

# 'Life' Article Smears Archbishop Stepinac

## Reds Pressure Nuns On Vows

London — (RNS) — The Czechoslovak Communist government is trying to induce the 15,000 nuns in concentration and labor camps to give up their vows of chastity and return to "civilian" life, according to the Vatican Radio.

The station said the nuns are being subjected to an intensive propaganda campaign on such themes as the beauty of love and the dignity of motherhood.

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## St. Jerome's To Start Own School

Plans for the establishment of a parochial school in St. Jerome's Parish, East Rochester, were announced this week by the Rev. Roy B. Morphy, pastor.

At the present time the parish has no school building. As a temporary measure, two grades, kindergarten and first year, will be organized next September in rooms of the East Rochester Columbus Youth Association building, according to Father Morphy.

A new grade will be organized each year until the full complement of eight elementary grades is in operation, he said. The Sisters of St. Joseph will staff this new addition to the diocesan parochial school system.

Registration for the two grades opening next September took place during the past week. Plans are now underway for the erection of a modern parochial school building which Father Morphy hopes will be ready for the opening of the school term in 1954.

DECISION to open a parochial school resulted from the popular demand of parents of the parish which now caters to over 400 children, Father Morphy said.

He announced that a building fund campaign will be conducted next year to defray the cost of erecting and equipping a school which will meet modern educational needs.

ST. JEROME'S school has not been selected as yet, the pastor stated, but revealed that under consideration were two plots of property, one at Fairport Road and Washington Street and another on Main Street in East Rochester.

Father Morphy stressed that use of the Columbus Youth Association Building will only be temporary. The CYA will continue to serve the recreational and social needs of the East Rochester community as originally intended by Father Gelfi.

He said, The late Rev. Bernard J. Gelfi, former pastor, directed construction of the CYA institution.

NEW YORK — (NC) — It seems that even a U. S. Supreme Court Justice can be wrong.

Arthur Clinton, director of New York public school attendance, said Associate Justice Robert H. Jackson was wrong in a phase of the dissenting opinion in the New York released-time case. The court's majority opinion upheld the program of releasing public school children for religious instruction.

THE Jackson opinion stated that the "greater effectiveness of this (released-time) system over voluntary attendance after the school hours is due to the truancy officers who, if the youngster fails to go to church school, dogs him back to the public school room."

Mr. Clinton said "this is not a fact." He said the Board of Education requires all personnel to "adopt a hands-off policy on the religious instruction issue."

HE ADDED THAT the public schools are "absolutely neutral" about the program and that "four attendance officers make no check whatsoever on the absences from the church training centers."

## Knights Present Bishop With Fund



FOR SEMINARY training of young men, Knights of Columbus in the Diocese of Rochester present checks amounting to \$2,700 to His Excellency Bishop Kearney. Presentation by 11 KC units in the diocese took place at dinner Saturday in Columbus Civic Center.

## Seminary Education Fund Presented Bishop By K. C.

The "Bishop's Bursar Fund" for 1952 amounting to \$2,700 was handed to His Excellency Bishop Kearney by representatives of 11 Knights of Columbus units in this diocese at a dinner in the K. of C. Clubrooms, Columbus Civic Center, Saturday night.

The money was raised for educating young men to the Holy Priesthood. "I am deeply grateful for the deep interest in this project," the Bishop told the knights. "He said it was a special gift of the Knights of Columbus always to be able to find an extra spot in which to exercise their abilities."

The fund which was obtained from membership in the organization called "The Columbian Guild" is a project of the Central New York Chapter, K. of C. Councils in both the Syracuse and Rochester dioceses participate in the campaign, each year, according to Raymond L. Nary, who served as general chairman for the drive in the Rochester diocese.

GRAND KNIGHTS and chairmen reported for these councils: Auburn, Canandaigua, Corning, Danville, Geneva, Palmyra, Rochester Seneca Falls, Waterloo and Waverly. Faithful navigator and chairman of the Fourth Degree Assembly in Elmira also reported.

Present to hear the report were the Rev. Matthew Tobin, C.S.S.R., Central New York Chapter chaplain; the Rev. John Crowell, C.S.S.R.; the Rev. Ralph Neagle, Catholic chaplain, U. S. Veterans Facility, Bath; and the Rev. Bernard J. Daly, O. Carm., Whitefriars Monastery.

Toastmaster was Francis J. Welch of Canandaigua, chairman of the Central Chapter.

District delegates present were Avery B. Neagle, Auburn; Harold A. Smith, Danville; Frank K. Rhode, Elmira; John J. Kinney, Rochester and Joseph Ripton, Le Roy.

Also present were former state wardens Edward T. Burke of Danville and Rocco F. Natale of Rochester.

German Lutheran Church Reviews Private Confession

Flensburg, Germany — (RNS) — Revival of the practice of individual confession was voted here by the General Synod of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany.

By a large majority, the General Synod approved a draft chapter of the new VELKD Church Order which states that all pastors should be ready to hear confession and give absolution.

Individual confession was abolished by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany around 1700. It was reintroduced formally in Bavaria in the middle of the 19th century, but was practiced only in isolated cases.

Revival of the practice had been approved earlier by the synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of Hanover and Bavaria, which urged that confession be confirmed as an order of the Lutheran Church and promoted generally.

Church leaders said that as a result of the General Synod's action here confession might achieve a "new importance within Lutheran parishes in Germany."

## Seminary Exam Slated June 14

The entrance examination for admission to St. Andrew's Seminary will be held on Saturday, June 14, at 10 a.m. at St. Andrew's Seminary, 1130 Buffalo Road. All applicants for admission to the Seminary in September must take this examination.

## People's Loyalty Balks Chinese Red Demand For Crucifixion Of Nun

Hong Kong — (NC) — In Chaotung, Yunnan Province, a group of communist indoctrinated servants and young girls brought a crown of thorns to the Chinese Security Police and demanded that the superior of the local Catholic mission hospital be arrested and crucified.

The story was revealed when Sister Constantina Serias and four other nuns on the hospital staff arrived here after six months' detention in Chaotung and Kunming before being finally expelled from Red China. All are Hungarian nationals.

THE FANATICAL accusers were unable to bring Sister Constantina to public trial because they could not meet police demands "that sufficient people appear against her." The more than 15 years of selfless service by the Sisters toward the sick and suffering of Chaotung made it impossible to incite the populace as a whole against the mission personnel.

The Chaotung hospital was one of the targets of the Communist national campaign to discredit the works of charity carried on in China by Catholic missionaries. Because the Sisters had not discriminated among those who applied for treatment, they were charged with aiding "counter-revolutionaries" and "bandits."

THEIR INITIAL accusation was supplemented by the allegation that the nuns had received large sums of money from American soldiers who had been patients during the last war. The authorities demanded that the Sisters turn this imaginary treasure over to them.

Dr. Janetz, a refugee from Hungary, who came to work for the hospital after the war, was accused of attempting to sabotage the communist regime and set up a "Hitler" form of rule. This "proof" that he was a spy rested on the allegation that Chaotung was "such a small city that it

did not merit the attention of a first-class surgeon." Chaotung is the second largest city in Yunnan, with a population of 600,000.

WHEN THE people failed to respond to months of efforts to have them sign condemnations against the foreigners, the communist authorities decided to abandon the idea of setting up a People's Court in Chaotung and removed the Sisters and the doctor to Kunming.

In Kunming, Sister Constantina and Dr. Janetz were again placed under 24-hour guard in individual rooms, the doors of which were never allowed to be closed. The prisoners spent four months in their furniture-bare cells before their "sentence" of expulsion was read to them.

During the entire time, they were kept from sleeping at night by deliberate noise-making by the guards. In the day time they were not permitted to rest, even by leaning their heads on their arms. The soldiers allowed the windows of the small rooms to be opened only for three five-minute periods a day. The only breaks in the monotony of the detention were the long periods of questioning.

## Monsignor Cameron Rites Held

Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester on Monday, May 12. Sixteen monsignors and 138 other priests were present.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney celebrated the Solemn Funeral Mass for Monsignor Cameron who died suddenly Saturday, May 3, 1952 aboard the liner Exorchora enroute to Barcelona. The Rochester prelate was planning to attend the 35th International Eucharistic Congress in Spain accompanied by the Rev. Francis W. Luddy, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brighton.

A CLASSMATE and friend of Monsignor Cameron since seminary days, the Rev. Dr. William Byrne, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, preached the eulogy of "a great servant of God and a dear friend."

"Monsignor Cameron possessed in a high degree the two most necessary characteristics of a successful pastor—priestly zeal and executive ability," Doctor Byrne said.

The Ithaca pastor extolled Monsignor Cameron's ability in the material field of labor as well as in the spiritual.

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## Monsignor Randall Named Pastor Of Immaculate Parish

The Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall has been named pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, by His Excellency Bishop Kearney. The appointment is effective June 1st.

Monsignor Randall has been diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith Society since 1937 and managing editor of the Courier-Journal since 1942. He will continue in both posts.

THE NEWLY-appointed pastor succeeds the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron whose sudden death on May 3rd concluded a 30-year career as pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church.

Well known for his many efforts in behalf of church and civic programs, Monsignor Randall played a key role in the financial planning of most of the major institutions erected in the diocese in recent years.

He directed the very successful fund raising drives in behalf of the Catholic University of America, Nazareth College, St. Mary's Hospital, St. Andrew's Seminary, and St. John Fisher College.

AS PROPAGATOR of the Faith director, he is a familiar figure in the diocese through his Sunday appeals in behalf of the missions in approximately 40 different churches each year.

Under his management the Courier-Journal, official newspaper of the diocese, has increased its circulation from 17,000 to 35,000 in ten years.

He also has gained recognition for his efforts to advance the cause of the Catholic press nationally. Since his election in 1949 he has continued to serve as secretary and member of the executive board of the Catholic Press Association of America.

WHEN THE critical shortage of newspaper threatened the continuance of several hundred Catholic publications following World War II, Monsignor Randall appeared three times before Senate and House committees as official CPA spokesman to appeal for an equitable share of the newspaper supply for Catholic newspapers and magazines.

He also serves as director and editor of the CPA sponsored national Catholic Press Directory.

During World War II he was coordinator of war activities for the Diocese of Rochester. Currently he serves as Diocesan Moderator of the National Catholic Community Services and the Legion of Decency.

He also serves as chaplain to the Carmelite Monastery in Rochester, the Rochester Police Department Holy Name Society, the Joint Council of the CIO, and the AFL Central Trades and Labor Council.

Monsignor Randall was born March 30, 1906 in Newark, N. J.

## Chaplain Absolves Ship Crash Victims

New York — (NC) — Seconds after the USS Wasp collided with the minesweeper USS Hobson at sea, the Rev. James C. Connolly, O.P., one of two Navy chaplains aboard the Wasp, was at the side of the ship giving general absolution over the water as the Hobson split in two and sank before his eyes.

Blessed Sacrament, entrusted her repeatedly with a supply of consecrated hosts, which she pinned reverently on her inside jacket at the break of dawn.

"This lady then would brave the communists' lines, walk ten miles and each time bring the Blessed Sacrament safely to two or more of our Sisters who were prisoners in their convents."

The communists realize the important part women play in the affairs of men, Sister Macelline said, and have striven hard to organize them in even the smallest districts of China.

The nun said the situation brought home to her the value given by a missionary priest when she first went to China — "If you make the women good, the men will be good."

"I can tell you also of a Catholic mission, who was so strong and trustworthy in her faith, that one of our Sisters who was custodian of the

## Tito Uses Magazine To Repeat Falsehoods

N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE

Yugoslavia's communist dictator Marshal Tito has repeated in an American magazine of large circulation the accusations against Archbishop Stepinac of Zagreb which a distinguished American prelate vigorously refuted nearly six months ago.

Writing in Life magazine under the name of Josip Broz-Tito, the communist master of Belgrade rehearses virtually the same charges against Archbishop Stepinac that he seized the opportunity to make in a letter to newspaper columnist Drew Pearson last November.

AT THAT TIME, Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore, Chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic

## Tito Warns Nation's Catholic Priests

Belgrade — (RNS) — Marshal Tito warned Yugoslav Roman Catholic priests that they would be considered "foreign agents" if they put the Vatican before Yugoslav national interests.

Addressing a rally at Znojmo, he said:

"I am telling you Catholic priests, of whom many are looking to Rome and not to the interests of our country, that if they do not protect the interests of our country, they are agents of a foreign power, and we cannot allow them to work against us."

Welfare Conference, noted that Tito "persisted" in his "campaign of distortions, misrepresentations and plain falsehoods about Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac."

Tito again asserted that Archbishop Stepinac, during the last war, favored collaboration with the pro-Axis Pavelic regime. Archbishop Keough pointed out in a signed statement last December that the very words and actions of Archbishop Stepinac demonstrate the utter falsity of this charge.

In one part of his statement, Archbishop Keough cited the final address made by Archbishop Stepinac before the court which sentenced him to 16 years imprisonment.

"You accuse me as an enemy of the state and the people's authority. Today, I acknowledge your authority. But who was my authority then? I repeat again you were my authority from May 8, 1945, and not before that. Where in the world is it possible to obey two authorities: yours in the world and mine in Yugoslavia? We could not ignore the authority here, even if it were Ustaša."

TITO AGAIN ASSERTS that Archbishop Stepinac "insisted actively in the attempt to force the conversion of Orthodox Serbs to Catholicism" and "uttered not a word to stop these conversions and persecutions."

To his Archbishop Keough said, "There is abundant documentation, testifying to the Archbishop's protest to the Croatian wartime regime that only those could be received into the Church who, without having been subjected to force of any kind, might be converted of their own free will, after having become convinced in their own mind that the Catholic Church is the only true Church."

Moreover, Archbishop Keough added, it is a matter of record that instructions from Rome condemned forced conversions and cautioned against the use of schismatic churches or furnishings unless they had been formerly the property of the Catholic Church.

Hierarchy Ignores Red Anniversary

Vienas — (RNS) — Czechoslovakia's Roman Catholic Hierarchy ignored celebrations marking the seventh anniversary of the country's liberation by the Red Army, it was learned here.

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## Pinup Girls Called 'Pagan'

Boston — (RNS) — Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston urged here that Catholic women raise the "moral tone of America" by protesting against photos of pinup girls and bathing beauty contests. He addressed 2,000 delegates to the 16th Diocesan Congress of the League of Catholic Women.

The Archbishop told the delegates that they should be the first to protest against "the paganism of immorality of beauty contests and pictures of pinup girls which the world considers a reflection of the ideals of American women."

"Let your voice be heard, be daring enough to take the steps the others are afraid to take and the others will take up the protest," he said.

He urged also that Catholic women seek some way to "reach the Catholic, non-Catholic and pagan women in other countries to tell them pinup pictures they see in our periodicals are not representative of the highest, noblest American ideals."

## Chinese Women, Children Smuggle Holy Communion Past Reds To Mission Nuns

Worcester, Mass. — (NC) — Dramatic accounts of courageous women and even young children smuggling the Blessed Sacrament to nuns held prisoners and other faithful in communist-controlled China featured an address here by Sister Marie Macelline, Maryknoll nun who served 15 years in the China missions.

Sister Macelline was the principal speaker at the Diocesan Congress of Catholic Women, Sister Macelline spent her last two years in China under communist rule and was imprisoned for 15 months before she was expelled.

"In the persecuted China of today," the Maryknoll nun related, "we have lived to see the time when women — virgins or mothers, and even little