

**Balancing The Books****Not So Noble Savage**

By Rev. John S. Kennedy

If you cherish any sentimental ideas to the effect that uncivilized people are noble creatures, you would do well to avoid Father Roger Bellard's informative and engrossing book, *Each Father Bellard, a native of France, is an Oblate missionary in the Far North, among the Eskimos. In fact, his is the very last parish on earth and is about as big as his home country. He went to the Arctic in 1934, just after ordination, and his experiences and observations in the interval make up a volume which, despite some needless repetitions, is completely free of dullness.*

The Eskimos are not easily converted. Their religious sense is far from acute. There are faint vestiges of a semi-primitive old religion among them, but these are overlaid with such superstitions, crude magic, shabby sorcery.

They have no real idea of God, although in a dim way they believe in hovering spirits, mostly evil, which must be propitiated. "There are no religious cults. They have no prayers, no devotions, no sacrifices." To communicate the Christian idea to them, to get them to accept it and live by it, is extremely difficult.

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**Budapest Protests In Prelate's Behalf**

Rome — (NC) — A huge demonstration took place in Budapest all day to protest the arrest and "trial" of Archbishop Josef Groess of Kalocsa, Hungary, according to a report broadcast by Vatican Radio.

Vatican Radio attributed the report to the ARI agency. It added that numerous police arrests followed the demonstration. The Vatican Radio also stated,

that according to a rumor circulating in Budapest all the Hungarian Bishops still at liberty called on Istvan Kosa, head of the new Office for Church Affairs, before the "trial" of the Archbishop and demanded to be arrested with him because they were firmly convinced of his innocence.

**Bishop-Elect**

Springfield, Ill. — (NC) — Bishop-designate John B. Franz of the newly-created Diocese of Dodge City, Kan., will be consecrated on August 28 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception here. It had been announced.

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Bank Buildings	1,564,231.13
Customers' Liability on Accept.	4,365.61
Accrued Interest Receivable	300,158.42
Other Resources	322,417.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99,603,774.61</b>

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Capital	3,000,000.00
Surplus	3,000,000.00
Undivided Profit	1,134,675.83
Reserves	100,000.00
	<b>7,234,675.83</b>
Provision for Taxes, Interest, etc.	555,116.21
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**Mexican Catholics Demand Legal Freedom of Ecclesiastical Property**

SOME of the Mexican bishops, after priests by giving the people the impression that the priests would subject them and will not do them nothing, but other bishops like the archbishop, there are still until within lately, a number of Catholic and Catholic policies, which part of the Bishops' Conference, which has been held recently, right now. Now the Northwest Territory of Canada and have accepted quite sincerely.

But the priests say, too, the above because, Clerics said that the Church was up to the administration of the earth. He is there because the Holy Father has expressly directed that there is to remain in this terrible country. And he does this with complete and honest to Clerics.

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**Yank Airmen Help Tokyo Pastor Start Kindergarten**

TOKYO — (NC) — Father Joseph Pukach, pastor of the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Tokyo, last spring faced a problem for which he could find no immediate solution. It was a difficult financial problem.

He had opened a religious kindergarten, and already the one-room school was crowded to capacity with 31 peasant children, who for the first time in their short lives were being introduced to the benefits of Christianity. This was a project dear to Father Joseph's heart, so he took measures to comply with the Japanese law pertaining to kindergartens.

ACCORDING TO that law, a kindergarten must have qualified teachers. Father Joseph easily found willing volunteers religion teachers from the Misaki Air Base of the U. S. Military Air Transport Service.

But the school law also demands that a piano, a sand-box, play pen, slides, swings, games and other equipment must be provided. Father Joseph had no money, and knew it would be some time before he could collect the amount required in small contributions from his parishioners. He faced the problem of

Article 3 is part of the civil constitution of 1947. It bars "members of religious," "other corporations" or any other organization in any way linked to a religious cause from maintaining primary, high or vocational schools.

IN 1948, E. L. M. C. announced Article 3 to provide also that entities to be incorporated by the state to be maintained, teaching any religious doctrine and opposing "atheism and proletarianism." The communists presented that article and its supporters in the Diet insisted that it must be removed to make a way for a second "independent" of the universe and socialistic.

In 1948, the new President MacArthur submitted for the latter amendment.

"These updated Americans who have contributed to this project can go home with the satisfaction that they have had a movement, not in dead marble or stone, but in living human dignity and intelligence—an important movement that will continue to pay dividends long after they may have forgotten their task of duty in Japan. God bless them all!"

**China Tots' Screams Bilk Red Ousting Of Nuns**

HONG KONG — (NC) — Toda of the Blessed Virgin's Baby Home in Shanghai thwarted attempts of Communist police to remove some of the nuns from the institution.

During an investigation, in which children at the home were subjected to long questioning, the police thought better to have the nuns out of the way and started to evict them.

But the children cried and screamed so much that the police had to desist. Not for long, however. The Sister Director was called to nearby police headquarters and questioned until three o'clock in the morning.

In several instances, boxes and rolling cases were displayed in small coffins before the orphans, and long, drawn-out scenes of poverty, misery and death, while the nuns, who were removed before them, "to the great distress experienced by the former slaves under the gaze of 'devils'."

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