

Buddhists Invite Nuns To Atom-Bombed Hiroshima

Cleveland, (NC) — Sister Mary Antoniette, a Franciscan nun of the Most Blessed Sacrament, stationed at the Church of the Conversion of St. Paul here, is studying Japanese in preparation to taking up her assignment there next fall.

Sister Antoniette with two other nuns will go to the atom-bombed city of Hiroshima to devote their lives to perpetual prayer for world peace. Sister Mary Colette, formerly of this city, now stationed in Dacca, India, will be one of the three nuns assigned by the Jesuit missionaries in Japan. The third is not yet named.

This unusual assignment came about as a result of a request from leading Buddhists in Hiroshima to have a Catholic shrine for perpetual prayer.

erected there. The request was made to the Rev. Hugo La Salle S.J. Jesuit superior in Hiroshima.

When asked by Father La Salle, why they themselves did not build their own shrine, they replied "Catholic prayers reach Heaven. You have nuns who get down on their knees and ask help from God all day. We would like the Catholics to build a shrine here and have nuns come to pray constantly for world peace."

Sister Antoniette is taking instruction in Japanese from the converted daughter of Buddhist parents, Marian Fujimoto. The Franciscan nun is learning the language amazingly well. She already speaks German, French, Italian, Spanish and Latin.

FOR NURSE RECRUITING



"To be a nurse is to walk with God," is the theme of the official poster adopted during the third annual meeting by the Conference of Catholic Schools of Nursing, convened at Milwaukee. A program was launched to help recruit much needed nurses for Catholic hospitals. Examining the poster are the Rev. Edward H. Rooney, S.J., executive director, Jesuit Education Association; Sister M. Berenice, O.S.F., St. Joseph's Hospital, Milwaukee and Betty Zirbes of the Sacred Heart School of Nursing.

Proposal To Trade Saint's Crown Seen As Red Trick

(Continued from Page 1) humiliating to confess that we have backed into a corner, and that we have to buy our way out.

But the fact is we have failed up to now and there is a considerable sentiment in the country to save an American discomfit at any price. Besides, it is timely for Americans to have an appreciation of what the Sacred Crown of Hungary means when used as a pawn in the international game of power politics.

IN ADDITION to all that there are those who say that since this country has already rushed to recognize the current "red" regime in Hungary, it cannot under international law with hold the crown which is the property of the Hungarian people. But if this is so how have we been able to withhold it thus long?

People in Europe know better than the people in America the importance attached to the Crown of St. Stephen. The communists know it as well as the non-communists. They know that if the crown is returned now in a trade, people throughout Europe are going to ask why we could no longer retain custody of it. When they are told it was used to purchase the freedom of American citizens, they are going

to ask if we could afford to do that at the price of helping to subjugate all of the Hungarian people. And, they will also ask. If you are going to ransom any one with Hungarian treasure why not obtain the release of Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary?

When they are told that, after all, perhaps we have no right under international law to hold the crown, they are going to point out that we have already held it for years, and that no one outside of the restrictions of Moscow has ever questioned our right. They may say we used the property of another nation to ransom some of our own nationals whom we were powerless to help any other way.

The whole scheme has enormous propaganda value, not only in Hungary but throughout all of Europe. It will not be permitted by the "Reds" to go unnoticed in Asia, either. We have been worked nearly into a corner.

Gets Fordham Post
New York (NC) — Dr. Thomas F. Jordan, head of the education department of St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa., will soon be the Fordham University School of Education as assistant dean on July 5.

Canonized



Blessed Mariana de Jesus Paredes, the maiden from Quito, Ecuador, known for her charitable life in the care of the sick and the poor in the 18th century. She will be canonized at St. Peter's, Rome, on July 8.

Pope Helps Churches
Cuzco, Peru — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has sent a "Pontifical contribution" of \$2,000 to help in the reconstruction of the churches most seriously damaged here during the earthquake of a few weeks ago.

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Aged Mother Sees Rites Declaring Daughter Saint

(Continued from Page 1) who, who has come from America to assist at the canonization. In the same year, the family, in search of labor, migrated to the Pontine marshes and founded a homestead in a lowly farmhouse at Ferrituro di Conca, near Nettuno, about 40 miles southwest of Rome.

Maria was plucked by her neighbors as having a radiant personality. She was idolized by the villagers. She was of fair complexion and had bright chestnut hair.

The canonization of Maria took place 48 years after her death and three years after her beatification.

MANY MISHAPS surrounded the life of Maria. Her father, Luigi, died a year after the family's migration to the Pontine Marshes and when Maria was only ten years old. Upon her mother, Assunta, fell the burden of providing for the family, while Maria took charge of the household and her four younger brothers and sisters.

"Beseached and ensnared by a wanton youth, 19-year-old Alessandro Berenelli, who lived in the same house," as the Vatican press office statement described it, the young girl, who feared sin, more than death, had related constantly all temptations and all threats, until, on the afternoon of July 5, 1902, she fell under the steel of the wicked youth and the white gown of her immaculate purity became stained with the blood of her martyrdom. She was taken to the hospital at Nettuno where she died on the following day, July 6. Before her death she forgave her killer, prayed for him and asked that he be pardoned.

Alessandro, however, was convicted and sent to prison for 30 years, but repented long before the expiration of the sentence. After serving his term, Alessandro became a gardener for the Capuchin monastery at Ascoli, where he lives in seclusion.

Pope Receives Saint's Mother

(Continued from Page 1) Christ were almost too much for this gentle invalid who must have been a sturdy woman in her day. With a doctor's grudging permission, I bent low over her wheel chair with my request.

IT IS DOUBTLESS she rightly understood what I asked but certainly she knew it was good and that she granted it. Her hands rested tiredly in her lap and she seemed so overcome I felt cruel over my request. She turned her white head, raised her great kindly brown eyes and raised her withered hand to rest it upon my forehead in a way no queen could have done better.

The mothers of the world can be sure they have the best wishes, blessings and prayers of the mother of St. Maria Goretti.

This morning was the second time she had seen the Pope. On his return from the canonization ceremony Saturday evening the Pope came by the apartment where she stayed and, himself visibly moved, spoke warmly to the woman, who could only weep softly as he spoke.

Mother Invents Nun's Rain Cape; Starts New Business

Cuyahoga Falls, O. — (NC) — A young mother of six here heads a thriving enterprise as a result of designing a plastic film raincape as a Christmas gift for a nun friend of hers.

Mrs. Margaret R. Polonus devised a "clericape" for a member of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine community here. It was tailored so that it could be worn either over or under the guimpes, and was fitted with an attachable hood. The "clericape" when worn with the hood covered the nun's habit from head

dress to ankle.

Others who saw the new garment sought "clericapes" for friends in religious life, and demands for copies poured in on Mrs. Polonus. The mother of six girls, one of them a polio victim, took her patterns to friends in the plastic film fabricating business and found herself in business.

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