

'Miracle Of Sun' Reported In Vatican Paper

Assumption into Heaven. The Vatican papers the day after the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary reported that the sun had stopped shining for five minutes on August 12, 1917, at Fatima, Portugal.

Observers added this comment: "From this, all souls cannot do other than draw comfort and assistance for the salutary undertakings of life and of the Christian apostolate, and for improving with ever more burning fervor those graces of mercy which the Mother of God has promised to the world—a world which is penitent and desirous of renewing itself according to Divine Law."

Observers likewise narrated the circumstances of the 1917 miracle of the sun as depicted in the photographs. The pictures show the sun almost settling behind the horizon, with the whole area resembling the time of deep dusk, although it was the noon hour.

It is recalled here that Cardinal Teleschini in his address also referred to several unusual facts relating to the life and to the Pontificate of Pius XII, the principal among them being his consecration as Archbishop of Palermo on the very day when the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin occurred (May 13, 1917).

"WHO CAN FORGET," said Cardinal Teleschini at Fatima, "that Mary of Fatima, while she promptly answered the prayer of Benedict XV, also wished to bind to herself the person and the future of Eugene Pacelli, causing the young prelate to be consecrated to the fullness of the priesthood by the hands of Benedict XV on the very day and at the hour when the Most Holy Virgin came for the first time to Fatima as bearer of her messages. It was on May 13, 1917, which stays in all our hearts. How much more does it stay in the heart of the Pope! And I thank God for having been present and to be able today to recall this beginning of the great mysteries which would be fulfilled in the sacred person of Pius XII."

Other persons, whose prudence and authority could not possibly be questioned, have also carefully spoken about apparently supernatural events and aspects of the present Pontificate. They, too, have particularly referred to the consecration of the present Holy Father which occurred in such an unusual way amidst the searching efforts of Benedict XV to restore peace among the powers engaged in World War I.

ARCHBISHOP FACELLI was named by the then reigning Pontiff to the post of Nuncio in Bavaria for the specific purpose of carrying the Pope's peace proposals to Kaiser Wilhelm II. The new Nuncio's predecessor, Archbishop Fruehwirth, a Dominican, had been named Cardinal and acted as Pro-Nuncio for a short time, but then came to Rome to make way for the mission of Archbishop Pacelli.

On May 6, 1917, Pope Benedict instructed Cardinal Gasparri, then Cardinal-Secretary of State, that the invocation "Mary, Queen of Peace," be permanently added to the Litany of Loreto as of June 1, 1917. In his letter to Cardinal Gasparri, Pope Benedict related to the fact that on April 27, 1915, he had extended the practice and the benefits deriving from the consecration of homes to the Sacred Heart to the whole world.

THE POPE was moved by the hope that "the Divine Redeemer be pleased . . . and would spread the infinite treasures of meekness and humility, thus preparing all hearts to accept the paternal invitation to peace which We intended to address in His name to the warring peoples and their leaders."

Even before the statements of Cardinal Teleschini at Fatima many had pondered the fact that the consecration of this Papal emissary for peace did occur simultaneously with the miraculous appearance of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima. It was after the failure of the mission entrusted to Archbishop Pacelli that Pope Benedict addressed his historic appeal to all powers, dated August 1, 1917.

(An article in Supplement II of The Catholic Encyclopedia, written by the Rev. Cyril Martindale, British Jesuit, summarizes the events that took place at Fatima on October 13, 1917, following the final apparition of the Blessed Virgin as follows: "On 13 October, approximately 70,000 people were collected. . . . The Lady appeared, said she was the Lady of the Rosary, that a chapel must be built there in her honor, that she wished the Rosary to be said daily; the war was about to end; men must repent, her Son was much offended. She disappeared. The rain stopped abruptly; the sun was seen through a rift in the clouds like a silvery disc; it emitted prismatic rays and appeared to revolve to rotate, to pulsate and to do so a second and a third time; then it seemed to approach the earth, radiating a reddish light and a great heat. The crowd was seized with panic when with tumultuous devotion."

Mass. Senate Hails Clark Appointment
Boston, Mass. — (RNS) — A resolution congratulating President Truman for nominating an ambassador to the Vatican was adopted on voice vote by the Republican-controlled State Senate here.

'Faith Is A Song'



MISS DRAGONETTE

New York — (NC) — Jessica Dragonette, singing star of radio and television, attributes much of her success to her convent training in her autobiography, "Faith Is A Song," published here by the David McKay Company.

Miss Dragonette was orphaned as a child and her early home was a convent in New York, where the Sisters took the place of her parents. She credits the training they gave her not only with encouraging her interest in music, but also with developing her languages and other cultural pursuits. Their kindly but firm discipline, she writes, helped her become a successful professional singer at a very early age.

Miss Dragonette grew up with radio, appearing on her first program when the NBC was only a month old. She soon reached an audience of 66,000,000 weekly and set a record for the longest career of professional broadcasting of any singer in the world. She has been honored by His Holiness Pope Pius XII with the Pro Ecclesia and Pontifice Cross.

'Airlift Missions' Leaves Dublin
Dublin (RNS). — Airport work here coined the term "Airlift Missions" to describe the flight of 31 priests and four nuns who left Dublin for mission posts in Nigeria. It was the largest party of Irish missionaries to leave the airport at one time. Thirty of the priests were from headquarters of the Holy Ghost Fathers at Kilmagee Manor, Dublin and one was from St. Patrick's Missionary College, Kiltegan, County Wick. The four nuns came from the convent of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary at Killeshandra County Cavan.

U. S. Bishops Hail 'Martyrs' In Red Lands; Secular Press Silence Cited

Washington (NC) — Boundless admiration for Catholic heroes in Iron Curtain countries and mourning for "our martyred dead" was expressed here by the U. S. Bishops.

The Bishops took note of the plight of the "suffering millions" behind the Iron Curtain in a resolution adopted at their annual meeting here November 14 to 16.

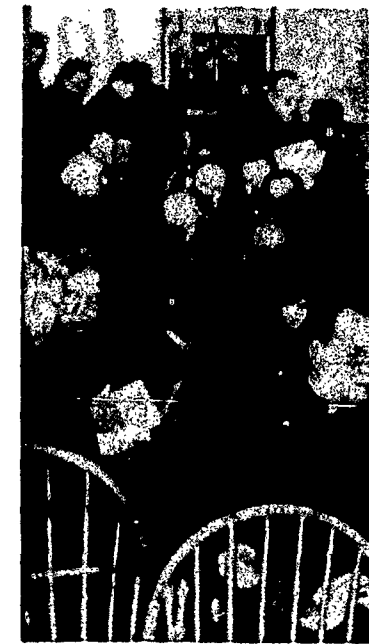
IN THE "LONG history of persecution waged by the absolutists against the followers of Christ," the Bishops said, no chapter is more glorious than the one now being written by the faithful of communist dominated lands.

"We mourn our martyred dead in Russia and in the 14 nations which are now captives to communism," the statement said. "We send our fraternal sympathy and the assurance of our fervent prayers to the countless thousands who are now delivered to the torturers in the dungeons of Europe and of Asia."

The Bishops expressed "sorrow at the indifference of the so-called Christian governments to this frightful persecution and at the apparent futility of the human means, they have thus far employed to stop it."

"We are no less appalled by the inability of the free secular press to inform the public of the true facts of the persecution," the Bishops added.

Two Cardinals and over 100 Archbishops and Bishops attended the annual General Meeting of the Catholic Hierarchy of the United States (lower photo) at the Catholic University of America, in Washington. Their Eminences Francis Cardinal Spellman, of New York and Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit (upper photo), are shown as they presided at the opening session. (NC Photos)



Abp. Cushing, Bp. Gorman Voted To NCWC Board

Washington — (NC) — Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston and Bishop Thomas Gorman of Reno were elected to membership on the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, at the annual General Meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States just held here.

THEY FILL vacancies caused by the expired terms of Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio and Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus, who had served five consecutive one-year terms and were ineligible for reelection.

Among those who served on last year's Administrative Board and were re-elected to the new board are Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore, Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis, Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati, Bishop John F. Noll of Fort Wayne, Bishop Matthew F. Brady of Manchester, N.H., and Bishop

Hierarchy Meets In Washington



'Put Christ In Christmas' Drive Launched

Milwaukee, Wis. — (RNS) — The Milwaukee Archdiocese has launched its third seasonal drive to "Put Christ Back Into Christmas."

That slogan, together with a picture of the Nativity scene, will appear once more on billboards, streetcars and buses, taxicabs and store windows. Large electric signs also will announce the slogan.

FULL-SCALE drives to "Put Christ Back Into Christmas" have been launched in other Wisconsin communities. The movement, which originated here, also has spread to Duluth, Minn., the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, Evanston, Ill., Fort Wayne, Ind., West Palm Beach, Fla., Pittsburgh, Pa. and other cities.

Sticker for windows and doors, for packages, and car windows, with the message of the Nativity are being widely distributed. The Christian Mothers also plan to use radio and television to promote their project. They report that stations are being most generous with their time.

Some cities in the Milwaukee area, working with chairman of the Christian Mothers, have a scheduled Christmas parade. The parades will comprise floats depicting the true meaning of Christmas, and all churches have been invited to participate.

Fort Wayne, Ind. — (RNS) — If Fort Wayne's "Put Christ Into Christmas" campaign does not make a powerful impact on this community's collective conscience, it won't be the fault of the Fort Wayne Deanery Council of Catholic Women.

Merchants are becoming religious-minded as men and women of 44 parishes of the Fort Wayne district call on them to ask that placards of the Nativity scene be displayed with holiday merchandise.

Parents Fined On Movie Going

Rio de Janeiro — (NC) — A long list of fines upon parents who take their children to motion pictures unpublished in the daily newspapers here. Ordered by Judge Orlando Mendonca of the Juvenile Court, the fines ranged from 200 to 1,200 cruzeiros (\$10 to \$60).

Floating Star

The leading string of a floating star brought the Three Kings to the feet of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem on the first Christmas day. Christmas is not so far off that we should get out making our own gifts to the Holy Family—the gold of our love, the incense of our prayers, the myrror of our sacrifices. Won't you write in for our circular describing our beautiful THREE-COLOR GIFT CARD? It will tell you how you make gifts to poor missionaries and mission chapels.

HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS
We send this lovely Gift Card to a friend or loved one, telling them you have made this donation to a Mission chapel here attached for Mass to be offered by a needy missionary—all for them. How they will appreciate this! Why not consider these possible gifts you may make to a Near East Chapel?
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Vestments . . . \$50 Chalice . . . \$40 Lamp . . . \$15
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THEN OUR NEEDIEST CASES
We must feed many hungry mouths in hundreds of orphanages. Your mile for ORPHANS' BREAD WILL do this in Christ's name. We need this help especially for the poor little children of Christ's own Homeland. Why not, for example, make even the smallest gift to the orphanage of the Sisters of the Apostles in Bethlehem itself?

ALWAYS THE WHITEST CHRISTMAS
"Unblushing to Thy Feet we bring a leper white as snow!" Christmas after Christmas, we must appeal to kind and generous souls to swell our modest DAMIEN LEPER FUND, from which we try to help the destitute lepers of India. Perhaps you will want to send our Gift Card to a loved one, telling that you have done this sweetest charity as a gift to him or her, in the name of the Little Lord Who healed the lepers.

WAS THE STABLE WORTHY?
There was no room in the inn for Him and we are still using dilapidated shanty chapels. We want to finish two in India and five Our Emmanuel a worthy dwelling place. So few can give \$2,000 needed for a whole chapel, but you can join with the humble Shepherds and the Kings in adding to the fund for these Chapels in India.

TO MARY, THIS LOVELY TRIBUTE
By December 8th, we hope to complete the fund for Our Lady's Chapel in Arman Jordan. To her, our talented nature's Solitary Boast, can you make a gift to her Shrine? We are turning stones into the LIVING HOUSE OF BREAD, Her Son's own dwelling place. Can you give ten dollars for one of these stones?

OTHER MARYS, OTHER CHRISTS
Always are we struggling to give to the people of Near East Mission lands native priests and Sisters. You can adopt another Madonna, another Christ! One hundred dollars educates a native seminarian for a whole year, one hundred and fifty dollars will support a Near East novice in a favorite sisterhood for a year. If these are impossible amounts, there is the dollar-a-month CHRYSOSTOM CLUB, from which we help native seminarians, and the dollar-a-month MARYS BANK, from which we help Near East sisters. Perhaps you can join one of these.

AND THEN FOOD FOR HUNGRY MOUTHS
Every month we must send food packages, costing ten dollars, to many poor exiles of Europe and Palestine. When you help us, you bring a morsel to the grateful lips of Jesus. Who said: "If you did it to these, the least of My little ones, you did it to Me!" In Jesus' holy Name, won't you help us to feed these hungry mouths?

BUT THAT STAR WAS STRINGLESS
What the Wise Men would have missed if they had not followed that floating star, leading them to Bethlehem, but they followed it with their own free will. It was stringless. How God must love us when we make a gift to His poor missions and say "It's stringless." Then we can use it for our neediest cases for which we have no time to appeal. How stringless will that floating star be for you?

AND THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US? HAVE WE REMEMBERED THEM DURING THIS MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS BY HAVING A MISSIONARY OFFER MASS FOR THEM? WHY NOT WRITE FOR OUR LEAFLET ON THE GREGORIAN MASSES, OFFERED FOR THIRTY DAYS FOR A LOVED ONE DECEASED?

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