

# Heroic Nun Slain In British, Egypt Clash

(NC)—Special prayers have been offered in England and throughout Britain by the Sisters of Charity of the Holy Family for the repose of the soul of Sister Rita Catherine, who was slain in the clash between British and Egyptian forces in the Suez Canal zone.

The heroic nun, who was killed in the clash between British and Egyptian forces in the Suez Canal zone, was the only nun to be killed in the clash.

The nun is described by reports as having been a close friend of Gen. Sir George Erskine, British commander in the Canal zone, and Lady Krishna.

Reports describe the nun as having been shot through the heart on the steps of the convent in the Suez Canal zone, near the Egyptian frontier.

British officers are reported as stating that they bent the tank detachment after they were informed that a bomb had been thrown into the convent yard and that armed Egyptian terrorists were roaming about in the convent grounds.



Sister Rita Catherine, 52, born Bridget Ann Timbers, Peekskill, N. Y., is the nun who was shot through the heart on the steps of the convent of Sisters of Charity in Ismailia, Suez Canal zone city under fire from Egyptian terrorists.

# Israeli Permits Friars To Live At Shrines

Amman, Jordan — (NC) — Israeli authorities have given permission to a Spanish Franciscan Brother to cross the boundary lines, thus enabling him to take up his assignment in the Terra Sancta monastery at Acre in Galilee.

AT THE SAME time, it also appears that certain difficulties have been solved that hitherto, delayed permission for a friar to reside at the shrine "Ad Coniaculum" ("Near the Cenacle") in Jerusalem.

An Italian Brother has been granted permission by Israeli authorities to go to Mount Zion, in the Israeli-held part of the Holy City, as the sole occupant of the Cenacle shrine. The little monastery there has undergone some repairs, but the Brother will have to provide all the furnishings which had been looted.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that negotiations are under way to give access to Mount Zion over the old road leading from Jaffa Gate, outside the Jerusalem walls, and certain other concessions from the Arabs, in exchange for the Jews' permission for the use of the New Gate across the street from battered Notre Dame. If granted, this latter will be a great benefit to residents of the Old City, most of whom in that quarter are Christians.

# SHELTER WITH ST. FRANCIS



The legend of St. Francis of Assisi, friend of animals, came to life in Petoskey, Mich., when this frightened dog hurried an eight-foot wall and came to rest beneath the statue of St. Francis in the yard of St. Francis Monastery. Wandering into the city, the animal was being pursued by curious children and adults. It was released by State conservation officers after resting from its chase. Later it had to be shot when it plunged into a lake and was injured. (NC Photos)

# Pope Exhorts Chinese To Keep Faith

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has sent an Apostolic Letter to the Catholic priests and people of China exhorting them to stand firm in the Faith and to offer up their sufferings so that God may finally grant peace and freedom to the Church in China.

The Pontiff declared that the faithful "cede to none in their love of fatherland" thus answering the communist accusations that Catholics are "unpatriotic" and "enemies of the people." He emphasized that the Church neither seeks nor serves any worldly power, but "loves all men, whatever be their race or nation."

THE POPE warned the Chinese faithful not to be misled by insidious attempts, under the guise of truth, to set up a schismatic church.

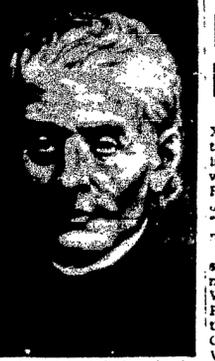
"The Church does not single out a particular people, an individual nation, but loves all men," the Pontiff said. Hence, there can be no question of her serving any particular power or permitting that "particular churches" be established in each nation, "thus destroying that unity that has been established by her Divine Founder and unhappily separating them from the Apostolic See."

THE CHINESE people know, the letter said, that missionaries of foreign nations have been sent there to care for the immense needs of the people and to aid the native clergy, which is still numerically insufficient. The Pope reminded that the Church has always favored the establishment of a native clergy and that he, the present Pope, himself had erected the Chinese hierarchy and raised to the papacy "a native son of that nation."

This was a reference to His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Tien, Archbishop of Peking who became a member of the Sacred College at the Consistory held in 1948.

The Pope then called on priests and people in China "to be strong with that strength of soul which is founded not on human force but on divine grace" and to offer their hardships, sufferings and sorrows as a sacrifice to God "so that He may finally grant peace and liberty to the Church in China, and make all men understand... that she does not seek earthly things but those of Heaven."

# Founder



The Holy Ghost Fathers in the United States will observe on February 2, the centenary of the death of the Venerable Francis Mary Paul Libermann, a Jewish convert, who in 1841 founded the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary which united with the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, seven years later. Father Libermann became the first Superior General of the united congregations. He died in 1852 and was declared Venerable by the Church in 1878. The Congregation's American Province has 100 parishes and missions in the United States, and other missions in Africa and Puerto Rico. (NC Photos)

# 'Dime Novel Fantasies' Hit In Clark Case

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII and Cardinal Spellman did not talk about the "Clark case" during their two meetings here. This was made clear by Observatore Romano in a front page comment dealing with what it called the "dime novel" fantasies of leftist newspapers.

THESE NEWSPAPERS had seized the occasion of the Cardinal's trip here and the Washington announcement that President Truman had withdrawn the nomination of Gen. Mark W. Clark as U. S. Ambassador to Vatican City State, to talk about the "defeat" of Vatican diplomacy. They furthermore asserted that Cardinal Spellman had specially come to Rome in connection with the whole matter of U. S. representation at the Vatican.

"We are able to say that this matter did not form the subject of conversation," declared Observatore. Vatican City, daily. It then pointed out that Cardinal Spellman's intention to stop in Rome en route home from his Christmas visit to the U. N. troops in Korea was known at the Vatican for a whole month, thus indicating that the visit had not been decided upon in view of new events.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN said in a press conference here that he had not seen or talked with President Truman, even by telephone, in more than two years.

In accepting diplomatic representatives, Observatore concluded, the Holy See "desires their mission to come about through normal procedures, freely and according to the legally established procedures in the individual countries."

"Therefore, to speak of 'Vatican pressure' and 'suggestions' and such things is not only to invent but to do it badly."

# Spent Two Years In U. S. Orphanage

Potoski, N. Y. — (NC) — Sister Anthony, who was killed in Ismailia, spent two years of her childhood in St. Joseph's Home for Children here, Sister Rita Catherine, superintendent of the home, revealed.

SISTER ANTHONY was born in Potoski, N. Y., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Timbers, both deceased. Sister Rita Catherine said. Her baptismal name was Bridget Ann. She was placed in St. Joseph's Home by the Westchester County Welfare Department as a dependent child in January, 1902. She was then a septuagenarian, Sister Rita Catherine said. Her mother had died but her father was still living. Bridget Ann remained in the orphan home until 1904 when she was placed in the care of a White Plains family for foster care. Subsequently she went to England where she joined the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Augustine's Convent, Darlington, England.

# Czech Bishop Offered Red Bribe

London — (RNS) — Communist authorities in Czechoslovakia have attempted to bribe Bishop Josef Hlouch of Budejovice to usurp the Prague archbishopric and so replace banished Archbishop Joseph Beran, according to a report in the Universe, Catholic weekly published here.

The report said that the Czech Minister for Church Affairs called upon Bishop Hlouch to persuade him to "accept" the Prague see. As a bribe he offered to call in the best medical specialists for Bishop Hlouch, who is seriously ill and to provide him with treatment at State expense.

According to the Universe report, the offer made to Bishop Hlouch—and which he refused—was part of a new strategy by the Prague regime to halt the growth of anti-Communist groups and the passive resistance of the Czechoslovak population, two-thirds of whom are Catholics still loyal to Archbishop Beran.

# Barber, Converted By Patron, Has Two Sons In Priesthood

Cleveland — (NC) — A barber who just about talked himself into the Catholic Church while shaving one of his customers, has retired after 54 years in business.

He is Philip Haas. His first step toward the Church was in joining a club composed of Catholics, Protestants and Jews and called the St. Thomas Club because it was located in St. Thomas Aquinas parish.

The late Mgr. Thomas McMan, pastor, was one of Mr. Haas' steady customers. A Lutheran, Mr. Haas asked many questions of the Missioner while giving him a shave. Next he moved from his barber shop to the parish rectory for more formal instructions and was received into the Church.

Mr. Haas married a childhood playmate, Louise Davey, who died in 1945. They had six sons and two daughters. Two of the sons are priests — the Rev. Bernard Haas, R.I., serving at the St. Thomas Mission in India, and the Rev. Vincent Haas, chaplain of St. Thomas' Hospital, Akron.

# Notre Dame Law Dean Resigns Post

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Dr. Clarence E. Manion, for the past 11 years dean of the College of Law at Notre Dame University, has resigned, the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., president of the University, announced.

Dean Manion tendered his resignation because "the pressure of private business, together with a constantly lengthening schedule of writing and speaking commitments, now makes it physically impossible for me to continue to administer the affairs of the law school."

Dean Manion's resignation will become effective in June. He has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1924 and dean of the law college since 1941. He is nationally recognized as an orator and author. His latest book, "The Key to Peace," is a current best-seller.

# New Red Boss

Budapest — (RNS) — A new director has been appointed for the State Office for Church Affairs in Communist Hungary. He is Janos Horvath, 43-year-old Communist who served as deputy director of the Church Affairs Office since it was established last May.

# Father Leonard Asks Nine Dollars!

Father Leonard, a Franciscan Father, has just opened an orphanage at KENA in southern Egypt. "I had to begin very modestly," he writes. "Just place for twelve little homeless children. And I have hundreds of others waiting. Do you think our Near East friends can help me. It costs \$3 to support one little kiddie for a whole month. Please do help me. We know you will be touched in your generous heart to help Father Leonard and these lots."

**Canada Bishop Visits Lumberjacks**

Three Rivers, Que. — (NC) — Bishop Georges Leon Pelletier of Three Rivers this month will devote a week to visiting the various lumber camps in his diocese, sharing the outdoor life of the thousands of lumberjacks.

During that week the bishop will share their meals, watch them fell trees and, prepare for the spring drives when logs are floated downstream to the sawmill. He will offer daily Mass and give the men spiritual comfort.

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