

Tokyo Women Send McArthur Protest on 'Population Control'

By MARY PATRICK O'CONNOR

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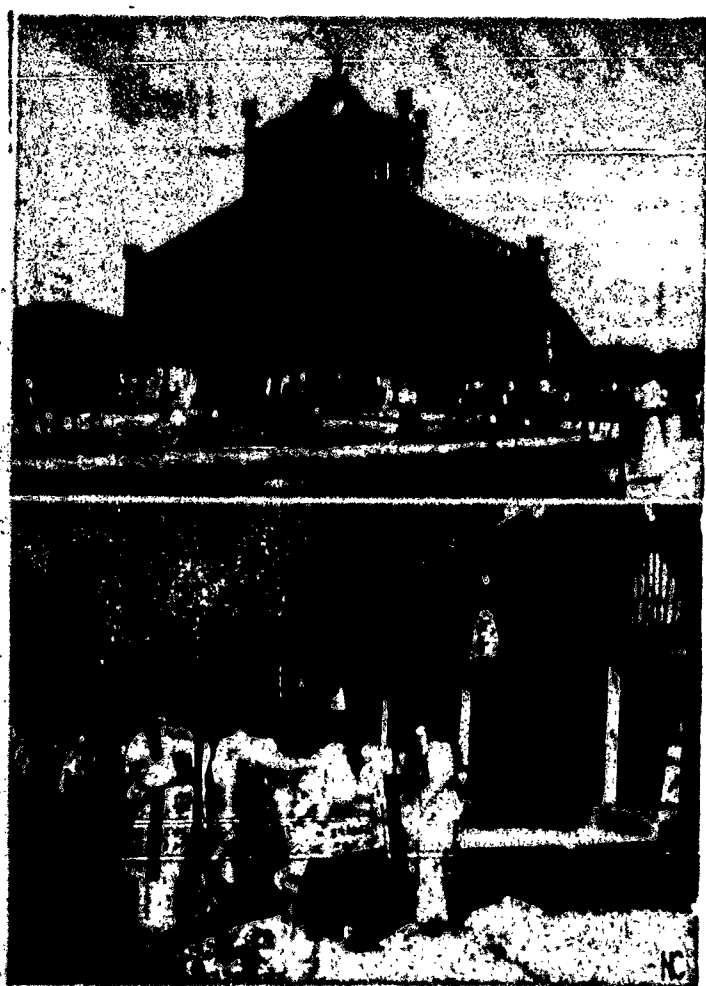
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NEW CHURCH FOR SAIPAN



Built partly from funds donated by American servicemen stationed there during the war, a new Catholic Church, dedicated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, was formally blessed at Chalan Kanan, Saipan, about four miles north of the original church destroyed during the invasion. Bishop Apollinaris W. Baumgartner, O.F.M. Cap., Vice Apostolic of Guam, officiated at the ceremony and celebrated the first solemn Pontifical High Mass. The pastor, Rev. Fortunato Sillipio, O.F.M. Cap., of Waukegan, Wis., drew the plans for the church. (NC Photos)

Conversion of Jews Called Problem for Prayer Crusade

New York — (NC) — When a Jew becomes a Christian he is regarded in the eyes of his own people as "Something of a renegade, an apostate, a traitor to God and his own faith," the Rev. Richard Ginder of Blairsville, Pa., said in an address on the Faith in Our Time program, carried by the Mutual Broadcasting System each Thursday morning.

Father Ginder advocated a "Crusade for God" directed towards the millions of Americans who do not belong to any religion and urged each of his listeners to "pick out one of these individuals and serve as a sort of big brother to him in the religious way."

DISMISSING THE plight of the Jew who becomes a Christian, Father Ginder remarked: "We can only imagine how much more pressure these forces

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Nuns, Ousted From Convents, Work in Mines

Genoa, Italy — (NC) — More than 200 Catholic Sisters have been ejected from their convents and forced to find shelter with families or friends following communist suppression of all religious orders of women in the Yugoslav Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, it was learned from reports reaching here.

At the same time, communist authorities have been searching out the refugee Sisters in their parental homes and ordering them arrested on charges of "vagrandy." Some of the expelled nuns have been sent off to work on "volunteer" projects such as roads and mines.

SISTERHOODS SUPPRESSED by the Yugoslav communists are: the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent; the Daughters of the Child Jesus; the School Sisters of St. Francis; Sisters of the Precious Blood; Sisters of the Holy Cross; and Daughters of Divine Charity.

Sisterhoods also have been completely suppressed in the Yugoslav Republic of Slovenia. A report some time ago stated that 200 nuns were ordered to stop hospital work.

SCORES OF NUNS are reportedly still held in Yugoslav prisons. The latest communist measures against the Sisters in Bosnia-Herzegovina completes the work of spoliation begun by Red authorities in 1945. It was pointed out here by persons familiar with the situation. During the past four years, they say, the Yugoslav Government has suppressed all Catholic elementary and secondary schools, old folks' homes, orphanages and hospices.

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Franco Spain Called Refuge For Jews Fleeing Nazi Terror

New Haven, Conn. — (NC) — The treatment of the Jews in Spain illustrates the fact that the Franco regime does not practice racism, does not follow the methods used by the Nazis and does not seek to impose a uniform Catholicism on everyone.

So declares Dr. Richard Patee, director of the International Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. In an article in the February issue of *Columbus* magazine, Knights of Columbus monthly published here.

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BRAZIL'S HIGHEST DECORATION



Brazilian Ambassador Mauricio Nabuco, in Washington, pins upon His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, the Grand Cross of the Order of the Southern Cross (Cruzeiro do Sul), highest decoration conferred on foreigners. It was awarded to the prelate by President Eurico Gaspar Dutra.

February Named Press Month

New York — (RNS) — February has been designated Catholic Book Week, sponsored by the Catholic Library Association, has been scheduled for Feb. 19-25, coinciding with Catholic Press Month. Theme of the book observance will be "Holy Reading Maketh the Whole Man."

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Court Lauded In Child's Custody Case

Buffalo, N. Y. — (NC) — A recent State Supreme Court judge's ruling that granted custody of a five-year-old girl to her grandparents rather than her part-Negro father and white mother, was termed "very sound" by Bishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Buffalo.

The ruling drew criticism in some quarters on the ground that it constituted racial discrimination, but Bishop O'Hara contended these views asserting "that the case should be viewed in its entirety."

THE RULING was made by Justice Alger Williams in a habeas corpus proceeding instituted by the child's parents, against the wife's mother.

The jurist found that the child has been living with the grandparents since she was six months old, that they have provided her with a good home, that the child's parents have contributed little or nothing to her support and visited her only on rare occasions.

The jurist also found that the child's father has a divorced wife and three children in Texas, to whose support he has not contributed, and another child by his present wife.

"AFTER CAREFUL consideration" the jurist ruled, "I find that the benefits and advantages to the child remaining with her grandparents are overwhelmingly outweigh and overbalance those she would procure in being returned to her parents."

The judge pointed out that the grandfather, a railroad engineer, has an income of some \$300 a month, lives in a substantial neighborhood, is planning to move to a more rural community and has arranged his insurance so that his grandchild will benefit until she is 18 years of age. He found, on the other hand, that the parents have financial problems, have an income of about \$48 a week, and have in their home a boarder, a relative of the father, who "appears to have a criminal record" and has been described by medical authorities as a psychoneurotic.

New Ambassador
Rome (CIP) — Argentina's new ambassador to the Vatican, M. Etchebarry, is at 37 years of age one of the youngest members of the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See.

Arson Probed In Church Fires

London — (NC) — Arson is suspected by the police in a number of fires, which have broken out in Catholic churches in various parts of the country recently.

The Lady Chapel altar and arch were raised in the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Maldon, Essex, and later marks and spent cartridges were found in other parts of the church.

In the last days before the separation area was found burning in St. Michael's Church, Chatham, Kent, on the other side of the Thames Estuary. One hour previously the Church of Our Lady at Gillingham, a mile or two away, was damaged and the altar box was filled.

Similar outbreaks of fire have been reported from Norwich, Norfolk, and Newport, Monmouthshire.

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