

The Neumann Case Charitable Approach Urged In Konnerreuth Mystery

Several months' dealing with Theresia Neumann, daughter of Konnerreuth, Austria, and making plans for an appropriate funeral, Miss Graw has been able to establish a charitable approach to the case.

Frankfurt — Hilda O. Graw, in her book "The Case of Theresia Neumann," purports to show that the mystical experiences of the Bavarian stigmatist are not of supernatural origin but in the main are due to "hysteria."

Frankfurt and quotes the Rev. Helmut Fehrer, but apparently, to mention just these two? The latter's competence in the field of mystical theology certainly equals her own. She asserts that there is little information on hand concerning Theresia's inner life, but she does not turn to all the sources which are there to consult for anyone willing to seek them.

Insisted she relies almost entirely for the support of her thesis on second-hand information supplied by writers sharing her own view. Why, one may ask again, has Miss Graw failed to consult Theresia Neumann herself? A stigmatist depending on the findings of others rarely does justice to the patient. In this case particularly, a personal and intimate acquaintance with the stigmatist might well have contributed toward a better appreciation of all relevant circumstances on the part of the author.

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Rapid Church Growth Cited In Gold Coast

Accra, Gold Coast — (NC) — The impressive growth of the Catholic population of the Gold Coast — increasing at a rate more than double that of Christian churches as a whole — is shown in statistics issued by the government census bureau.

Between 1931 and 1946 the Catholic population has risen from 56,007 to 200,000 — an increase of almost 250 per cent. DURING THE SAME period the entire Christian population (including Catholics) has increased from 283,911 to 641,677 — an increase of nearly 126 per cent.

Catholics are now about 47 per cent of the total Christian population of the country. Other Christian denominations are listed as follows: Methodists, 144,775; Presbyterians (2 groups), 143,504; Church of England, 74,404.

THE TOTAL population of the Gold Coast is slightly over four million.

Mission work in the country is carried on by the Society of African Missions, which is in charge of the Archdiocese of Cape Coast and the diocese of Kumasi and Keta; the Society of the Divine Word, in the Diocese of Accra, and the White Fathers, in the Diocese of Tamale. An American, the Most Rev. Adolph A. Nocer, S.V.D., is Bishop of Accra.

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Benedictine Brothers Make Livelihood As Houseboys In War-Ravaged Pusan

By REV. F. J. O'CONNOR
Pusan, — (NC) — The most forlorn Catholic community in the war-ravaged Korea in the use of the Benedictine House of Women.

Huddled together in one room in Pusan, three young Korean clerics, also Korean lay brothers and three priests are all you can see of a monastic community once numbering 70, of whom 25 were priests. Their monastery at Tokwon, outside Wonsan, was one of the best-equipped Catholic institutions in the Far East and the center of all mission activity throughout northeast Korea.

The Women Benedictines, who originally came from the Abbey of St. Odile in Bavaria, had a Bishop, the Most Rev. Boniface Sauer, as Abbot. Today the senior Benedictine at liberty in Korea is a subdeacon, Frater Bede Kim.

BENIGN SAUER, 21 Benedictine priests and 25 Brothers, all Germans, were taken prisoners by the North Korean Communists in May, 1949. Bishop Sauer and Father Rupert Klingens died in prison. The 45 others were taken to a prison camp north of Pyongyang and are still missing. The Reds burned the monastery last October 10.

When U. S. forces entered Wonsan in mid-October, the dispersed Korean Benedictine lay-brothers re-assembled. Led and helped by the Rev. (Commander) John F. Murphy, Marine chaplain from Lincoln, Neb. diocese, they worked to repair the abbey church. It would have been ready by Christmas, only for the Reds' renewed offensive at the end of November. With practically the entire Catholic population of Wonsan, the little group of Benedictines fled to Hamhung. There the Americans found shipping for them, all 45 whom were brought to south-eastern Korea. In Pusan the 15 Benedictines were grateful to have one room, alongside the Catholic church.

EIGHT OF THE brothers work as laborers and houseboys in Pusan. Three, employed (at monthly wages of \$7.50 each) as houseboys by U. S. army units, must leave their lodging before Mass-time every morning and

do not return until 7 p.m. Some of the Brothers sing in the choir at the Sunday Mass for American servicemen.

In similar plight, 14 Korean Benedictine Sisters from Wonsan are likewise in a refugee room in a building packed with refugee Catholics. Their priest and mistress of novices are among the 20 German Sisters taken prisoners by the Reds in 1949 and still missing.

The Korean Sisters had been dispersed by the Reds and were living in lay grab, when the Americans entered Wonsan last October. Now they are at least three, can dress as Sisters and sing together, under their superior, Sister Columba Pak. Five of the Sisters work in a Korean army hospital, while nine earn a skimpy livelihood by needlework.

EX-FILM STAR AIDS LEPERS



In a leprosanarium near Havana, Cuba, conducted by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Fray Jose Francisco de Guadalupe, Mexican movie star of the '30s, (Jose Mojica), distributes religious medals, and sings for the inmates. Touring Latin America from Chile to Cuba, the former actor has been having notable success in his appeal for help to the seminaries and in the cause of religious vocations. (NC Photos)

U. S. CATHOLICS Donate Two-Thirds Korean Relief Aid

New York — (NC) — More than two-thirds of all voluntary relief goods donated for Korea has been given by U. S. Catholics through War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, according to an official report by the United Nations Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid.

UP TO MAY 31 of this year, the report said, American Catholics gave through WRS-N.C.W.C. \$2,532,007 worth of the \$3,803,963 donated for the war-ravaged Far Eastern nation.

Meanwhile, the Catholic war relief agency disclosed that a new shipment of life-saving drugs is on its way by plane to Korea. Magr. Edward E. Swanson, executive director of WRS-N.C.W.C., said that the shipment of 24 cartons of drugs includes 5,000 vials of streptomycin and 6,047 vials of penicillin of 1,000,000 units.

The United Nations committee report showed that to date WRS-N.C.W.C. has made available for Korea 1,100,000 lbs. of food, 247,378 lbs. of clothing and textiles, 131,712 lbs. of hospital equipment and soap, and 3,855 lbs. of educational equipment.

THESE MOUNTAINS of goods will be used to rehabilitate 10 million homeless Koreans suffering from malnutrition as well as from epidemics of smallpox, typhoid, typhus and whooping cough. Sister Mary Mercy, head of a health unit in Pusan, which has been operating in Korea since March, describes conditions as follows:

"Water is scarce and contaminated. The children are emaciated and suffering acutely from vitamin deficiencies and lack of food. Worst of all is the fact that so many of these people are ashamed to come out to ask for help because their clothes are so filthy and in rags."

Israel Bond Aids Archbishop's Charity
Boston — (NC) — The Charity Fund of Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston has been enriched by a State of Israel bond issued at the request of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

It was an expression of the Prime Minister's gratitude for the special solicitude shown to him by two special State Department officers during his recent visit in Boston. When it was learned that the officials — one of Irish, the other of Italian extraction — were not permitted to receive personal rewards, the bond was issued to their favorite charity, the Archbishop's Charity Fund.

Holy Name Rally
St. Paul, Minn. — (NC) — Thirty-five thousand persons participated in a rally at the State Fair Grounds here, making the 25th anniversary of the St. Paul Archdiocesan Union of Holy Names Societies.

Bay State Governor Scores Blanshard

Worcester, Mass. — (RNS) — Gov. Paul A. Dever, in an address here described Dr. Paul Blanshard's latest book, "Communism, Democracy and Catholic Power," as a "careless web of falsehood."

Speaking at the 1951 commencement of Holy Cross College, the state executive warned the graduates that they will be "subjected to suspicion, if not scorn, by those who completely misunderstand the Church and Catholic education."

"Because it is broad, because it is liberal, because it is enlightened, because it is uni-

versal in its ideals, its aims and its methods — in a word, because it is truly catholic with a small 'c,'" he said, "Catholic education has often been under the fire of false charges of being narrow, superstitious, bigoted and intolerant."

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sure, saying: "In a quarter century of public life, never once in the course of that time have I had the experience of having a priest or bishop of my Church seek the influence me in my dealing with the law of our state."

"When this apostolical (independent) socialist infers there is any conflict between my religious beliefs and my patriotic duties, I know for a certainty that his labored words is nothing more than billingsgate and balderdash."

Gov. Dever said that intolerance has no place in the American way of life.

Chinese Methodists Expel Generalissimo

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek have been expelled from the Communist-controlled Chinese Methodist Church, press reports reaching here stated.

Announcement of the expulsion was made at a mass action meeting in Shanghai at

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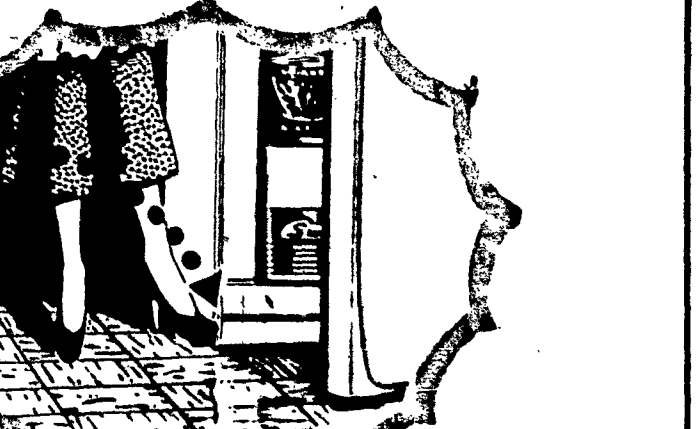
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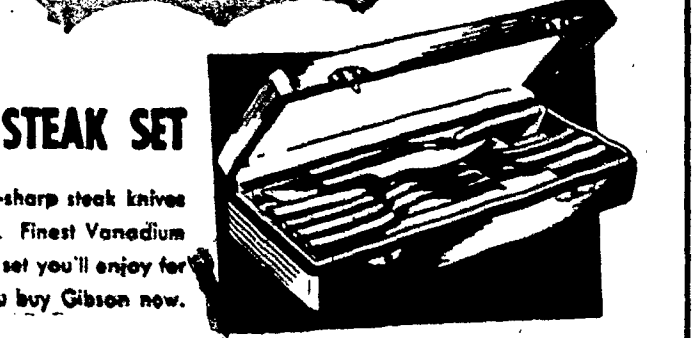
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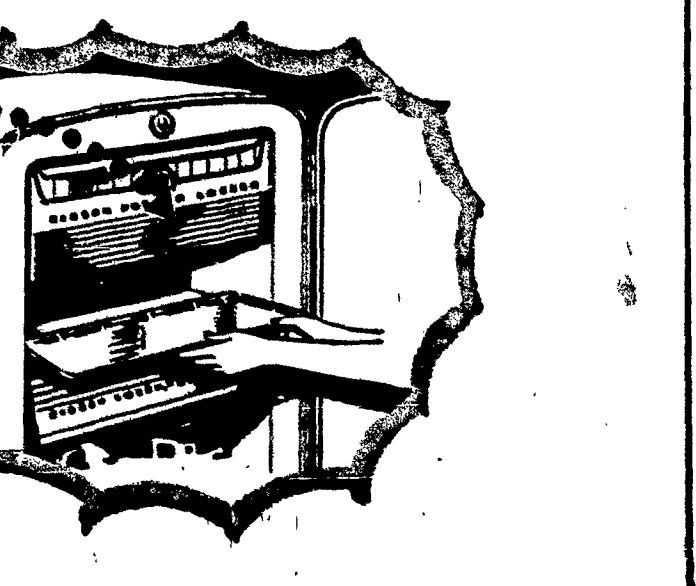
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