

Polish Hierarchy Charges Red Regime Breaks Pact

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The regime has backtracked in two other ways on its promise not to restrict religious education in schools, the memorandum says. (1) It has reduced the number of hours of religious instruction in the first and second grades in state schools. (2) It has ousted 500 priest religion teachers from the schools on the pretext that they are "enemies of peace" because they have not signed the spurious Stockholm "peace" appeal. Because of the severe shortage of clergy they can not be replaced by the bishops, the memorandum says.

numbers of priests are under constant police surveillance and the instances of priests being arrested in public, in front of children waiting to go to Confession. "This supervision is extended also to the bishops, who are frequently accompanied in their canonical visits by secret police agents, whose presence is very annoying," the memorandum adds.

Relics of Martyrs Found in Chapel

London — (NC) — Two skulls, possibly of English martyrs of the Middle Ages, a quantity of Agnus Dei and three slate altar stones of persecution times have been found at the home of Sir Antony Tichborne, a prominent Catholic.

Radio Wires Cut To Balk Address

London — (NC) — British communists cut microphone wires in an attempt to prevent an address by Douglas Hyde, a convert and former news editor of the communist Daily Worker. Mr. Hyde, now a member of the staff of the Catholic Herald, nevertheless made his address to a large group in Bradford, Yorkshire, after repairs had been made to the system. He answered questions on communism for 45 minutes and then proceeded with his talk.

He said that communists often exploit a real injustice or grievance to turn it to their own political ends. He urged his listeners to take up their own injustices and grievances themselves and not permit the communists to benefit by their actions.

Aid Japanese Lepers



Head Nurse Hort and Sister Dolores, M.C.R., Superior of Resurrection Hospital, Japan's oldest leprosy hospital, tour United States and Canada exhibiting a documentary film of the 60-year-old wooden hospital near Mount Fuji. All inmates of leprosy, since its foundation in 1887, have died Catholics. The Missionary Sisters of Christ the King of Gaspe, Quebec, have headed the hospital since 1947. (NC Photos)

Yanks Hear Mass In Korea Cornfield As Pope Honors Mary In Faroff Rome

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR (Radio, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Unsan, North Korea, Nov. 1 — Eighteen bareheaded men in fatigue uniforms knelt in a cornfield here in this North Korean city, some 75 miles from the Manchurian border, under a blue sky, golden with the sunlight of an autumn afternoon. Far from home these Americans were one part of a Catholic world attended to the voice of Christ's Vicar on Earth proclaiming the dogma of the Assumption of Holy Mary.

Dry cornstalks crackled beneath my feet as I turned from the altar to remind them that this was the day. Intermittent fire from nearby batteries of artillery punctuated my sentences. Unsan is about two road miles north-east from Anju. Just beyond the wooded table land lay a part of the zig-zag front.

My server, Lieut William F. Pleva, of Pittsburgh, Pa., rang a tiny bell. Eighteen heads bowed. Officers and enlisted men knelt side by side on uneven clay to receive Holy Communion. On the other side of Unsan the war was hurling human beings from this world into eternity. These young men, most of whom came to Confession along side my jeep before Mass, were clearly real-

ists about saving their souls. In a tent beyond a hedge a young soldier toyed with a pack of cards.

Mass ended. Some waited for the Rosaries which the Rev. Stephen Kane, a Major in the Army chaplain corps, who came from Des Moines, Ia., had given me to distribute. He had driven up the road to say Mass to another outfit. Last week he had made his way likewise from First Corps headquarters. Thus Mass was celebrated five times within ten days among these groups, but some of these men had been without Mass for six weeks earlier. The chaplains can't be everywhere at the same time.

Scattered in these valleys there are perhaps some six other chaplains celebrating Mass today, sometimes with larger congregations. There are Fathers Harold Prudell, of Milwaukee; Robert Hearn, a Colorado Rodemortist; John Gilman, an Augustinian, and Paul D. Roche, M.S.C., all north of Anju, and maybe others near the forward positions. These are the only Masses in this northwestern district of Korea where the communists ruled only a week ago.

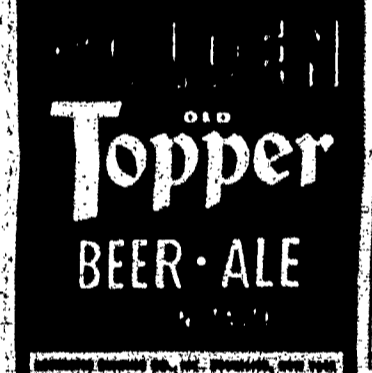
Holiness Pope Pius XII was heard clearly and strongly across St. Peter's square in Vatican City as he said the prayer that he especially composed for the occasion of the proclamation of the dogma of the Assumption. In a darkening cornfield, a continent and a half away, men are listening with their hearts.

KC Ad Discusses Church-State Link

New Haven, Conn. — (NC) An advertisement entitled "Is the Catholic Church a Menace to Democracy?" is now beginning to appear in leading magazines in the United States and Canada under the sponsorship of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Intended to refute slanders and untruths directed at the Catholic Church which, it said, were renewed lately by a book about the "growing Catholic power" the advertisement meets the anti-Catholic propaganda with a frank discussion of the Catholic position.

As with other advertisements of the Supreme Council, a pamphlet is offered for the further information of those who want to learn more about the subject.



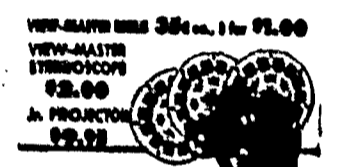
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Sisters Return To Jerusalem

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