

STATE DEPARTMENT

Lauds N.C.W.C. Relief Aid in Korea

New York—(NC)—The highly important role filled by War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference in bringing relief to the millions of Korean refugees was emphasized in a program of the international broadcasting division of the U. S. State Department, the agency's headquarters here was notified.

Gifts Build Good Will Among Hindus

Trivandrum, India—(NC)—Several dioceses of the state of Travancore-Cochin have received consignments of powdered milk, dried eggs and flour from American Catholics through War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The food gifts of American Catholics created a tremendous fund of good will among the Hindus towards American Catholics. Many of these people are so poor that they do not know even the taste of milk.

THESE FOOD supplies are now being distributed in the famine-stricken areas of the state, which is the second most critical area in India in the famine. The state of Bihar is the worst hit. Travancore-Cochin in southern India, currently has a food deficit of 105,000 tons. It has the highest percentage of Christians of all Indian states.

There is widespread appreciation among the people of this state for the practical sympathy shown towards them by American Catholics. They have expressed genuine gratitude to the donors of the food consignments.

THE FOOD is distributed with out distinction as to religion. Recipients include Hindus as well as Christians. Archbishop Joseph Attipetty of Verapoly is distributing his food consignments to several parishes, schools and orphanages. The bulk of the shipment received by him is being distributed in Ernakulam. See city of the Verapoly archdiocese and with its 60,000 people one of the most important towns on the Malabar coast.

At Kottayam, Bishop Ambrose Absola of Vijayapuram is distributing the food among the poorer sections of the people. The supply is expected to last two months.

Surveys of the WRS—N.C.W.C. work, the broadcast pointed out that the agency began its relief efforts shortly after the close of World War II hostilities and in a comparatively short time had shipped more than 2,000,000 pounds of clothing, food and medicine to the war-crippled country.

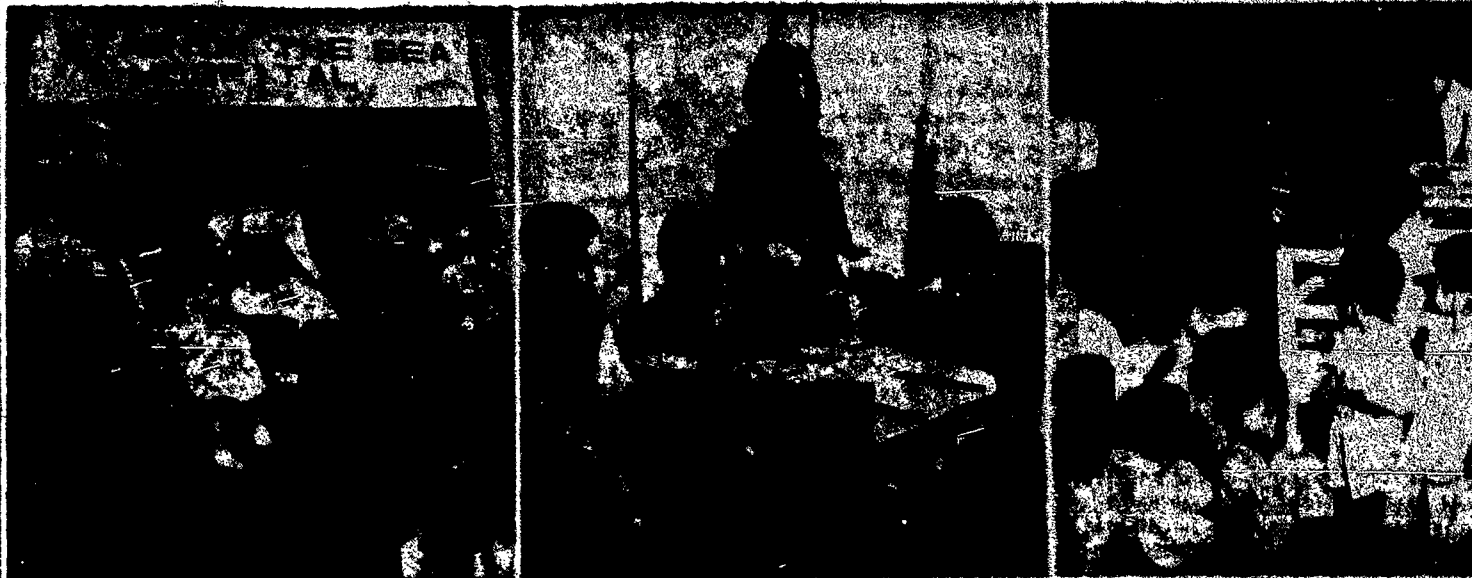
THE BROADCAST related that by March, 1951, the vast stores of clothing, dried foods and medicines turned over for Korean relief by WRS—N.C.W.C. was valued at more than \$2,500,000.

Through arrangements made by WRS—N.C.W.C. with the State Department, it was said, a Maryknoll Sisters' medical unit was admitted to Korea and it has brought assistance to tens of thousands of Koreans. With the exception of Army nurses, the Sisters were the first women allowed to enter the country after the Korean conflict broke out. Pointing out that WRS—N.C.W.C. is continuing to send a steady supply of medicines, vitamins, antitoxins and other supplies into Korea, the broadcast quoted from a letter written by Sister Mary Mercy of the Maryknoll medical unit. She stated:

"Any trip to these places (home and refugee centers) turns out to be an afternoon climb on a mountain side. The people here are the poorest of the poor. . . . We crawl into these homes on hands and knees, and usually there is room for only one of us to enter, and after we enter we must kneel or sit.

"Several times we have crawled into homes to find a baby with full-blown smallpox, or a patient critically ill with typhoid or typhus. Everywhere we go, we find 10 or 20 patients to examine and a hundred or more vaccinations to be done. The people are most grateful, treat us with great respect, and are so happy to have us come in their poor homes. God has blessed our care of some very critically ill patients, and consequently the people look up to us . . ."

Nuns Care For War Orphans of Inchon



Some of 10,000 orphans gathered in from the ruins of their Korean villages receive shelter

In orphanages and refugee camps, aided by members of the United Nations Civilian

Assistance Corps. These photos were taken at Inchon, where the Sisters of the Star of the

Sea Hospital are caring for the orphans. American officers are shown during visit.

New Church Art Baffles Archbishop

French Debate Ultra-Modern Church Art

Paris—(NC)—The controversy among French Catholics and artists over church architecture and interior decoration, aroused by the construction in recent years of a number of modernistic churches, was renewed by the dedication of another church of ultra-modern design.

The new church, situated in a working-class parish in the automobile-manufacturing town of Audincourt near the Swiss border, was built in part by the men of the parish who donated their labor in their free time. To raise enough money to complete it, many parish women sold their jewelry or, if they were employed, contributed a part of their wages.

AN OUTSTANDING feature of the Audincourt church is a series of 15 stained-glass windows, representing the instruments of the Passion, made by setting panes of colored glass into a framework of cement. They were designed by the well-known Paris painter, Fernand Leger.

Another unusual aspect is a columned porch in front of the church designed to shelter sculptures depicting the Divine Mysteries. The porch is decorated with a large mosaic of abstract design.

Commenting on the church's style at the dedication ceremonies, attended by the director general of the School of Fine Arts and several prominent Paris art critics, Archbishop Maurice Dubourg of Beaucaire said, "Parishioners have easily understood the stained-glass windows, but had far more difficulty understanding the mosaic. The same goes for me."

He thus voiced the opinion of many Catholics and some artists who do not like the new trends in church architecture, preferring instead the more traditional style.

RESPONSIBLE for the new trends are two Dominican priests, Fathers Regamey and Costurier, the latter himself a noted painter. For the past several years they have been champions of new forms of church art and have opposed the traditional forms as being too conventional and wishy-washy.

Abp. Leger Tells Leaders Of Duty To Poor

Montreal, Que.—(NC)—Archbishop Paul Emile Leger of Montreal has declared on two recent public occasions that he will not rest until provision has been made for every needy person in his diocese. He renewed this pledge before the Professional Association of Industrialists at their eighth annual meeting here. A few days previously he made the same declaration when he blessed the work of 500 volunteer workmen and industrial contributors starting the construction of a 50-pavilion Foyer de la Charite (Fire-side of Charity) for the destitute of Montreal.

They have launched a vigorous campaign against what they call "St. Sulpice art." (In the quarter around the Paris church of St. Sulpice are many shops selling "popular" religious art objects.) Recently they have succeeded in persuading a number of parishes throughout France, including Audincourt, to build new churches in the modern style on which many of the country's most famous artists and architects have worked.

Serrao Named To Post In Hawaii

Honolulu, T. H.—(NC)—Frank G. Serrao, prominent Catholic layman, has been appointed by President Truman to the second highest post in the Hawaiian territorial government, the office of secretary of Hawaii. The appointment has been approved by the United States Senate. Mr. Serrao is the father of four children. He is a daily visitor to church and very active in local Catholic activities.

Army Pamphlets Call For Morality Based On God

Washington—(NC)—Character guidance pamphlets which say that "the highest knowledge is to know God and that 'our standard of morality is the Ten Commandments'" have been published here by the Departments of the Army and the Air Force. The first two in a series of six volumes titled "Duty, Honor, Country," the pamphlets quote liberally from the Scriptures and stress that the United States is far from being a "secular nation"—is a country which recognizes its dependency on and responsibility toward God.

A FOREWORD in both volumes explains that they are "to help the instructor in his orientation and preparation—whether he be commander, chaplain, staff officer, noncommissioned officer, or member of a character guidance council." For "sound morality must underlie all military instruction, formal and informal," the foreword says.

Preparation of the pamphlets, each of which is approximately 100 pages, was supervised by the Army Chief of Chaplains. Their 30 chapters originally were designed as lectures at the Chaplain School, now located at Fort Rucker, N. Y.

Purpose of service character guidance and character building programs according to the pamphlets' foreword, "is to instill in all the men and women of our Armed Forces, leaders and led alike, a sense of individual moral responsibility."

THE FIRST OF the pamphlets warns that "if we exclude God from our thinking, we are finished."

"When you and I exclude God from our thinking and our applications we become, quite naturally, men without God," the pamphlet asserts. "When the number of such godless people becomes large, whole communities fall in-

to ways of thinking which cast God and His law from their way of doing things. As soon as that happens, we shall find that we have moved quite far away from the road which leads to a genuine loss of our personal liberties."

"Freedom of conscience is never the liberty to do as I please, but the opportunity to do what God wants me to do," the pamphlet states.


"A man with a back square for God is a man with a country; a man without God can be, and often is, something of a menace to his country," it states.

Pontiff Urges Polish Priests To Stand Fast

Rome—(RNS)—Pope Pius XII sent a letter to the Roman Catholic bishops and priests of Communist Poland urging them to stand fast against "the terrible assaults of the enemy."


Published in *Osservatore Romano*, the paper letter was issued on September 11, the 51st anniversary of the solemn consecration of the Polish nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

RECALLED THE visit made to Rome earlier this year by Archbishop Stefan Wyszyński, Archbishop of Warsaw and Primate of Poland. Pope Pius said he was happy to learn that the attachment of the Polish people to the Holy See was undiminished. He also expressed gratification that the bishops continue to carry out programs for the Christian education of youth and the solution of social problems. Without making any direct reference to the Communist regime, the Pope then went on to warn against the "advances" still being made by the "atheistic and godless" Communists and priests to be "of good heart," he said.



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