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No News To Us!

Tito Admits He Is True Communist

Vatican City (NC)—Marshal Tito's declaration to a group of students that he is still a good communist comes as no surprise, *Osservatore Romano*, Vatican City daily, stated here.

As reported here from Belgrade, Tito had told the students he had received help from the West without making "concessions" and without renouncing adherence to the principles of Marx and Lenin.

Tito reportedly also stated that Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb was released from prison, not because of outside pressure, but because the "government was desirous of removing from the Vatican and certain American Catholic circles elements of anti-Yugoslav propaganda."

OSSERVATORE commented: "The explanation of Marshal Tito is superfluous because Catholics have never believed that he

Final Rites Conducted For Father Fischer

Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for the Rev. Walter A. Fischer, administrator of St. Joseph's, Livonia, St. William's, Convent and St. Margaret Chapel, McPherson's Point, was offered in the Livonia Church on Saturday, March 15.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney celebrated the Mass for Father Fischer who died Tuesday, March 11, 1952 in St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester at the age of 41.

THE EULOGY was preached by the Rev. James D. Cuffney, procurator of St. Bernard's Seminary and a classmate of Father Fischer's.

Father Fischer's whole personality, Father Cuffney said, "was given to doing ordinary tasks well. Like every good priest, he was obedient to his bishops, always doing the work assigned to him."

"Like our Savior, whom he tried to imitate, he was obedient unto death. His obedience did not, however, stifle his initiative. In his labors he chose a special apostolate."

THE BISHOP was assisted by the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, assistant priest, the Rev. J. (Continued on Page 6)

Tells How To Eliminate Religion

London (RNS)—Marshal Tito told Yugoslav students that religion could not be eliminated by administrative measures but by "persistent political and cultural upbringing and economic progress," the *Belgrade Radio* reported.

The station also quoted the Yugoslav premier as saying: "But we must not permit youth to be politically poisoned under the pretext of religious rights."

though in conflict with communist Moscow, had repudiated the principles of dialectic materialism and the practices which derive from it.

"The words which he now pronounces publicly... confirm what we have always said. They also confirm the practical attitudes of the Federal Yugoslav Republic towards religion in general and Catholicism in particular. What may be surprising is anything but the feeling of aversion for Yugoslavia which he attributes to Catholicism and the Holy See."

Courier-Journal Circulation To Set Record

An all-time record circulation is already assured from returns of the Catholic *Courier Journal* this far in the current circulation drive.

With 92 per cent of the parishes tabulated, the number of subscriptions tops last year's total, according to Elmer Grapenstedt, circulation manager.

PARISHES NEWLY adopting the full coverage plan, besides those reported previously, include:

St. Gabriel, Hammondport and St. Patrick, Prattburg; Rev. John W. Brill; St. Charles, Elmira Heights; Rev. Daniel R. Sullivan; St. Michael, Penn Yan and St. Andrew, Dundee; Rev. Francis C. Waterman; Rev. Gregory, Marlow; Rev. Edward J. Lintz; Holy Ghost, Colwell; Rev. Albert J. Gelfer; St. Theresa, Rochester; Rev. Bruno Dobala, O.F.M.; Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry and All Saints, Ludlowville; Rev. Joseph J. Maloney; St. Francis Assisi, Auburn; Rev. John J. Nacca; Holy Trinity, Webster; Rev. George M. Kelly; St. Peter and Paul, Elmira; Rev. Hubert A. Biscay.

THE FOLLOWING parishes reporting this week are continuing the complete coverage plan:

Holy Angels, Nunda and Holy Name, Groveland; Rev. J. Norman Margrett; St. Leo, Hilton; Rev. John L. Maxwell; Blessed Sacrament, Rochester; Rt. Rev. Magr. Thomas P. Connor; St. Patrick, Moravia and St. Ann, Onondaga; Rev. Orrin W. Teller; St. Joseph, Livonia; St. William, Conesus; Rev. William J. O'Brien, Administrator; St. Catherine, Addison; Rev. Francis H. Turner; St. Mary, Horseheads; Rev. Francis J. Reilly; St. Michael, Livonia Center and St. Mary, Horseheads; Rev. John P. Woloch; St. Mary, Rexville and St. Joseph, Canisteo; Rev. John D. Malley; St. Patrick, Macedon; Rev. Bernard C. Hanna.

Bidding Monsignor Casey Farewell



IN A ST. PATRICK'S DAY setting, parishioners of Holy Cross Church Monday night to Monsignor Lawrence E. Casey, their pastor since 1945, and now pastor of Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Mrs. Rose Fleming, of St. John Park, a parishioner for 35 years (left) who presented a cash purse and spiritual bouquet, and Janet Robinson, 49 Stonedell Drive, who represented the school children, are shown greeting Monsignor Casey.

World War II Aid To Yank Flyers 'Crime' In Red China Trial Of Priest

By THE REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR
Hong Kong (NC)—A Chinese communist court recently condemned a priest as a result of his effort to obtain first aid for injured American airmen during the war with Japan. Hitherto in flaming accusations against missionaries, the communists applied

making charges connected with the Americans who had fought in China against Japan. Such charges would have been extra hard to stomach, as for years the Reds have stressed resistance to Japanese aggression as a proof of patriotism and devotion to the people.

In a recent two-day "people's court" in west China, however, the communists went overboard in this respect.

THEY ACCUSED a priest of having made Chinese spend money to bring American airmen to a town where first aid was available. The priest was found guilty on this and other charges, sentenced to pay damages and to expulsion from China.

"An American bomber crashed near my district in 1944," the priest, a German missionary, related here. "The pilot had lost his way coming back from a bombing mission. Ten American airmen parachuted from the plane. One lost his life. One broke his leg and another injured his foot."

"THE LOCAL Chinese brought them to the nearest town and sent for me, since I spoke English and could serve as interpreter."

"I came and interpreted for the

box, office committee and Mrs. Rita Frost heads the users committee. Properties for play are under the supervision of Mrs. Lawrence McNulty; lighting, Donald Verhove and costumeing, Miss Zella Lyons.

Written by Augustus Riekel, an author of European reputation, who personally suffered under the Bolshevik terror behind the Iron Curtain, the play portrays the conflict between Rome and Moscow, between Christianity and godlessness. Strangely enough, it was written before the Russians laid violent hands on Cardinal Mindzenty.

"The Dry Martyr" is directed by Wilford Scott. Members of the cast include Lloyd Hubbard, Fern Huber, Larry McVinnie, Raymond P. Weis, Gene Eckert, Ted Hannan, Robert Briede and Jean Strachan. Staging is being done by Carl Zolla and members of the commercial design class of Rochester Institute of Technology.

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Cardinal Spellman Sponsors Church

Marion, Va.—(NC)—His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will come to this town in the Blue Ridge Mountains April 14 to dedicate a new church which will remove Smyth County, Virginia, from the list of 24 counties in the Wheeling Diocese currently without priests or Catholic churches.

The Cardinal helped make possible the erection of the Church of St. John the Evangelist here in the county seat through a donation of \$25,000.

Nazareth Academy Chaplain, Livonia Pastor Appointed

His Excellency Bishop Kearney has assigned the Rev. Charles B. Connell as Chaplain of Nazareth Academy and the Rev. William J. O'Brien of Geneva as administrator at Livonia.

The appointments are announced at the Chancery are: Rev. William J. O'Brien from Assistant Pastor, St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva, to administrator, St. Joseph's Church, Livonia; St. William's Church, Conesus and St. Margaret's Chapel, McPherson's Point, Conesus Lake.

Rev. Charles B. Connell from Assistant Pastor, Corpus Christi Church, Rochester, to Chaplain, Nazareth Academy, Rochester. Father O'Brien, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William R. O'Brien, 649 Garson Ave., Rochester, was born in 1908. He attended Corpus Christi School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries and was ordained on June 10, 1933.

HIS FIRST assignment was as assistant pastor at Holy Cross Church, Rochester. On June 23, 1936, he was appointed assistant pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva.

While serving at the Geneva Church, Father O'Brien was chaplain of the Rosary Society and of the Auxiliaries of Geneva Council, Knights of Columbus. He was pastor of St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's and St. Bernard's Seminaries and served as Geneva Deaconry Director of the Rochester Diocese Holy Name Union.

FATHER CONNELL attended Blessed Sacrament School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries and was ordained on June 7, 1941.

He was first assigned as assistant pastor at St. Patrick's, Rochester. In January 1943 he was appointed assistant at St. Mary's Church and in June 1944 became chaplain of St. Mary's Hospital. He was assigned to Corpus Christi Church as assistant in September 1949.

Since 1944, Father Connell has been chaplain of Rochester Council of Catholic Nurses.

Father O'Brien succeeds the late Rev. Walter A. Fischer, and

Firms Urged To Honor Lord's Death

A plea to business firms in Monroe County area for a reverent observance of Good Friday was made this week by Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus.

With a record of 128 business firms and individuals who cooperated last year in closing on Good Friday, at least between 12 noon and 3 p.m., the Fourth Degree unit is seeking to exceed that number this year.

MORE THAN 1400 letters requesting cooperation in the program were sent out this week according to Faithful Navigator Donald E. Woerner, 1100 of them to retail business firms.

"The campaign was started by the Fourth Degree members in 1948 when about 30 firms and individuals signed to close. The movement has become nationwide in scope. In Rochester, the Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John are on record favoring legislation for a Good Friday holiday in the state. They will cooperate in the closing campaign."

ASKING FOR a reverent observance of Good Friday, specifically closing down between 12

New York Firemen Promote Movement

New York (NC)—Support of Catholic and non-Catholic alike is being rallied here by the Fire Department Anchor Club of New York in its annual campaign for a more reverent observance of Good Friday. The campaign is in charge of a Catholic Action committee headed by Fireman John J. Chalkin and covers the entire city.

The firemen's campaign has three main objectives. The first calls for reducing between noon and 3 p.m. on Good Friday such normal everyday activities as shopping, telephoning, sitting subway or buses, visiting barber shops or beauty parlors, or patronizing places of amusement.

Second, it calls for closing down between 12 noon and 3 p.m. on Good Friday the Fourth Degree declares "the loss of revenue from such a brief cessation of business is negligible when compared to the blessings and good will it brings."

"In these days of the breakdown in family life; of corruption in government; and of moral disintegration in public and private life, it is well for all of us, both employer and employee to take some time for prayer and meditation on the great and lasting truths given us by God."

"We feel that you will agree with us that these three hours on Good Friday provide an ideal occasion. It is a good opportunity on our way of life that in so many cases the dollar sign reigns supreme—even above the Cross."

Display posters are being prepared for store windows of all who cooperate and listings will be placed in newspaper advertising, *Weather said*. His co-chairman is Charles G. Bailey.

Japanese Bishop's Consecration Held

Yokohama (NC)—The spacious cathedral here was packed to capacity for the consecration of Bishop Isamu K. Arai, who was named head of the Yokohama See in place of Bishop Thomas Wadkins, who resigned last year because of advanced age and declining health.

Although most of the pews had been removed to provide standing room for more people, the cathedral was jammed to the doors.

Heavenly what she is saying! The guards made the "criminal" lie on the floor and began beating her with a bamboo stick. She was hit on the back and legs. She was very or groan escaped from her lips though her body turned blue with bruises.

The astonished prisoners marvelled at her silence and whispered to each other: "There must certainly be a Spirit in Heaven Who helps her, just as she said. Other wise, how could she suffer in silence?"

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REV. CHARLES CONNELL
Chaplain



REV. WILLIAM O'BRIEN
Administrator

Father Connell and the Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, new pastor of Holy Cross Church.

New Type 'Beauty Salon' Gives Modern Women Real Glamor

By TERRY O'REILLY

Rochester has a Catholic "beauty salon." Witness the girls and women after a weekend there! No new type of makeup, no new hairdo; they wear the same clothes they had on when they entered.

But there is a change. The women are less haggard, their faces are less taut, and they themselves are more at ease.

"What makes this change? A 'school of beauty' absolutely without peer in the city of Rochester is responsible. The place? The Cenacle Retreat House on East Avenue.

Offered at the Cenacle is a spiritual "beauty course" to really glorify the soul. Here fired souls come to reflect a new beauty—a beauty of soul.

The course aims to trim away a bulge of sin. Through the ministrations of grace and the exertions of prayer, growth in spiritual virtue is stimulated.

WHO TAKES this spiritual beauty course? Married women, single women, women of means and those of but meager means. Teenage girls, older sisters, and also mothers and grandmothers make the retreats and days of recollection. Girls from factories, offices and schoolrooms; social workers, nurses, teachers, doctors, dentists and lawyers—all find the same easy access and welcome to the Cenacle retreats.

Not even the grade-schoolers are left out. The Cenacle occasionally holds special retreats for nine-to-twelve-year-olds.

Even women who find it impossible to be away from home or job for an entire weekend find that arrangements can be made for them to make part of a retreat or at least a day of recollection.

RETREATS USUALLY begin on Friday before supper and end on Sunday afternoon after Benediction. At stated times there are retreats which last for five days.

'Miss India' Beauty Contest Denounced

Calcutta, India (NC)—A "Miss India" beauty contest scheduled to be held in Bombay toward the end of March was denounced here by the *Herald*, a Catholic weekly. The contest is being sponsored jointly by several commercial firms to select India's candidates for the forthcoming "Miss Universe" beauty pageant in the United States.

"If this 'gigantic project of the choosing of Miss India is the only way for New India to force the attention of the world upon its reality and greatness, if India has nothing to show the world but a woman in a sari, a woman who is ever degree of mudity (what might represent) then India is in poor indeed," the *Herald* said.

Also offered during the year are days of recollection, which begin in the morning and end with

Benediction in the afternoon. All of these are called "preached retreats" and are given by a priest.

Women who wish to make a retreat privately may do so. These are made with the help of a nun and can be arranged for any time.

In making a retreat a woman draws away from her usual way of life and spends time listening to a priest give short talks about various truths of the Faith and how to apply them to her everyday life. She attends Mass and learns the responses of the server so that she may more fully take part in the Mass. She may pray before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Chapel; she may read books or pamphlets that interest her. During the meal she listens to spiritual articles read aloud by one of the nuns, and she is free to talk over her particular problems with a nun or priest.

THERE ARE as many reasons for making a retreat as there are girls and women who make them. (Continued on Page 2)

Nun Beaten By China Reds Inspires Fellow Prisoners To Faith In God

Hong Kong (NC)—Chinese communists brutally beat a nun to prove to fellow prisoners that she was a "criminal" because she believed in God. But the heroic patience of the nun during the merciless beating actually brought these prisoners to believe in a "Split in Heaven Who helps her."

The story was related by the Rev. Arthur Julien of Ghent, Belgium, who arrived here after being forced from the Diocese of Lanling in Kweichow province.

The nun is Chinese and has now been released from prison, Father Julien said. For fear of

reprisals against her he did not reveal her name.

The nun had been in prison a month before the beating, the Paris Foreign Missionaries stated. Repeated attempts to force her to deny the existence of God failed. So the Red guards brought the nun before her fellow prisoners and by ridicule and insults sought to make her apostatize.

The nun calmly answered the jeers and insults by giving a ten-minute talk on why she believed in God. The prisoners listened respectfully.

The guards then sought the prisoners: "You are supposed to accuse her and hate her, you are listening as though you be-