

### Babies Baptized After Rescue From Red Order To 'Slaughter Innocents'

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Manila — (NC) — Nine children spared from a veritable "slaughter of the innocents" ordered by communist Huk commanders have been baptized here at the Red Cross barracks at Camp Murphy.

The story began some months back when the entire Philippine nation was shocked and horrified on learning that Huk commanders had given orders to consider all Huk babies as "expedient" in order to facilitate retreat into mountain lairs. Disclosure of the orders came with the seizure of Huk propaganda leaflets, which read:

"THE ATTITUDE of the capitalists toward the extermination of expendables who may hinder the military operations of the HMB (Hukbong Mapagpalaya Ng Bayan—"The Liberators Army of the Nation") reveals the selfishness and faint-heartedness of the ruling class in our country.

"It shows that, unlike us, they do not have the will and determination to face the realities of a revolution. Such lack of zeal and conviction will eventually spell the doom of the bourgeoisie of the Philippines.

"Great sacrifices must be made in order to win great victories. The infant, the aged, and the children—all are expendable because they can be replaced. With our system of free love, lost lives can always be recovered."

Filipino parents, Huk or not, have an all-consuming love for their children. Few could bring themselves to murder their own offspring. As a result, many Huk babies—soon to become known as "Huklings"—were wrapped in blankets and left in the path of the oncoming Filipino army, in the hope that other Filipinos would shelter and care for them.

AMONG THE Huklings rescued were the nine who, healthily and lively, received the Sacrament of Baptism here.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Antonio Vera, army chaplain. The Huklings, in immaculate white dresses, were lined up in small chairs. The sponsors were either army officers or officers' wives. Mrs. Luz Magaya, wife of Secretary of National Defense Ramon Magaysay, named the sponsor of a baby girl named after her. The other Huklings were named Santiago, Isabelo, Ciriaco, Fortunato, Virginia, Estela Rosario and Juanita.

### SAVED FROM 'HUK' SLAUGHTER



Rev. Antonio Vera, Philippine Army chaplain, baptizes nine "Huklings" at a Red Cross barracks at Camp Murphy, Manila. The children were abandoned by their parents, who thus hoped to avoid a ruthless order issued by communist Huk commanders to slaughter the infant, the aged and the children, as "expedient" in order to facilitate retreat into the mountains.

### Paper Manufacturer Will Fortune To Church Units

Milwaukee — (NC) — Catholic institutions will receive bequests which may total more than \$700,000, under the will of Frank J. Sensenbrenner, paper manufacturer who died July 22.

The will, filed for probate, provides for fixed cash charitable bequests of \$17,500 to Catholic units, and for percentages of the estate to go to other Catholic organizations. Percentage bequests may go as high as \$600,000 in cash.

MARQUETTE University here is to be a major beneficiary, receiving 15 per cent of the net estate, with the stipulation that this percentage may not exceed \$400,000. In addition, Marquette eventually will receive the Sensenbrenner horsemaster estate, after the death of a daughter. Five per cent is to go to the Norbertine Fathers for the operation of St. Norbert's College, West De Pere, Wis. The cash

amount is not to exceed \$150,000. THE GREEN BAY Diocese will receive three per cent, not to exceed \$50,000. Fixed cash bequests to Wisconsin Catholic institutions include \$35,000 to Mount Mary College here; \$15,000 to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Appleton; \$10,000 to Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother, Oshkosh; and \$15,000 to St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, Green Bay. In addition, some half dozen parishes will share in more than \$400,000.

Mr. Sensenbrenner rose from office boy and bookkeeper to the presidency of the Kimberly-Clark Corp., one of the giants of the paper industry. When he died, at the age of 87, he was a director of the company.

### Lourdes To Expand Space For Pilgrims

Paris — (NC) — Plans to enlarge facilities for accommodating the ever larger throngs of pilgrims in front of the Lourdes grotto have been finally approved.

Bishop Pierre Theas of Lourdes announced that a choice had been made from among the various plans submitted by architects and engineers. One of these would have involved shifting the course of Lourdes river, the Gave de Pau, major obstacle to enlargement plans.

AT PRESENT, at ceremonies attended by large crowds, it is impossible for more than a small part of the pilgrims to view proceedings adequately. A small number of the clergy stand in the grotto. A few pilgrims can stand at its entrance at the foot of Our Lady's statue, erected on the spot where she appeared to St. Bernadette.

A few thousand others can crowd into a small meadow which stretches the short distance from the grotto to the river. Most persons in the huge throngs attending major ceremonies must stand in the Esplanade, hundreds of yards away and out of sight of the grotto.

NOW TWO bridges are to be built across the river about 200 yards apart, a little above and a little below the grotto. These will permit pilgrims to use the meadow directly across the river from the grotto. It will be graded to form an amphitheater. Thus even the largest crowds will be afforded a good view of the various ceremonies.

### Church Advances In Japanese Areas

Osaka, Japan — (NC) — Adult converts baptized in the Osaka diocese during the past year totalled 2,103, according to a report published here. The Catholic population is now 13,174, as compared with only 10,546 last year, an increase of nearly 25 per cent.

Actually, the published statistics were higher last year, but they included the 1,580 Catholics in the Makuru area, which has now been transferred to the Kyoto diocese.

### UN Official Blasts West-Sponsored Birth Control Campaign In Orient

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — West-inspired campaigns to spread birth control among Oriental peoples are likely to create hate rather than goodwill and friendship between East and West.

This was the warning sounded here by a world famous authority on population and nutrition who has aroused worldwide interest by challenging theories that "overpopulation" causes hunger and by insisting instead that it is hunger which causes too much population.

HE IS BRAZILIAN-born, 44-year-old Dr. Josue de Castro, chairman of the executive committee of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, and author of the recently published book, "The Geography of Hunger." The book insists that birth control, but making available to backward areas the know-how and equipment for increased food production, is the key to the problem of overpopulation.

Dr. de Castro was interviewed by the N.C.W.C. News Service on his arrival in Washington after a two and a half months' tour of Europe to explain the purposes and plans of the FAO.

"When we seek to promote birth control in such countries as India and Japan," Dr. de Castro said, "we have the idea that we are helping the Eastern peoples. The truth is, however, that the leaders of these peoples are more inclined to look upon us as enemies and to hate us more and more for what they interpret as a disguised means to reduce the potentialities of the Asiatics and to eliminate them as possible rivals of the West."

"SPREADING BIRTH control in the East is not a policy calculated to foster peace, but is instead a highly dangerous experiment," the FAO chairman added.

Dr. de Castro, who is professor of economic geography in the University of Brazil, and director of Brazil's National Institute of Nutrition, declared that artificial birth control could be condemned in sound economic and social as well as moral and religious grounds.

Economically and socially, he declared, birth control constitutes a long-term threat to a nation, because it creates a population of "old people and does not provide enough young people to sustain production. "This in turn," he said,

"leads to starvation. If we are interested in healthy and well-fed populations, it seems to me the way is to improve production and not diminish it, which is precisely what happens when the proportion of young people is reduced."

Dr. de Castro said that Catholic authorities had shown great interest in his book, and mean-while reviews appearing in the United States and Great Britain, as well as in other countries, had been 90 per cent favorable. He said he was convinced that his theories would hold up and stated that experiments conducted in Holland and elsewhere have already served to substantiate them.

"WITHIN TWO years," Dr. de Castro added, "we expect to have everything clarified beyond any doubt or question."

The scientist-author said his book had stressed that only increased food production, wider distribution and more varied and adequate diets would halt overpopulation. Meanwhile, he stated, he had taken issue with entrenched theories that it is "overpopulation" which caused hunger.

"The 'experts,'" Dr. de Castro said, "have argued that when there fewer people in this or that country there would be no hunger, for there would be enough food to go around. Evidently, they claim, is Nature's wise way of attempting to balance food supply and demand by cutting populations which grow out of hand."

"HOWEVER," the author went on, "the startling fact is that this 'overpopulation' theory is exactly the opposite of the truth. On the contrary, it is hunger which produces too much population. Starvation actually stimulates sexual activity, resulting in more mouths to feed in the world's hungriest areas. We have evidence which indicates that hunger actually breeds more babies, that the undernourished reproduce faster than the well-fed."

Dr. de Castro explained that this does not mean that well-fed people are less fertile or that their reproductive powers tend to wane. He said that such people have what might be called normal fertility, while the chronically hungry have what might be called abnormal fertility.

### Schools Group Backs Attack On Dr. Conant

Chicago — (NS) — A resolution commencing with the Rev. Edward Heenan of Grand Rapids, Mich., for an address in which he defended private and parochial schools against a recent charge that they are "divisive forces" was adopted by the annual convention of the National Union of Christian (Protestant) Schools here.

Dr. Conant (Protestant) Schools here. MR. HEENAN, who is the National Union's public relations secretary, made the address at the earlier convention session. He denounced a statement by Dr. James Bryant Conant, president of Harvard University, that the growth of private schools was developing a dual system of education harmful to democracy.

"The Protestant educator decried that parochial schools are not a divisive force in a democratic society. He said that in a free society parents have a right to educate their children in keeping with their religious commitments.

THE DELEGATES voted to send Dr. Conant a copy of the resolution. In other actions, the National Union advocated the establishment of a national P.T.A. organization to strengthen its school systems and decided to press its Christian school program.

The national union represents 165 private schools controlled by parents of the Calvinistic faith, mostly members of the Christian Reformed Church.

### Rosary Crusade Going To Spain

London — (NC) — The Rev. Patrick Peyton, C. S. C., the American Family Rosary crusader, has accepted an invitation to visit Spain, it was announced here.

Bishop Angel Herrera, of Malaga, now visiting England, has invited him to take the crusade to his diocese. Father Peyton's assistant, the Rev. John Murphy, will travel to Spain in December to make arrangements.

### FIRST NORBERTINE NUNS



First Norbertine Missionary Sisters to arrive in America, as these three nuns from France, who have just arrived at Ardmore Academy, Claymont, Del. Left to right: Sister Ann Marie, Mother Madelaine and Sister Gabrielle. (NC Photos).

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