

Protestant Minister From Iron Curtain Hails Catholic Fight Against Communism

Chicago—(NC)—A remarkable tribute has been paid to the Catholic Church by a Protestant minister from the Iron Curtain area...

this perilous hour, and the distinction of having had the courage to raise its voice against the enemy...

are actually done by the communists, feel deep gratitude for this Church's assumption of responsibility against injustice, terror and slavery...

Archbishop Beran's Staff Removed

Vienno—(RNS)—The entire personal and clerical staff of Archbishop Joseph Beran of Prague has been removed by order of the State Office for Church Affairs...

Edict Suspends Religious In Red Hungary

Vienno—(NC)—The Hungarian communist regime has ordered the dissolution of all monastic communities except those engaged in operating state-approved church schools...



Visited in July, from Rumania on false spy charges by the Red-controlled government, Archbishop Gerald O'Hara (left), Bishop of Savannah-Atlanta and his secretary, Monsignor John C. Kirk, of Athens, Ga., arrive in New York.

Czech State Force Nuns From Convents

Munich—(NC)—With men's religious orders in Czechoslovakia "liquidated" in accordance with orders from Moscow, the Czechoslovak communist regime has now turned its attention to women religious...

Irish Bishop Refutes Foes Of Blessed Virgin's Assumption

Dublin—(NC)—The recent announcement that His Holiness Pope Pius XII intends to define the doctrine of the Assumption has given rise to some misunderstandings by non-Catholics...

statements is entirely erroneous, the Bishop asserted. First, he said, the doctrine of the Assumption is not new and is not being imposed. It is so familiar to Catholics that it came as a surprise to them that it was not already defined.

Churches of Greece and Eastern Europe, Egypt, Armenia and Syria for centuries, the Bishop stated, and had been their firm faith.

Red Tyranny In Rumania Aims At Crushing Religion

New York—(NC)—Charging the Rumanian government with instituting a reign of terror and with maintaining itself "by force and violence," Archbishop Gerald P. O'Hara, Bishop of Savannah-Atlanta, who served four years as Rector of the Apostolic Nunciature in Bucharest, asserted on his return that the Russian satellite cannot stamp out religion at one stroke...

"NEVER, AT ANY time did any of us either directly or indirectly engage in espionage," Archbishop O'Hara said. "Our interest was solely the welfare of 3,000,000 Catholic people in Rumania."

Ex-Prisoner Of War In Siberia Ordained Priest

Hakodate—(NC)—The Rev. Peter Homma, who was drafted for military service shortly after being made a sub-seaman in 1945 and spent four years as a prisoner of war in Siberia, has been ordained here as a priest by Bishop Michael Urakawa of Sendai.

During his stay in Siberia, Father Homma did forced labor in various lumber camps and loading and unloading ships. When his turn came for repatriation in December of 1949, he spent two days traveling in a cattle car, protected only by thin clothing and a single blanket though the temperature was about 40 below zero.

Korean Priest Gets Ovation In Austria

Vienno—(RNS)—Father Angelo Kim, a Korean Roman Catholic priest now stationed in Rome, received an ovation from townspeople in Grossarl, Austria, where he celebrated Mass in the local church.

Following a sermon by the priest on the situation of the Catholic Church in Korea, the townsfolk held a big demonstration in favor of the United Nations forces fighting in Korea.

Burmese Premier Praises Catholics

Monday, Burma—(NC)—Prime Minister Thakin Nu praised the Catholics in Burma for having maintained with meticulous care the high traditions of loyalty to the state and non-interference in the political affairs of the country.

Pakistan Native Nuns Hold Chapter

Karachi, Pakistan—(NC)—For the first time in the history of Pakistan, the country has witnessed the holding of a general chapter of a congregation of native nuns. They are known as the Franciscan Missionaries of Christ the King. The order was founded 13 years ago and has grown rapidly. They conduct schools and hospitals in various parts of the diocese, administering the needs of all. They dress in common female garb and as a result are known as the Sari nuns.

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"That They May Have Life"

AT ST. JOSEPH'S REFUGEE CAMP, near Byblos, Lebanon, Mgr. McMahon gives First Holy Communion to Palestine children, who, but for CNEWA benefactors, might have had to wait years for Him Who came to their little hearts on June 23. "In the past four months," he writes, "500 more people have been admitted to the Camp. This has made it imperative that I make an addition, with a school especially for the smaller children." \$100 will help these kiddies to come closer to a normal life in their land of exile.

130 INTO 30

THAT'S THE PROBLEM facing the Franciscan Pastor at the Egyptian town of Magdha. He has to fit 130 people into a little chapel built for 30! Seventy converts in the last 2 years have added to his parish. How noble an act for some devotees of St. Francis of Assisi to help this Franciscan on Sept. 17, the feast of the Stigmata! At least \$2,000 are needed.

NELLY WAS A LADY

IN THE WORLD through all of her 18 years, until she died to the world and became lady-in-waiting to the Queen of Heaven as a Novice of the Rosary Sisters in Jerusalem. Nelly Mashini's apprenticeship to the things of God lasts 2 years. During that time her support will amount to \$150 a year. Will someone please give the young lady a hand?

BOYS' TOWN (LEBANON)

TO SAVE the abandoned youngsters running the streets of Lebanese cities Maronite Father Anthony Caribawi has opened a home for them to live in and learn the arts and crafts that will equip them for a useful life. \$200 supports one of his young charges for a year. American hearts will not turn away from this work, dedicated as it is to "Jesus, the Boy Carpenter."

HOUSE OF PROVIDENCE

IS THE NAME given a haven for the aged sick and poor built by the priests of the Diocese of Trichur in India in honor of the Holy Father's Jubilee. They ask us to plead for support of the 23 patients now in the home. \$50 for each of them, they write, would go a long way. Could you take up the cause of one of these old folks?

"GIVE US THIS DAY"

IN THE PATER NOSTER Carmelite Convent in Jerusalem, holy women devote themselves to a holy life under the title of the "Our Father," the holiest of all prayers, in the Holy City. Even in that prayer of prayers Our Lord put a petition for daily bread, which these nuns need to survive. From your means, will you be Our Lord's hand and offer them some bread? \$10 will go very far.

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MICHAEL THOMAS

MIGHT BE THE SON of an Irishman, but actually he studies at the Maronite Seminary at Ain-Wara, Lebanon. Only four years separate Michael from ordination. But his tuition poses a problem. Is there someone for whom his name has loving associations? Will that person help this Michael as a token of remembrance? \$100 a year.

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