

Yank Flyers Surprise Rome War Orphans

Rome — (NC) — United States Air Force men stationed in Tripoli, North Africa, making a Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome, presented some Easter eggs to Polish, Yugoslav and Hungarian war orphans who are sailing from Naples for Canada to find there at last a home and a new start in life.

There were lovely Easter bells made from chocolate and a bright faced girl from some where in Darmstadt didn't waste any time and started nibbling.

The American Easter eggs were the second great surprise for the children within a few hours. Earlier they had been taken to the Vatican and His Holiness Pope Pius met them all. He gave them medals put his hand on their heads and blessed them.

THE AMERICAN soldiers have returned to their post in Africa after a few unforgettable days in the Eternal City. They too met the Holy Father. They prayed in the Basilica. They will carry the memory of these days in Rome to the end of their lives. And the episode of the Easter eggs is an essential part of these memories.

"It kinda makes you feel good," said a young Pfc as he left the Catholic Club for a few hours more of sightseeing in Rome.

What's his name? Forget it. Another he said as he turned his buddies.

BUYING EASTER eggs in Rome is no problem. The shops are full of them. In all sizes, prices and colors. And it was a lovely collection a whole basket full, that Father Williams carried to the table where the kids, nine boys and two girls, all orphans and all Catholics, had just finished their hamburger and ice-cream lunch.

"Here you are sonny," said Father Williams in a flavent haired Polish lad whose Odyssey began ten years ago. It took him from his homeland, through Siberia down to East Africa, then to Italy and will end somewhere in Canada.

"Sonny" at first seemed a little doubtful about the whole thing, but he soon discovered that the wooden egg he got could be uncrowded it revealed among a lot of other good things a whole handful of good American nickels.

"HOW MUCH ARE they worth?" asked a Hungarian lad who seemed to have a smaller ring of at least half a dozen lang

Iron Curtain Rumors Say Cardinal Mindszenty Dead



CARDINAL MINDSZENTY

Vatican City (NC) — The Vatican Press Office has declared itself unable either to confirm or deny widely circulated reports that according to persistent rumors from behind the Iron Curtain Josef Cardinal Mindszenty is dead.

The statement points out that the last credible reports concerning the cardinal's health date back to September, 1949, when his mother visited him in prison. Cardinal Mindszenty was sentenced to life imprisonment in Budapest in February, 1949, on a charge of treason.

Vatican Radio said that the mother's visit occurred on the last Sunday of September, 1949, and that on the next day the cardinal was transferred from the prison where he had been detained.

"The next time his mother went to visit him," Vatican Radio added, "she was told it was not possible to see him. From that day onward only unofficial reports were obtained on the cardinal's whereabouts. He was said to have been admitted to a sanitarium in Slovakia, where he underwent a surgical operation on his throat."

Hungarian authorities refused full information to the Episcopal Curia. The Vatican information sources went on, merely saying that the cardinal's condition was satisfactory.

"It seems nevertheless that in recent times the cardinal's psychological condition seems to have been greatly depressed and from later reports it would seem that he was furthermore suffering from grave heart troubles," the Vatican Press Office said.

Unconfirmed reports also tell of the death of Magr. Andrea Zakar, former secretary to Cardinal Mindszenty.

Nun-Aunt To See Nephew Consecrated

Montreal (NC) — Although his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leger of Montreal will be unable to attend the consecration of the Most Rev. Paul Emile Leger, S.S., as Archbishop of Montreal in Rome on April 26, the family will be represented at the ceremonies by his aunt, Mother Laberge of the Grey Nuns of Montreal.

The aunt will make the trip with Mother Marie Courville, superior general of the Montreal community.

The Archbishop-designate who has been rector of the Canadian Pontifical College in Rome for the last three years and who will succeed Archbishop Joseph Charbonneau retired because of ill health will be consecrated by His Eminence Adeleto Cardinal Piazza, secretary of the Sacred Consistorial College.

Negro Soldier's Community Gains Recruits

New York (NC) — How an inspired young Louisiana Negro, former First Sergeant Walter Joseph Pierre, founded a religious community of Brothers in the United States for members of his race was described at a Catholic Interracial Forum here.

THE COMMUNITY, known as the Franciscan Brothers, Missionary Servants of Christ the King, was approved in October, 1948, in the Camden, N.J., diocese. The founder, who has taken the name of Brother Charles Louanga, after one of the Blessed Uganda (East Africa) Martyrs, served in the U.S. Army Supply Corps in Africa, Italy, Sicily, France and Germany.

Born in 1918 in Crowley, La., Brother Charles had studied at St. Augustine's Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss., prior to entering service. He conceived the idea of a community of Negro Brothers, he explained, while in a prolonged air raid in North Africa, and immediately wrote to Church authorities in the United States.

HIS PROPOSAL was turned over to Bishop Bartholomew J. Eustace of Camden, who welcomed him after his discharge from service and urged him to start his work at once, with headquarters in St. Bartholomew's Church in Camden. During the three-year stay in Camden, the Brothers were instrumental in bringing some 200 souls into the Church.

At present the community has six members completing their novitiate at Smithtown, L.I., under the tutelage of the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn. They expect to make their profession sometime this year. The new group will undertake social work, catechetical and recreational projects. At present there are about 25 candidates waiting to be admitted, but a shortage of funds is holding up expansion plans. White as well as Negro applicants are accepted.

Bishop Reveals Leora Blum, Former Church Foe Bought Him Blessed Virgin Statue

Paris — (NC) — Leora Blum, recently deceased famous French writer of Jewish origin and a socialist, as a Socialist deputy he was always in the early part of his life, among the ranks of those who opposed Catholic viewpoints in matters brought before the French parliament.

In the years following the war, however, he kept himself aloof from religious controversies and always showed a respectful and respectful attitude toward the clergy.

\$3,000,000 FOR YOUTH AID



Pictured at the entrance of a machine driving test place for the new \$3,000,000 St. Augustine High School for Colored Boys in New Orleans, is Archbishop Joseph F. Huron. This is the first building in the Archdiocese's Youth Progress Program which envisages the construction of \$3,000,000 in facilities for youth.

Pontiff Approves Mission Intentions For Year 1951

Rome (NC) — The Mission Intention of the Apostolic Prayer for the month of May is "The Social Question in India." It has been announced. At the same time, mission intentions for the year 1951, were given out.

"Independence alone is not enough to assure the happiness of India," an observer said in connection with the intention. "Now, just as before independence, many problems exist and the most formidable of these, one which must be solved quickly, is poverty. Happily government leaders understand this and they are determined to remedy it."

MISSIONS INTENTIONS for the year 1951, approved by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, are as follows: January, Increase of the Number of Missionaries in Africa; February, Apostolate in the major ports of Asia and Africa; March, Catholic Education in Japan; April, Robert F. Kennedy in China; May, Christianity in Indonesia; June, Solid Christian Formation of Teachers in the Missionary Field; July, Christian Formation of the Faithful in India; August, Missionary Work of Religious Sisters; September, Christian Social Education in the Missionary Field; October, The Church in Oceania; November, Missions in India; December, Missions in the Polar Regions.



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