

BOOK REVIEWS

Listen, Vienna!

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LISTEN, VIENNA! A Life of St. Clement Hofbauer, O.S.A., by James J. Galvin, O.S.A., adapted from the German of Wilhelm Hausermann. Illustrated. Pp. 287. \$2.95.

You would not think it could be done—that such tender, grand, fatherly storytelling could compass such great ends as the authentic portrait of a powerful saint, his apostolate in a harassed and partitioned country, and his decisive part in a major struggle of Holy Church.

Yet here it is, the joint success of its priest-author, Redemptorist translator, and Redemptorist saint who inspired it. Clement Hofbauer's resources in the battle for Christ were boundless, as to say: roses for Our Lady, bread in Saint Joseph, fresh-made bread for hungry men.

THE CHARM of sheer goodness touches the reader to tears in the first simple scene of Bavarian family life and sorrowful spiritual values unobscuredly deepen with the adventuring of young baker-boy Hansl (the future Clement) and his baker friend Peter Kunzmann down into Umbria, where they enter upon the life of hermits.

How the persistent call to the priesthood is touched to fire by the heart-breaking suppression of the Jesuits just when the Church most needed them is a story in itself; and there is another in the way God chose to implement His call. In fact, events in the saint's life steadily increase in excitement and scope as all Europe reacts to the unleashed forces of the Enlightenment and of Napoleon's conquests.

CLEMENT COMES as a Redemptorist to Warsaw just when Poland has entered upon her long passion. It is the time of the Second Partition, when the Russian bear has "pulled both paws out of the swamp", out of Swedish conflicts to the North and Turkish to the South, so that she can "lunge at her former darling," the Poland of King Stanislaus Poniatowski.

"No Saint, much less a German one, could govern his Warsaw flock or quell a Rising in that hour; it proved a crucible for Clement and for his new Redemptorist foundation. LISTEN, VIENNA!" sends the reader to look again at the novels of Quo

Modern Organ Installed in Old St. Mary's Church

Installation of a modern and suitable organ for Old St. Mary's Church, Washington Park, Rochester, was announced today by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. James E. McAniff, pastor and Chancellor of the diocese.

Groundwork for the new organ was in the planning stage for several years. After consultation with the leading organ builders and architects, Old St. Mary's pastor gave the contracts to Austin Organs, Inc., of Hartford, Conn.

ACTUAL BUILDING took a period of 18 months. Trained men from the factory spent four months installing and finishing the instrument in the downtown church.

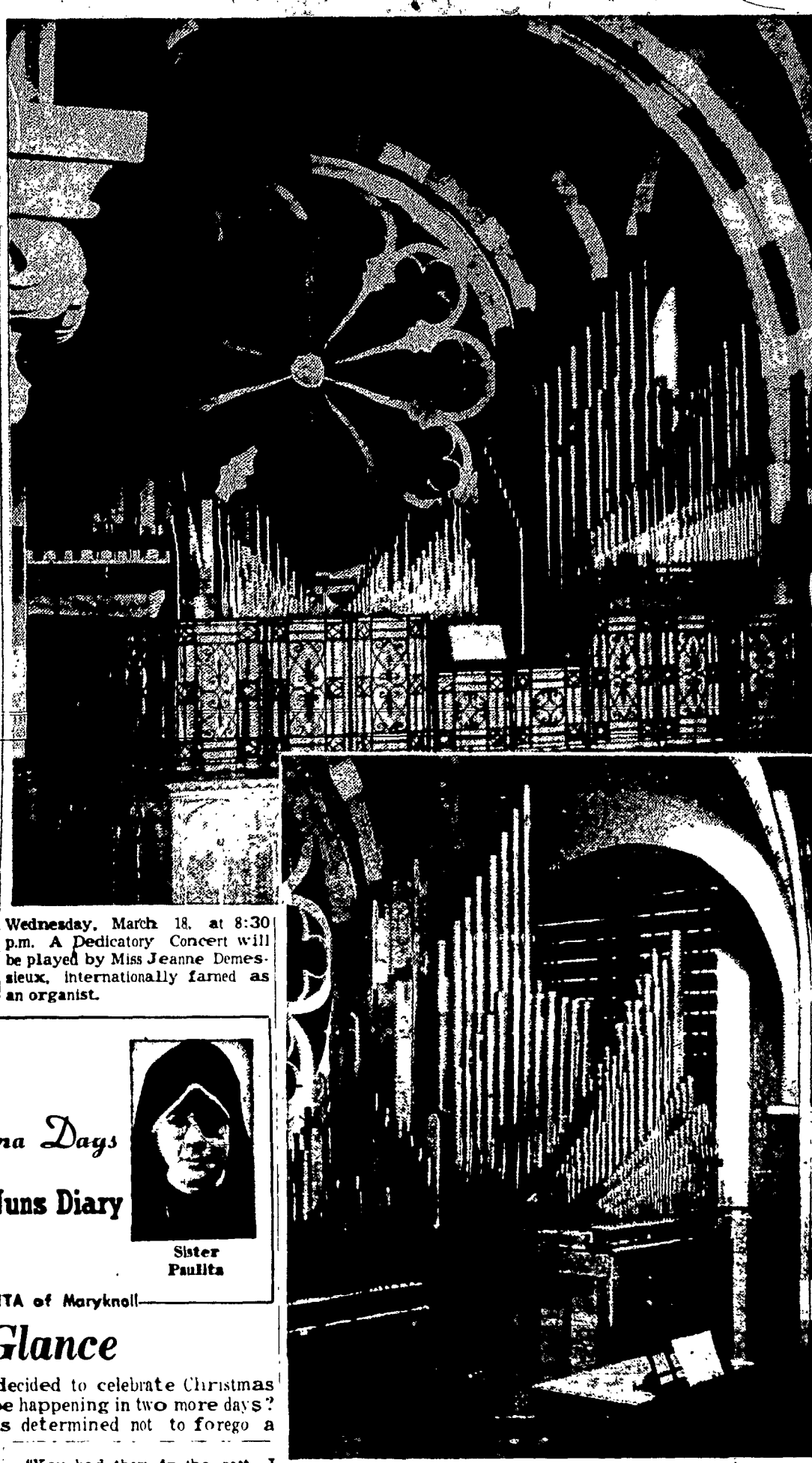
St. Mary's organ is well equipped to play any type of music from chant accompaniment to the big organ works of Bach and the recital works of modern composers. It has more than 3,000 pipes divided among 3 manuals and pedals. The organ has 52 stops and each manual has an independent Diapason chorus.

Basically it is classical in design, adding such colorful stops as English horn, clarinet, soft flutes, strings and celestes. In line with modern organ building many of the actual pipes are left in the open.

THE ORGAN was designed by Samuel Warren and Richard Piper of the Austin staff. The entire tonal work was directed by Mr. Piper, one of the leading tonal men in the country.

Before joining the Austin Company, Mr. Piper had been chief of the tonal division of the Willis Organ Company of London, England. He has many notable organs to his credit.

Dedication of the Organ with His Excellency Bishop Kearney officiating will take place on



Wednesday, March 18, at 8:30 p.m. A Dedicatory Concert will be played by Miss Jeanne Demessieux, internationally famed as an organist.

Above Photos of New Organ in Old St. Mary's

Japan Catholic Orphanage Named For U. S. Carrier

Shizuoka, Japan—(NC)—Soon a hundred Japanese children will be living at a new Catholic orphanage named here after an American aircraft carrier.

The carrier is the U. S. S. Oriskany, whose name commemorates the American Revolutionary War battle fought at the village of Oriskany in Oneida County, New York. Its name is to be given to the orphanage addition in appreciation of a gift of 1,161,000 yen—(\$3,225) from the carrier's crew.

WHILE SERVING with Task Force 77 on Korea, the Oriskany sailors heard that a group of Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco needed financial help for the long-sought orphanage addition. The Sisters' need was first brought to the attention of Father (Commander) Gabriel Barras, S.J., of New Orleans, ship chaplain, by Miss Peggy De Benedictis, of Galloway, Ohio, a ship's service manager at the Kokonaka Naval Base.

Father Barras in turn informed the crew of the Sisters' problem, and the response was quick and generous.

When the Oriskany docked in Yokosuka for a temporary rest period, Capt. Courtney Shands presented a check representing the men's offerings to a little Japanese boy who headed a group of orphans from Shizuoka to receive it on behalf of the orphanage. It was then that the Oriskany crew was told that the new building would be named after their ship.

It's nice to see a bride cut a cake but it's nicer to see her bake one.

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By SISTER PAULITA of Maryknoll

Last Glance

December 23, 1950. We decided to celebrate Christmas early. Who knew what would be happening in two more days? Sister Marion Cordis was determined not to forego a Christmas tree. She salvaged a goodish bit of tinsel (at least ten years old!) from the bottom of a trunk and outlined a Christmas tree against our dark wall. Balls and candles, angels, fruits and stars were made of colored paper, but they gave a festive touch.

Presenters were spread for the four of us—profuse in quantity if nothing in quality. A spool of thread, a pair of bamboo chopsticks, several little notebooks for Chinese study, a set of the Four Seasons—bright colored prints on paper. The most expensive gifts were two galvanized iron pails we had bought on that last shopping trip. And all done up in Christmas paper which had seen almost as many Christmases as we had!

BEST OF ALL was the crib. The stable itself, an overturned bamboo stool; the figures set in a few wisps of straw. If the Bambino had not had his own plaster straw, He would indeed have had a hard couch at Wee Chao!

We were awfully merry about it all. St. Paul was right when he said, "Having nothing, yet possessing all things." Really, now that's the only time you do possess all things, isn't it?

Mr. Li was our first (and only) Christmas caller. He came about ten on Christmas morning, bringing a sheaf of printed forms.

"On these you will declare all your guns and ammunition, as well as radio sets, secret wireless, et cetera," he announced blandly. "Then you are to take the papers to the police in Ming Chang."

"BUT WE DON'T have anything like that! You have been all through this house, Mr. Li, and you know we don't have any guns."

At the bridge, two women came after us waving and calling frantically: "Don't go to the Church! There is trouble and many soldiers are around there." But we went on anyway. We wanted to know about any trouble there: it was only a few blocks away.

Right over the mission compound gate was a huge sign: **CHRISTMAS MUST BE STOPPED!** And standing there were several armed guards. They did not know who or what we were. They spoke Mandarin Chinese and we spoke the local dialect. So they led us to their Commander who was then in the Bishop's house.

As we entered the building we saw the situation. The Bishop had been arrested on December 22. We could see him, at that moment undergoing examination; and search in his office, which was next to the little reception room where we were put to await the Commander. The door between was open.

THE BISHOP, we could see, was seated in the middle of his office. Three guards stood in corners with their guns trained on him, while the Commander rooted through files and drawers.

We spoke very loudly to the guards—hoping the Bishop would hear us. He did. He turned and saw us. Then he made a large gesture in the air as if brushing a fly away. It was a huge Sign of the Cross. After that, he gave us a broad wink.

The Commander came out to attend to us. "Yes," he said, "you may go over to the convent and stay with the five Maryknoll Sisters there."

WITH A last glance at the Bishop who had been our spiritual father for many years, we left the building.

We never saw him again. In April he was taken to Canton, where he died in prison 10 months later.

NEXT WEEK: Down with the Church!

Homeless Sisters Plead

Last year the Adaranta Sisters opened a home at Channacherry, India. Their Chaplain writes, "This home is too small; their BEDROOM, their CHAPEL, their DINING ROOM is the SAME ROOM." To build a new convent for TWELVE SISTERS we must have \$5,000. The names of those who help them will be daily blessed as they tread in adoration.

NOT TOO LATE to write for our GIFT CARD for Easter. It will tell a friend or loved one that a Near East missioner will offer Mass for them at Easter or that you have given a sacred article to a mission chapel in their honor. A lovely HOLY LAND SOUVENIR with a chip of rock from Calvary is enclosed also.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT of becoming a member of one or more of our seven mission support clubs. Members give \$1 MONTHLY. In March, MARYS BANK will help the LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR in Istanbul, Turkey. The Sisters of the Apostles in Bethlehem will get ORPHANS BREAD. BASILIANS will help build the school at Pashoor, India. CHRISTOSTOMOS educate our seminarians.

Fr. Tushy is working with the refugee Arabs from Palestine spread through many camps in the Near East lands. He writes from one camp. "The roof of the kindergarten is leaking like a sieve. The floor was a sea of mud." The children had to be sent home. Rain is very frequent there until late spring. \$100 will repair the roof for him.

POOR SISTER JEANNE-NICOLAS writes pathetically that she needs \$150 a year for the next two years while she is in training with the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts, at Biktaya. Could you give her the yearly cost of her support? Give in monthly payments or all at once.

We try to add mite to mite for our Fatima Chapel in Ethiopia. Can you give \$1? A block costs \$10. A large Mass book for the high altar at this shrine will cost \$50. Could you give it in memory of a departed friend or relative? It will be used every morning at Mass. They will share in every Mass.

You will enjoy our HOLY LAND FILM. The scenes of Our Savior's passion and death are just right for Lent. Rental, \$6; sale, \$45. This 16mm. film has the best of religious music.

FEDILE means faithful in Italian. Fedile just entered his first of six years study for the priesthood with the Franciscans in Eritrea. He needs \$100 each year for his training, \$600 in all. He will be over "faithful" in praying daily for a kind sponsor. Can you adopt him by giving him \$100 yearly in any payment?

What a pitiful sight is the waiting body of a leper! The heroic work of the Australian Sisters at the hospital at Sheralley is worthy of your charity. India has a large number of lepers. Your offerings to our LEPER FUND will help their work.

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