

# Loyalty To Pope Urged On Students At Mission Parley

Notre Dame, Ind.—(NC)—Some 3,000 delegates to the 15th national convention of the Catholic Student's Mission Crusade heard Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, urge them to adopt a program of "education, sacrifice and love of the Holy Father."

LIKENING THE present era in the Church's history to the ominous situation that faced Christ's disciples on Holy Thursday evening, the day before the Passion and Death, Bishop Sheen said that China was the outstanding example of the travail the church faces.

The strategy of the Church's atheistic communistic persecutors there is to cut the allegiance of the Catholics from the Pope, because the Communists know "a decapitated body soon dies."

BISHOP SHEEN, however, predicted that the blood of martyrs in China would be the seed of a great development of the Church.

In their education program, he advised his listeners to become familiar with the Church's condition in all parts of the world. Japan, he said, was ready to exchange its man-made God (the Emperor) for the God become man (Christ)."

AFRICA TOO, he stated, is a land of great promise for the Church. He predicted that within 200 years the Dark Continent would surpass the United States in the extent of its industrial development.

Tibet, a land now closed to missionaries, would be opened, he stated, and "its lamaseries would be filled with Trappists, Carmelites and other contemplative orders of the Church."

The Moslem world presents not only a missionary challenge to the Church, but a political one to the whole world because of its proximity to communist areas. He indicated that Church success in the lands of the Crescent would have a beneficial political effect.

Oldest Priest  
Kobe, Japan—(NC)—The Rev. Isidor Charon of the Paris Mission Society has died here at the age of 85. A veteran of 61 years of missionary work here, he was the country's oldest priest at the

## Heads New Province



Most Rev. Edward J. Hunkeler, Bishop of Kansas City, who has been named Archbishop and Metropolitan of the new Province embracing the State of Kansas.

## Per Capita For Missions Only 2 Cents

Notre Dame — (NC) — The per capita donation to the missions from all Catholics of the world last year was 2c, and of all the Catholics in the United States was 16c, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen told delegates to the Catholic Student's Mission Crusade Convention here.

He strongly urged Crusaders to further sacrifice to increase the funds the Pope so greatly needs.

"There is a latent spirit of sacrifice in the American youth," he said, "that must be tapped by leaders of the Church before politicians can take advantage of it with possible dire consequences as in Germany, Italy, and Russia."

## School Board Stumped On Bus Transportation Bid

Youngstown, O.—(RNS)—The board of education of nearby Boardman Township literally doesn't know what to do about a Roman Catholic request that parochial school students ride in public school buses. It has received a "yes" and a "no" opinion from the same county prosecutor's office.

The question was raised when representatives from St. Charles church asked the board to transport Catholic pupils to the new St. Charles school which adjoins the Boardman high school. Petitioners said the new building would relieve overcrowding in the public school.

BOARD MEMBERS agreed to provide transportation — if the prosecutor's office approved the action.

In the absence of Prosecuting Attorney William A. Ambrose who was vacationing, Assistant Prosecutor Harold Hull ruled

"no." He based his decision on a 1927 opinion of the state's attorney general that a board of education "could not provide transportation to any institution which was not supported by public funds raised by taxation."

The next day, at a special meeting, board members voted 4 to 1 against granting the parish request.

TWO DAYS later Mr. Ambrose returned from vacation and reversed Mr. Hull's ruling. He based his opinion on legal decisions made in other states since the 1927 Ohio case.

Meanwhile, the board has taken the conflicting opinions "under advisement." One member said he believed a special meeting would be called.

## Reds Close Hungarian Seminaries

Vienna—(NC)—More than half of Hungary's Catholic seminaries will not be permitted to open their doors this coming fall, according to news received here of a new decree by the Red Budapest regime.

The ruling was reportedly made known by the State Office of Religious Affairs in a note sent to the Hungarian Board of Bishops.

THE SEMINARIES ordered closed are those of the archdioceses of Esztergom and Kalocsa and the dioceses of Pecs, Szekesfehervar, Szombathely, Vac and Veszprem, the report said.

It was earlier reported that the regime had closed the seminaries at Kalocsa and Veszprem. Another seminary at Hejve was already closed last fall.

The seminaries at Esztergom and Kalocsa are under the jurisdiction of His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, and Archbishop Josef Grozsz of Kalocsa, respectively. Both were "tried" and jailed by the Red regime.

THE ONLY Catholic seminaries now remaining open, the report stated, are the interdiocesan theological academy at Budapest and four diocesan seminaries.

One of these is at Nyiregyhaza and trains seminarians for the Byzantine-Rite diocese of Hajdudorog. It is the only Byzantine-Rite Catholic seminary still open behind the Iron Curtain.

## Wheat Given For Hosts At Fatima

Fatima, Portugal—(NC)—Catholic Action members of the Lelia diocese presented 1,300 pounds of wheat to officials for the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima here.

The wheat will be used to make hosts required at the shrine during the next year. The presentation was made at a ceremony marking the 35th anniversary of one of the apparitions of Our Lady. Some 200 sick were brought to the shrine to receive the Blessing for the sick during the Mass.

Also present were a group of American sailors whose ships were anchored at Lisbon.

## NEW BOOK FOR NURSES



This missal-sized book, the first of its type to be published as a reference to aid nurses and others charged with the care of the sick in realizing and fulfilling their spiritual as well as practical responsibilities, is exhibited by its author, Sister Mary Bernice Beck, O.S.F. (left) of the Department of Nursing Education, Marquette University, Milwaukee. Student nurse Barbara Sherburne (right) looks on approvingly. The book entitled: "Handmaid of the Divine Physician," has just been published by Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee. (NC Photos).

## Beatification Proceeding Starts For Scottish Nun

Edinburgh, Scotland — (NC) — The apostolic process has opened here for the beatification of Margaret Sinclair, saintly Scottish factory worker who became a Poor Clare 29 years ago.

An American Franciscan, the Rev. Eric O'Brien, has come from Rome, to examine witnesses in the presence of Archbishop Gordon Gray of St. Andrews and Edinburgh and a bench of clerical judges.

THEY ARE hearing the story, told by people who knew her, of an ordinary working-class Edinburgh girl who fell in love and became engaged, but finally entered the convent. There was nothing exceptional about her on the surface but her inner spiritual devotion led her eventually to realize that she had a religious vocation.

MARGARET WAS born in a two-roomed Edinburgh apartment, the third child of Andrew Sinclair, a workman, and his wife Elizabeth (Kelly).

After her death a sudden, popular devotion sprang up around her. Her body was taken from London to Edinburgh and, only 16 months after she died, a national committee was set up to study her cause.

# Red Zone Germans Defy Communists, Attend Catholic Day

By REV. DR. MAX JORDAN

Berlin — (NC) — Some 30,000 Catholics of the Soviet zone of Germany braved the anger of their Red rulers by attending the Katholikentag (Catholics' Day) here in an unprecedented mass pilgrimage.

The tremendous influx of Red-zone Germans found the organizers of the meeting hard put to find accommodations for all. Many lived in tent camps hurriedly set up on the western fringes of the city.

THE GREAT concourse of Germans from the remotest corners of the Red-zone was seen as an eloquent though silent protest against the attempt of the Red rulers to keep them from participating in the meetings. It was also regarded here as an impressive display of solidarity with their West German brethren.

In the face of the mass pilgrimage the German communist authorities announced that special trains would be available for east-zone visitors returning home after the convention. They even supplied some quantities of straw for emergency bedding in the eastern sector of the city.

BUT THE special trains will not be used by at least 100 of the Soviet-zone visitors. They have

## Catholics' Day Draws Protestants

Berlin—(NC)—Katholikentag means Catholics' Day. But this did not keep Protestants from the Soviet zone from participating in the convention.

Many Protestants flocked to the sessions here apparently to express their protest against the Red ruling which makes it impossible for them to go to Stuttgart to attend the Protestant national convention his coming week.

announced that they will seek asylum in the west.

"Thank God we refused to be scared," Prince Carl Loewenstein, chairman of the Katholikentag steering committee, declared. "Even though Brandenburg Gate (the east-west border) would have been sealed off, our brothers in the east would have kept contact with us. Now the whole world knows how the German people really feel!"

THE TALKS and discussions at the meeting stressed faith and unity as against division and religious persecution.

For the first time in history the Katholikentag was presided over by a woman. She was Frau Hedwig Klauers, widow of Eric Klauers, the former Catholic Action leader here who was murdered by a Nazi agent in the 'blood purge' of June 30, 1934.

Ten German Bishops attended sessions, including two from the Soviet zone. They were Bishops Henry Wienken of Meissen and Frederick Rintelen, Auxiliary of Paderborn, who came from Magdeburg.

The convention was formally opened in simultaneous mass meetings attended by 100,000 people on the exhibition grounds across the street from Berlin's Radio City. Though in the British sector, it is still under Soviet control.

## 'Flying' Archbishop Returns To Canada

Fort Resolution, Northwest Territories, Canada—(NC)—Canada's 25-year-old "Flying Archbishop" has come "home."

Archbishop Gabriel Bruyat, O.M.I., former Vicar-Apostolic of Mackenzie, who has been living in retirement in his native France for the past ten years, has returned to his vast diocese in northern Canada. He has come back to observe the 50th anniversary of his consecration with those who were his fellow missionaries and his flock.

Despite his age, he arrived by plane. He was one of the first Canadian missionaries prelates to use a plane to cover his diocese. And that after he had reached the age of 74.

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