

## New Orleans Chancery Bans Relics Sale

New Orleans—(NC)—The sale of relics of saints by New Orleans shops dealing in antiques and art objects has brought a warning from the Archdiocese Chancery office to Catholics that they must not buy such relics.

"REPORTS HAVE reached the Chancery," said the warning, "that certain shops in which antiques or objects of art are sold, also have for sale certain objects, resembling picture frames in some instances or jewel cases in others, which apparently contain relics of the saints."

"It is wrong to buy or sell relics. Church authorities are warned that they must carefully see to it that sacred relics, especially those of the True Cross, be not offered for sale, especially on the occasion of the settlement of estates or of promiscuous sales, and that they do not pass into the hands of non-Catholics. Pope Leo XIII even ordered that Christians should not purchase relics held by infidels for the purpose of restoring them to the Church."

THE WARNING continues: "Distinguished relics of the saints may not be kept in private homes or in private chapels in homes without the express permission of the local Bishop. The remains of a saint, or a notable part thereof (as for example, the arm of St. Francis Xavier which we had occasion to venerate in New Orleans) are known as distinguished relics. Ordinary, smaller relics may be kept in private houses and may be worn by the faithful."

## Quebec Assembly Salutes Cardinal

Quebec—(NC)—The Quebec Legislative Assembly in a unanimous action has expressed congratulations and best wishes to Archbishop Paul Emile LeGere of Montreal on his designation to the Sacred College of Cardinals. The motion was presented by Premier Maurice Duplessis and seconded by George C. Marier, Liberal leader and leader of the Official Opposition in the Quebec House.

## 'ALTAR BOY NAMED SPECK'



When Mr. Tut LeBlanc, cartoonist and creator of "Altar Boy Named Speck" (syndicated by N.C.W.C. Feature Service) received this picture of a real altar boy named Speck he was surprised! Pictured, left, is Gerard Speck, 8½, of St. Francis Xavier School, Philadelphia, now in his first year on the altar and proud to be called "An Altar Boy Named Speck." He is shown (left photo) in the snapshot photo in somewhat the same position as in the cartoon. (NC Photos).

## Nazi Leader's Son Makes Simple Vow In Novitiate

Munich—(NC)—Martin Bormann, Jr., son of the missing former deputy of Adolf Hitler, has made his simple vows as a member of the Missionary Fathers of the Sacred Heart. It has been learned here.

The young man, one of the eight children of the man who was one of the bitterest foes of the Catholic Church in Germany, became a Catholic after the war. His FOUR sisters and two of his brothers also joined the Church. Young Bormann attended the Canisius Catholic boys' school at Ingolstadt, which is conducted by the Missionary Fathers of the Sacred Heart and finished his studies there in Summer 1951. Later that year he entered the congregation's novitiate at Federsun, near Villach, Austria.

REPORTS EARLIER this year stated that the young man was "very happy" in his monastic life and fervently devout. His Brothers of Charity.

## Munich Jews Laud Cardinal Foe Of Nazis

Munich—(NC)—The Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation here has honored the memory of the late Cardinal Archbishop Faulhaber of Munich for his battle against Nazism.

"For us Jews, Cardinal Faulhaber will always remain the fighter for freedom and human dignity," said Dr. Singer, president of the society.

Declaring that the late Cardinal was one of the most outstanding personalities in modern-day religious life, Dr. Singer said that the courageous battle for his faith and human values had won him esteem and love far beyond denominational boundaries. The speakers particularly recalled the advent sermons of the late Cardinal, in which he condemned the Nazi racial fanaticism of which the Jews of Germany were the principal targets.

## Church Tax Banned In Red Berlin

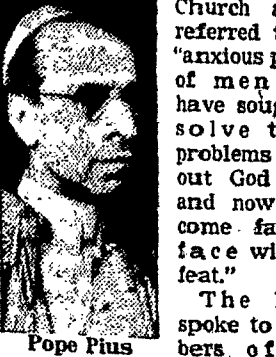
Berlin—(NC)—Catholic and Protestant church authorities in the communist-ruled sector of Berlin anticipate grave difficulties following an announcement that church taxes will no longer be collected by the city tax bureau.

This decision, which goes into effect on January 1, will force the churches to set up their own tax collection system. Heretofore, and in accordance with the traditional practice throughout Germany and many other continental countries, state and city tax authorities also collected the church taxes and transferred them to the administrative bodies of the churches.

This system was continued after the war with the approval of the four occupying powers in Germany. The announcement that church taxes would no longer be collected together with the withholding tax on salaries and wages was made by the communist-ruled city administration of East Berlin.

## Pope Cites Red Return To Church

Vatican City—(NC)—Pope Plus XII took note of the trend of communist conversions to the Church as he referred to the "anxious prayer of men who have sought to solve their problems without God . . . and now have come face to face with defeat."



The Pope spoke to members of the Artistic Workers Association of Rome. Some who tried to solve life's problems without God, the Pontiff said, have become disheartened "because of the brittleness of the houses in which they dwell and the precarious state of the institutions in which they have trusted."

"It is enough therefore to know how to understand the voices which reach our ears," the Pope declared. "It is enough to fathom its still deep and hidden meaning to realize that many are preparing themselves for a return to the house of their father, even those who had forgotten it."

Il Tempo, a Rome daily, interpreted the Pope's remarks as an "evident reference" to the case of Luigi Silipo, Italian communist deputy who recently bolted the party and returned to the Church.

## Inaugural Committee Names Archbishop

Washington—(NC)—Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington has been named to the committee arranging for the inauguration of Dwight D. Eisenhower as President of the United States on January 20.

Joseph C. McGarraghy, inaugural committee chairman, announced Archbishop O'Boyle has been named a co-chairman of the sub-committee on religious observances. Other co-chairmen are Bishop Angus Durr of the Episcopal church and Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld.

## Birth Control Group Seeks Ford Fund Aid

Tokyo—(NC)—The Foundation Institute For Research of Population Problems in Japan has decided to ask the Ford Foundation for \$1,327,780.

THIS PROPOSAL, brought up at the Institute's meeting on Nov. 15, was strongly opposed by some members of the Institute but passed by a plurality of votes though there were many abstentions. Main purpose of this request is to obtain money for the promotion of the birth control movement throughout Japan though some of the money may be applied to national and local population conferences, sending scholars to America, etc.

THE INSTITUTE is not an organ of the government but many of its members are government officials. The letter requesting the fund was written by Mr. Tachi, a government official of the Japan National Population Research Institute who visited the United States about a year ago.

Prominent among the Americans he met at that time was Dr. Clarence J. Rumble of Milton, Mass., who recently came to Japan to help the institute in its efforts towards more widespread birth control.

## Murphys, Kellys Hold First Spot At Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Ind.—(NC)—Three full platoons of Murphys are enrolled at the University of Notre Dame—known on the football field as the Fighting Irish.

The 53 Murphys, according to the Student Directory for 1952-53, constitute the largest group of students with the same name at Notre Dame. In addition, one of the University's vice-presidents, its public information director and three faculty members also belong to the Murphy clan.

The Kellys have the second largest contingent on the Notre Dame campus with a total of 23. Twenty Sullivans, 19 Ryans, 17 O'Connors and Burkes and an even dozen Gallaghers are also listed in the Directory.

## 78-Year-Old Lawyer Marks First Year As Benedictine Priest

Cincinnati—(NC)—Giving up a successful law practice to retire in one's old age might be normal procedure. But it wasn't the thing for Louis J. Esterman. For 78-year-old Louis Esterman has just wound up his first year as Father Marian Esterman, O.S.B.

The white-haired Benedictine priest doesn't see anything very strange about it. "St. Paul was a tent-maker and a lawyer before he began to preach the Word of God," he says. "And I was in the canvass business before I became a lawyer."

NOW A MEMBER of St. Martin's abbey at Olympia, Wash., the former Seattle attorney returned to Cincinnati to celebrate the first anniversary of his ordination at St. Joseph's Church, the site of his baptism. There he celebrated solemn Mass in honor of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, whose name he took when he became a monk.

Father Marian credits his present status to the Blessed Mother and another woman, Agnes Fanning Esterman—his wife. Mrs. Esterman died in 1943 after they had lived "an ideal married life" for 40 years, and it was then that he decided to enter the priesthood.

Speaking of his late wife, the new priest said recently, "I met her just as she was concluding a novena to the Sacred Heart to find out what her vocation was." Then he added with a smile: "I guess you could call me the answer to a maiden's prayer." It was his wife who convinced him to receive Holy Communion daily, he said.

To become a Benedictine, of course, lawyer Esterman had to give up all his possessions and take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. And now he must ask his superior for leave when he has reason to travel. "In fact," he said, "I had to ask my Abbot for a hat when I was going to leave for Cincinnati. . . . He gave me his."

While Father Marian no longer practices law, the Bar Association of the State of Washington has made him an honorary member, with no obligation to pay dues, but with all the privileges of membership.

## Negro Priest, U.S. Trained, Named Bishop

Bay St. Louis, Miss.—(NC)—Father Joseph Bowers, S.V.D., 42, a Negro priest-alumnus of St. Augustine's Seminary here, has been named Auxiliary Bishop of Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa by His Holiness Pope Plus XII.

News of the appointment was called by the Divine Word Generalate in Rome to Father William C. Bauer, S.V.D., provincial of the Southern American Province of the Society of the Divine Word. In his new post, Bishop-designate Bowers will assist Bishop Adolph A. Noser, S.V.D., of Accra.

FATHER BOWERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheriff Bowers, was born on March 28, 1910 at Velle Case, Dominica, West Indies. He was educated in the public school of his hometown of which his father was principal. He entered St. Augustine's Seminary in 1928 and graduated from the Junior College in 1931. He made his novitiate at East Troy, Wis., where he pronounced his first vows in the Divine Word society. He returned to the seminary here in 1933 and for five years pursued his philosophical and theological studies.

He pronounced his perpetual vows in September, 1938 and was sent to Rome to complete his last year of theology. He was ordained in Rome on January 22, 1939. He was named a Gold Coast missionary a few months later, shortly after the Divine Word missionaries took over the West Africa mission territory. IN 1948, Father Bowers was named assistant to the Divine Word superior of the mission. In 1950, he was again sent to Rome for higher studies in Canon Law. Last June, he received the degree of Licentiate from the Gregorian University and then returned to Accra.

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