

BL. EDMUND CAMPION:

Polio Cure Credited To English Martyr

London — (NC) — A 17-year-old girl stricken with infantile paralysis reportedly was cured within two days after prayers to Blessed Edmund Campion, the "Cockney Martyr."

The claim of her cure was made by the Rev. Clement Tigar, S.J., in London's Jesuit Church at Farm Street, a stone's throw from where Blessed Edmund was executed for the Faith in 1581—the Tyburn gallows site now a part of Hyde Park.

Father Tigar, who is promoting devotion to the English Martyr, speaking at a luncheon on the anniversary of Blessed Edmund's death, said that after the illness was diagnosed, the girl was blessed with a relic of the Martyr and four novenas were organized.

NEXT DAY THE doctor reported: "All danger of death has certainly passed." The following day the girl was said to have been sitting up in bed, apparently quite normal.

Blessed Edmund Campion, English Jesuit and son of a Catholic bookseller, was born in London on January 25, 1540. Showing early promise, he was sent to school by a company of city notables and later went to Oxford where he won high honors and became a celebrated tutor, noted for his bearing, wit and personal attractiveness. Allurements offered by Queen Elizabeth blinded him in his course as a Catholic, and he signed the Anglican Oath of Supremacy which denied the primacy of the Holy See and took a deacon's orders according to the new dissident Anglican rite.

Scruples developed in his mind, however, and he broke off his happy life at Oxford and went to Dublin, Ireland. Suspected of being too Catholic of mind by Anglicans there, he again fled and returned to England in disguise and under an assumed name just in time to witness the trial of one of the earliest Oxonian martyrs, Dr. John Storey. Campion now recognized his vocation and hastened to the seminary at Douai, France.

CAMPION THEN made a bare-foot pilgrimage to Rome, entered his novitiate at Prague, Bohemia, and passed his probation year in Moravia. He was ordained at Prague in 1578. When the English mission of the Society of Jesus opened, Campion became one of the first Jesuit helpers.

Korea Religious Leaders Moved To South Area

Seoul — (NC) — In view of the large number of Christians arrested and killed by communists here last summer, the Civil Assistance Command of the United States Eighth Army arranged an evacuation from this threatened city for approximately 800 leading Korean Christians, both Catholics and Protestants. The evacuees were taken south by train.

THESE EVACUATION facilities were prepared for prominent Korean religious figures, who, it was thought were exposed to special danger under a possible communist regime. The largest group comprised approximately 400 Presbyterians, ministers and their families. Methodists evacuated approximately 150. Catholics on the evacuation train totaled 130, of whom nine were priests. Seven of these priests were members of the Seminary faculty and the other two were priests of Northern parishes.

Some 60 native Korean Sisters rode on the evacuation train, including one who was 77 years old. All the Carmelites have gone. Under the red rule last summer they were obliged to leave their convent and live as domestic servants in private families. They hope to continue their Carmelite community life in South Korea. About 40 Sisters remain here in Seoul, caring for orphans and staffing the hospitals.

THE REMAINDER of the Catholic evacuees comprised families, some of whom had lost members when the communists were in control here. Korean Adventist ministers, Christian Church ministers and Salvation Army officials and their families were also on the evacuation train. There were no foreign passengers aboard.

The Civil Assistance Command entrusted the departure arrangements to the Rev. George Carroll, M.M., a Maryknoll missionary from Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ireland's Gift To Italy's Needy



The Holiness Pope Pius XII inspects part of a consignment of 30,000 pounds of canned meat, the gift of the Irish government, for distribution among the needy in Italy. During the past three years, the Irish people, through their government, have given more than six million pounds of canned meat for the relief of the needy of Europe through War Relief Services.

NOWCO, the American Catholic overseas welfare agency. With the Pope (left in right) are Magr. Furlanetto, Dublin, President of the National Relief Commission, Magr. Andrew F. Leahy of Brooklyn, N. Y., representative of War Relief Services-NOWCO in Italy and Rev. Joseph F. Walsh, Ambassador of Ireland to the Holy See.

Junglemen Fete Medical Mission Sisters In India

Madras, India — (NC) — Three members of the Medical Mission Sisters, who conduct the Holy Family hospital here, were feted last night by a group of 40 elders from the surrounding jungles.

The event was the silver jubilee of the founding of the congregation, and the men from the jungle explained their six-day tardiness was caused by many days of extra travel so that they could present their felicitations in a body.

THEY ASSEMBLED on the hospital veranda to formally thank the Sisters for the good work they had done for their people and to adorn them with garlands from jungle trees.

This was a great and pleasant surprise to the Sisters. However, six days previously, on the morning of the 25th anniversary, the Sisters woke to a pleasant and most unexpected surprise. The

entire hospital compound had been decorated with rows and cross-rows of multi-colored pennants and banners.

THE SISTERS were presented with a huge varicolored "shamiana" (Indian tent) and rugs sent from the palace at Ratq by the Maharajah of Kanker to be used in the evening's entertainment. Bouquets and gifts of food, fruits and livestock came from people from all around and from all walks of life around here.

The hospital has been able to look after the needs of thousands of native folk since it opened here in 1947. A new nurses' training school will be opened soon and the work can be expanded. The Medical Mission Sisters were founded to provide professional medical care to the sick in mission countries.

Chaplain, Crash Victim, Walks Again

Chicago — (NC) — A six-year quest for full recovery from injuries in a 1944 plane crash while serving as Army chaplain has ended for the Rev. Joseph Hannan, O.S.B., of the Holy Cross Abbey, Canon City, Colo.

He was discharged from St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital here by Dr. Joseph G. Kostrubala, chief plastic surgeon at the hospital, who said Father Hannan's latest leg operation has been successful and that his recovery from wounds suffered in the crash, which took the lives of 18 of the plane's 21 passengers, is now complete.

Father Hannan suffered severe leg burns in the accident and for two years it was feared he would never walk again.

Red Spy Net Harries Priests Left In Bulgaria

Sofia, Bulgaria — (NC) — The Red spy net harries priests left in Bulgaria, according to reports received here.

Red agents are constantly watching for priests in any town where they are left. They are tried for "betraying the regime" the information comes. It says they are otherwise harassed in their activities and have prohibited from covering many localities on the pretext of "military security."

A FATHER MARIUS, Capuchin, has disappeared with two Catholics. It is reported they are said to have been killed by the Reds. Another priest, not identified, was imprisoned in 23 jails in prison by the regime because he attempted to contact other members of other orders who have been arrested, the report says, but their fate is not known.

The faithful who go to church are looked upon with suspicion by the regime while church-going students are "reprimanded" in school, the report says.

In the process of communizing the country all statues, holy pictures and crosses have been removed from schools and priests are forbidden to enter them to teach religion.

A NUMBER OF Catholic institutions have been confiscated by the Red regime, the report states. It lists the Catholic hospitals at Sofia and Plovdiv, the Catholic schools, boarding school and orphanage at Plovdiv, the Priara college at Sofia, the boarding school of the Sisters of St. Vincent, the St. Joseph (French) boarding school and the orphanage of the Byzantine-Rite Catholic nuns.

Catholic girls' boarding schools at Ruse, Varna, Jambol and Burgas also have been confiscated, and the French boarding school at Burgas had been turned into a state hospital. Many working in these institutions have been dispersed, the report states.

Family Life Head — Mrs. John E. Riley of New York, mother of seven children and a Gold Star mother, has been elected president of the National Catholic Conference on Family Life.

Abp. Beran Arrest Confirmed In Report

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Communist Set Priests' Trial

Prague — (NC) — The Communist government of Czechoslovakia has announced that it will set a trial for Archbishop Beran of Prague and several other priests and nuns, the report states.

It is reported that preliminary talks with representatives of Archbishop Beran and his group of priests were held in Prague in the past few days, but that the talks broke down, the report says.

Slovak Bishop Also Imprisoned

Prague — (NC) — Bishop Jozef Vackovic of Slovakia has been arrested and imprisoned, the report states.

Reports that Bishop Vackovic has been arrested were confirmed here by a dispatch from Prague at the time this copy was being prepared, the report states.

The immediate reason for the Bishop's arrest is believed to have been his participation in the trial of Archbishop Beran, the report states.

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