

### Report Tito Communists Profane Holy Eucharist

MILAN, Italy — (NC) — A report has reached here that Tito's communists broke into a Catholic church near Ljubljana and stole the sacred vessels which contained many hosts. When the people of the parish were made aware of this sacrilegious action, they went immediately to their church to make acts of reparation. It is feared that the communists will use the Blessed Sacrament to perform some hideous and degrading rite. Similar acts profaning the Blessed Sacrament have taken place in other parts of Yugoslavia. It was also learned that communists stole into a church near Zagreb, broke open the door of the tabernacle and scattered the Sacred Hosts on the floor. Then they took oil from the sanctuary light and poured it over the consecrated particles. The destruction of a Catholic church in Fiume gave rise to a further act of profanation. When a hand-picked demolition crew went to the church to remove the furnishings, they took the sacred vessel containing the Blessed Sacrament and hurled it onto a truck. Reports here say that the faithful kept night and day vigil before the Blessed Sacrament to atone for these outrages.

### Berlin Officials Ask Reds For Release of Missionaries

Berlin — (RNS) — American, British and French High Commissioners in Germany are seeking the release of German Catholic missionaries now imprisoned or otherwise forcibly detained in Communist-controlled North Korea. The High Commissioners sent a memorandum to General V. I. Chulkov, chairman of the Soviet Control Commission, urging Soviet action to get the missionaries freed. The memorandum was drafted after leaders of the Christian Democratic Union in the West German parliament had asked the government to take measures on behalf of the missionaries in conjunction with the Allied High Commission.

Information has been made available in the memorandum that six Benedictine nuns and a sister who are German citizens are still imprisoned in Pyongyang after their arrest more than a year ago. Bishop Boniface Sauer, a German citizen and head of the Benedictine mission, reportedly died in prison in Pyongyang some time ago. It is understood, the memorandum declared, that sixteen other Benedictine nuns and 20 Sisters, all German nationals, with the exception of two of the Sisters, who are French, are being held in a concentration camp in North Pyongyang Province. "It is also understood," the memorandum added, "that several Korean priests are being detained in this concentration camp. It is reported that these missionaries are forcibly engaged in agricultural work or are requested to work in the coal mines. There appears to be no doubt that these people are living under abominable conditions." The High Commissioners said they were making the appeal on the grounds of "humanitarianism and religious freedom." They requested the Soviet authorities in Germany to "urge their government to exercise its good offices in approaching the authorities in North Korea to obtain the prompt release of these unfortunate people."

### Salt Lake Auxiliary Buried in St. Louis

St. Louis — (NC) — Solemn Pontifical Mass for Bishop Leo John Steek, St. Auxiliary of Salt Lake, was offered today (June 23) in the Cathedral of St. Louis — the same edifice in which he was consecrated Titular Bishop of Ilion two years ago.

### Near East Missions

Who Am I? My name is Al Monach. I'm not a ball player, an actor of anything like that. I'm a little town in Marmarita, the peacefully named, but hopelessly poor, "Valley of the Christians" in Syria. I have 1,100 inhabitants, whose spiritual needs and desires are great. Abandoned by their own clergy they have invited the Paulist Missionaries from Lebanon to start a mission and receive them into the Church. The only Church I can offer is still sturdy, after the years of abandonment, but sadly in need of repairs. . . about \$700 worth. Can you help me and my poor people prepare for the coming of the priest?

### "THE PROP"

Not part of an aeroplane but the nickname given the Propaganda University in Rome by the many American, British and French who studied there. A priest who taught them Sacramental Theology is now the Cardinal of the Archdiocese. His secret dream is a Seminary for his own priests. He's building it now. The gift of a chance for \$100, would be a fine Eucharistic tribute to the man who taught so many of our priests about the Eucharist.

### BLOOD BANK

The story of which Christ knelt and upon which His Precious Blood fell during the agony in the Garden is, indeed, a blood bank. By the Precious Blood shed in the Passion and Death of Christ, the world has an infinite treasure of Divine Grace. July 1st is the feast of the Most Precious Blood. The gift of an altar, another story wherein rests the Body and Blood of Christ in the Mass, would be an eloquent memorial of someone departed. \$500 would supply a special altar for some church in Christ's Own Holy Land.

### "MAKE A FIST"

We recall watching a Mother teaching her child to use his hands. Slightly the little fingers were helpless and weak. Dipped into a fist they became useful and strong. That's the idea of our five clubs. A single dollar can't do much. But five dollars a month can do much. Write for more about our "clenched fist."

### LIBERTY BELL

July 4 brings the idea to mind and suggests another thought. The bell ringing at Mass is another Liberty Bell. It recalls for us the coming of Christian freedom from the slavery of Satan, and the shackles of sin. A Mass Bell for the missions costs \$10.

### RETIREMENT PLAN

You plan to retire from work. Do you plan to retire from life? Let's "goody" plan. Annuity Masses are a good plan. Write for information.

Send all communications to: Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 170 W. 44th St., New York 17, N. Y.

### Hungary Blasts Clergy in New Church Attack

Vienna — (NC) — Hungarian propaganda this week is described as harshly worded and portending an intensified fight against the Catholic Church. Repeated Hungarian broadcasts have hammered away at the line set by Religion and Education Minister Josef Rovai when he recently lashed out at what he described as "clerical reaction."

THE THREAT of an intensified campaign against the Church came in an editorial by Szabad Nép, the communist organ. "The aim of clerical reaction is not to defend religion or the Church but to undermine the people's democracy," the paper charged. "The role of the Catholic clergy among the agencies of the imperialists in Hungary is becoming more and more important. To an extremely great degree the agitators, the active leaders and the participants of the spy and sabotage organizations in imperialist pay have been recruited from the leading reactionary circles of the Catholic clergy."

Meanwhile, the Hungarian Bishops have issued a joint statement defending the country's Religion against the charges made by Mr. Rovai. The statement had called the monks and nuns "imperialist agitators and reactionary news-mongers" and demanded the suppression of many monasteries and the dissolution of numerous religious communities. The communist drive is reportedly directed primarily against priests and teachers in the working class and poor peasant areas because they are held responsible for the passive resistance to the regime's production speed-ups and program of collectivizing small farms.

### Bars Petition On Bus Law

Boston — (RNS) — Attorney General Francis E. Kelly ruled here that an initiative petition to repeal the recently enacted Sears-Rugg law cannot be placed on the November election ballot. The Sears-Rugg law guarantees continued bus transportation for parochial school pupils. In his opinion, requested by the secretary of state's office, the attorney general cited a provision of the state constitution that no law that relates to religious practices or religious institutions shall be the subject of a referendum petition.

### Columbians Baptize 22,000 in Year

Manila — (NC) — In a recent report, Father Samuel Sheehan, Superior of the Columbian Fathers here, noted that 83 Columbian Fathers working in 27 parishes throughout the islands, baptized 22,501 Filipinos, witnessed 3,079 marriages and were responsible for the catechetical instruction of 41,101 school children within the last twelve months.

### "SMILE, SISTER"

Mother Chalande's first rule for her Sisters of Charity in the New City of Jerusalem. One word describes the house they run, "agony." All who need shelter seek it here, and more than really fit find it, too. They "got misery." So have the Sisters, but the smile hides it. A few \$5 gifts to help their charges will make smiling easier for the heroines.

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### Find Unknown Letters of Father Damien Of Molokai in Wisconsin School Library

Honolulu — (NC) — Discovery of two hitherto unpublished letters written by Father Damien de Veuster, the "Apostle of the Lepers of Molokai," has been disclosed by the Rev. Francis Larkin, S.M.C.C., director of the National Center of the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, who is in Hawaii giving retreats. Father Larkin is director in the United States of the cause for the beatification of Father Damien.

IN ONE OF the letters, now in Father Larkin's possession, Father Damien asked the rector and students of St. Francis College in Wisconsin, to whom the letter was addressed, to "pray specially for me; my end is near." The letter was dated November 4, 1888, and mailed from Kalawao, Molokai. Father Damien died on April 15, 1889.

This letter answered a postcard from the Very Rev. J. Rainier, rector of St. Francis College, and expressed Father Damien's gratitude for a contribution for the Lepers which was to be forwarded to Molokai. In it, Father Damien said: "THE POSTAL card of Oct. 8 proves to me that in my secluded leper asylum of Molokai unknown friends and charitable persons are always thinking about our outcast lepers and their unworthy priest."

Following instructions on how to send the contribution, Father Damien wrote: "The number of leper boys big and small, under my immediate charge is now 100 and most every week some new ones arrive. Thanking your students for their kindness, I recommend you to pray specially for me; my end is near. Yours very truly in the Sacred Hearts of J. Damien." The letter was written in English. Father Larkin said that the two letters were discovered in the archives of St. Francis College. The other letter remains in the possession of the college.

### Protestant Broadcast Over Radio Israel Cancelled

Jerusalem — (RNS) — A Protestant broadcast over Radio Israel was cancelled here when Israeli authorities suggested that a proposed sermon in Hebrew be omitted. The broadcast was to have inaugurated a series of regular programs by a group of Protestant organizations in Jerusalem.

### Boy Scouts Study Sickbed Procedure

London — (NC) — Boy Scouts in Britain belonging to the Catholic-sponsored groups will be able to wear badges which bear the monogram of Christ. In addition they will take tests in Catholic knowledge and practice. This plan was approved at the annual meeting here of the Catholic Scout Guild. It is known as the "C.R.S." scheme. Boys who pass specified tests will be awarded badges with red, blue or green backgrounds. Others will wear the badge on a white background.

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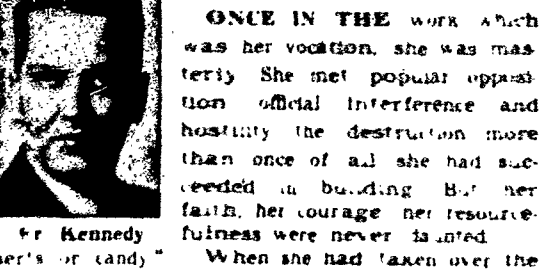
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THE PEOPLE who believe such nonsense might get a peek from the life of Marguerite d'Youville, which Sister Mary Pauline Pitts has written under the title "The Hands to the Needy." BORN in Quebec in 1701, Marguerite was a distinguished French noble and scientist destined for an illustrious position in the Academy of Sciences. She was the daughter of a French nobleman and a French noblewoman. She was considered a brilliant match. It proved anything but that for Marguerite. Her mother-in-law was dominating, stingy and spiteful. Her husband was a sad and a wastrel. Her one comfort came from her children, of whom there were six. Two became priests.

### New Book Bits

Two new books about the Holy Father have just made their appearance. One is "A Day With the Pope" by Father Charles Hugo, I.C.S., Doubleday \$2.00; the other is "Angel Shepherd" by Father Senar O.F.M., Cap. Father Senar's book is a picture book. By means of a series of splendidly reproduced photographs, one follows a typical day in the morning Mass to night prayers. The text brief and in large type not merely explains the pictures but brings in a quantity of relevant information and explanation. Thus there is graphic and serene scene of the Pope at Mass, in the company of people who come to him, in his study, in his private quarters, in the Vatican.

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