictines and Israeli authorities over the Dormition Abbey have taken the following course, according to Father Rudloff:

THE ISRAELI, who had militarily occupied the Abbey in May, 1948, earlier this year "made a gesture" to return it to the Benedictines. The latter tentatively accepted this offer on two conditions, (1) complete evacuation of the premises by Israeli forces; and (2) taking of a full inventory by a mixed commission to establish damages and losses.

Regarding the first condition, Father Rudloff said that Israeli



Levi and dormition during the Palestine war, the Dormition, Jerusalem, 1948, remains a ruin. It is called Shrine of the Dormition, or 'Sleeping Mary.' It is said to mark place where 'Queen of Heaven' lay and was taken up into heaven.

negotiations were "friendly," resulting in a written promise. The second condition, however, was accepted and a joint commission was formed.

The Benedictine monks have been in addition to Father Rudloff; the Rev. Benedict Stein, then Prior of the Dormition, a lay brother named Rudolph Stein, and Mr. Imberger, a non-Catholic architect. The Rev. Terence Kuehn, O.P.M., Patriarchal Visitor of Southern Palestine, also took part in the negotiations. The Israeli were represented in the commission by three members.

THE COMMISSION proceeded to take a complete inventory and to assess the damages caused by fighting and looting. The attitude of the Israeli was generally "cooperative," Father Rudloff said. He also received expressions of deep regret from Rabbi Jacob Herzog, head of the department for Christian communities in the Israeli Ministry of Religious Affairs, over loss of the Dormition and his verbal promise that full compensation would be made for the loss of the Dormition.

However, as to the return of the Dormition to the Benedictines, the Israeli position on that part of the commission was in complete agreement with the Benedictines. The Israeli position was to return the Dormition to the Benedictines "as a gesture of goodwill," but not to return the Dormition to the Benedictines.

In the view of Father Rudloff, it would be desirable to get to the bottom of the situation by making a complete inventory of the Dormition and of the surrounding area. This would not require any special permission to enter the area, as it is now under Israeli control.

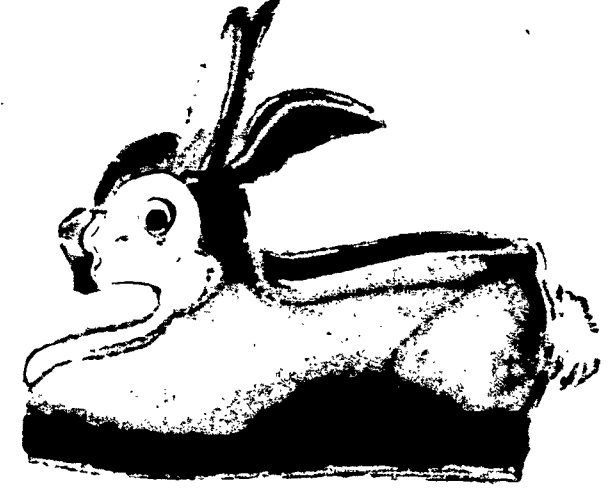
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