

# American Mission Secretariat Set Up In National Capitol

Washington (NC) — A central bureau to provide assistance to all United States religious societies sending missionaries to foreign lands and to help various mission aid groups has been opened at the headquarters here of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The bureau, known as the Mission Secretariat, is dependent on the National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell, who has been named the secretariat's director by the U.S. hierarchy. The executive secretary, Rev. Frederick A. McGuire, C. M., until recently executive secretary of the Catholic Welfare Committee of China.



Pictured in the newly established office of the Mission Secretariat in the headquarters building of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, are (left to right): Rev. John J. Conlon, M.M., Maryknoll, N. Y., adviser; Rev. Frederick A. McGuire, C.M., of Brooklyn, executive secretary, formerly of the Catholic Welfare Committee of China; Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell, secretariat director, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith; Monsignor Howard J. Carroll, General Secretary, N.O.W.C.; Rev. Calvert Alexander, S.J., editor of "Jesuit Missions," adviser; Monsignor John Boardman of Brooklyn, national treasurer, S.P.F., adviser. (NC Photo)

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THE NEW secretariat has been created with the approval of the American hierarchy and the joint collaboration of the National Council of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the foreign mission sending societies and other mission aid groups in the United States.

The aims of the secretariat have been set down as follows: 1. To assist the Catholic missionary sending societies of the United States in the prosecution of their work;

(a) by providing them with a convenient means of contact among themselves and with a prepared representative to meet with governmental and non-governmental agencies, religious, educational, cultural, social, political, commercial, that have a bearing on their mission work;

(b) by providing an inquiry center for the various community headquarters and for American missionaries in the field;

2. To assist the Catholic mission aid societies of the United States, insofar as they may desire it, in their mission business with governmental and non-governmental agencies, and in the gathering of statistics and other necessary information;

3. To assist Catholic agencies in the United States, insofar as they may desire it, by providing a convenient means of contact with Catholic missionaries.

THE IDEA of establishing

such a mission secretariat has been dominant in the minds of American mission leaders for many years, Bishop McDonnell said. Need for such an office grew more pressing as the United States began to wield a decisive influence in world affairs, he added.

## Catholic Editor Attacks Pocket-Size Sex Books

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — A Roman Catholic editor blasted the "pocket-size, quarter-priced capsules of sex information and sex experience" on sale in corner drug stores.

In a front-page editorial in the Catholic Review, official publication of the archdiocese of Baltimore and Washington, the Rev. John Blinnott Martin declared that such pocket books are "concentrated doses of filth."

"THE QUALITY of the literature in drug stores, he wrote, includes items that are 'like a distillate of hell' and 'some of it ought to be strained, sifted, and fumigated.'

Available for purchase by 'anyone with the price' are periodicals blacklisted by the National Organization for Decent Literature as "harmful to the general reader and certainly contributive to moral delinquency," he said.

Although the pocket books may be overlooked by the normal adult, they are not missed by many teenagers for whom the neighborhood store "is the habitual place of rendezvous," Father Martin said.

## Survey Lists 740 Priests In Japan

By REV. W. A. KASCHMITZER

Tokyo (NC) — Statistics gathered under the direction of the Rev. Bruno Bittner, S.J., at the request of the civil and ecclesiastical authorities show that as of March 10, 1950, the Catholic Church in Japan had a total of 740 priests, 2,580 Sisters, 197 Brothers and 184 scholastics.

OF THE GRAND total (3,701), 2,334 (63 per cent) are Japanese and 1,367 (37 per cent) foreigners belonging to 72 separate races or nationalities as follows: German, 221; Canadian, 205; French, 188; United States of America, 169; Italian, 138; Spanish, 125; Irish, 54; Belgian, 47; Australian, 38; Polish, 27; Korean, 25; Swiss, 19; Chinese 13; Czechoslovakian, 12; Maltese, ten. Also represented with less than ten, are Brazilian, Dutch, English, Hungarian, Austrian, New Zealand, Argentine, Colombian, Filipino, Portuguese, Vatican City, Formosan, Luxembourg, Yugoslav, Scottish, Lithuanian and Tyrolean.

Divided by groups, 553 or 75 per cent of the priests are foreign and 187 (25 per cent) Japanese, while 1,913 (74 per cent) of the Sisters are Japanese and only 667 (26 per cent) are foreigners. Of the Brothers 165 (54 per cent) are Japanese while the scholastics, 129 (70 per cent) are Japanese.

VIOLATES PREPARED by the National Catholic Committee in March, 1948, when hardly any of the repatriated foreign priests had returned to Japan, showed a total of 151 Japanese and 253 foreign priests, while the figures published in December, 1947, showed a total of 164 Japanese and 314 foreign priests, 187 Japanese and 85 foreign Brothers, and 1,596 Japanese and 435 foreign Sisters.

## Pope Receives War-Maimed

Vatican City (NC) — Among those who were received in audience by Pope Pius XII were three war-maimed youths, who had limped 100 miles in 22 days from the city of Ancona, Italy.

The purpose of their visit was twofold, in that they wish to gain the indulgences of the Holy Year and to enlist the interest of the government in the plight of their companions, similarly afflicted.

The Holy Father received them affectionately. He visited with them and presented them with the traditional chocolate Easter eggs as a symbol of further aid to come.

## U. S. NUN -- LADY ABBESS



A United States citizen, Mother Augustine, O.S.B., has been elected Lady Abbess of historic St. Walburga's Abbey, Elkhart, Ind. She was Superior of St. Walburga's Convent, South Boulder, Colo., when chosen for post made vacant by death of Lady Abbess Benedicta, shown sitting in chair with Mother Augustine during latter's visit to Elkhart in Feb., 1940. The Abbey is the mother convent of many independent Benedictine nuns' foundations in America. (NC Photos)

## Catholic Chaplains Honored In New Navy History Book

Washington (NC) — The rapidly growing role played by Catholics in the Navy Chaplain Corps is revealed in the newly published "History of the Chaplain Corps, United States Navy." The book is the first of three volumes by Captain Clifford M. Drury, official historian of the Corps, and covers the first 150 years of Navy history, 1789-1939.

During the first century of its existence the Navy commissioned no Catholic chaplains. The first to be appointed was the Rev. Charles H. Parks in 1888. In the half-century 1889-1939 Catholics commissioned in the Corps numbered 77 out of a total 304. Presbyterians with 49 were next.

OF the two chaplains who served in the Continental Navy, professor of the present Navy during the Revolutionary War, it is possible that one may have been a Catholic Captain John Barry appointed James Geagan, a Navy surgeon, to serve as chaplain on his ship the Alliance. Since Captain Barry was a devout Catholic and since in those days many clergymen also practiced medicine, it is thought that Geagan was an Irish priest.

## Church State Issue Problem In Nation

(RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE)

Separation of Church and State continues to be a thorny issue with new developments cropping up all over the country. The Illinois Supreme Court recently ruled that the use of clergymen by divorce courts to help bring about reconciliations between estranged couples was unconstitutional.

According to the court's opinion, the practice violated the first Amendment to the Constitution. The court based its ruling on the 1948 decision of the U. S. Supreme Court outlawing religious instruction in public schools.

IN ITS OPINION, the Illinois Supreme Court said that under the practice established and supported courts might be used to aid religious groups to spread their own doctrines.

Meanwhile, a controversy over the Church-State separation issue is currently approaching a climax among Baptists in North Carolina where trustees of the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem are seeking government funds to expand the hospital's facilities.

The hospital trustees are being backed in their appeal for public aid by the Central Board of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention which voted twice its approval to accept \$697,356 in state and federal funds for expanding the hospital.

A SPECIAL fact-finding committee, set up to study the whole question of Baptist institutions accepting public funds, stated that "all agencies and institutions of the State Baptist convention have to some degree accepted local state or federal considerations in the form of aids, grants, loans, services, gifts, etc. in the past."

Quite a different point of view on the matter is being taken by other southern Baptists both in North Carolina and elsewhere. CHURCH-STATE separation also continues to be an issue in the nation's school system. In Arkansas, a proposed constitutional amendment would prohibit the use of public funds for "skidroad apostle" buried in Seattle.

Seattle, Wash. (NC) — Request for Mass for Seattle's 80 year-old "Apostle of Skidroad" whose work won him a Papal decoration was offered in St. James' Cathedral here. He was Peter Fitzgerald who for more than 30 years constantly called on priests and guided them to "skidroad" cheap hotels, run-down lodging houses and other spots along "Skidroad" to a down-and-out, who was dying and wanted the Last Sacraments.

Mr. Fitzgerald came to Seattle in 1907 after working on the Alaska boundary survey near the Chilcoot Pass. For a number of years he was sexton at Our Lady of Good Help Church.

## THE STORY OF TEN LITTLE FREE WORKERS

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Ten little free workers in this county line and fair. But if you cherish your freedom—wonder how a cruel Ten little free workers—Reddy was doing fine. Until the socialists got him—then there were nine.

Nine little free workers laughed at Reddy's fate. Along came federal medicine—then there were eight.

Eight little free workers thought this country heaven. But the government took over the railroads, then there were seven.

Seven little free workers—'til the mine got in a fix. Uncle said coal's essential and took over leaving six.

Six little free workers till the day did arrive. The steel mills, too, were federalized—then there were five.

Five little free workers—but the farms are free no more. The farms have been collectivized—that leaves only four.

Four little free workers till the government did decree. All must have free legal advice—then there were three.

Three little free workers—the number is getting few. But with government groceries selling food—then there were two.

Two little free workers—our story's almost done. With clerks at work in federal stores—that leaves only one.

One little free worker—the reporter stood a-yea. Mustn't criticize government—so now there are none.

Ten little workers—but they are no longer free. They work when and where ordered, and at a fixed rate you see. And it all could have been prevented if they'd only seen fit to agree. And work together instead of saying "It never can happen to me!"

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