

Cardinal Stepinac Gives Church-State Formula For Tito

St. Paul, Minn.—(NC)—His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac has given his own formula for a Church-state agreement which Tito says he is so anxious to achieve.

The semi-imprisoned Archbishop of Zagreb expressed his ideas in an interview granted to *Trud* in an interview granted to *Trud* in the *Catholic Digest's* April issue. "What we ask here in Yugoslavia, what we always claimed as the Catholic Church's basic demands, have remained the same throughout recent years," Cardinal Stepinac told Mrs. Lessing.

"WE DEMAND THE right of Catholic education for children of Catholic parents, that is, free Catholic schools; freedom of religious teaching; and the possibility of Scripture lessons either in school or in the rectory, if no local Catholic school exists. We demand the right of a free Catholic press and the abolition of obligatory civil marriage."

The Cardinal was imprisoned by the Tito regime in 1946 for alleged war crimes and granted a conditional release a little over a year ago. He is now confined to his native town of Kraljevo and is not permitted by the communist regime to function as the Archbishop of Zagreb. The Pope rewarded him for his heroic constancy by creating him a Cardinal earlier this year.

Venezuela Plans Catholic University

Carracas, Venezuela.—(NC)—Plans for establishing Venezuela's first Catholic university were approved here at the Second Assembly of Catholic High Schools. The sessions were attended by large groups of priests, educators and lay apostolate leaders.

It was announced that the university, creation of which was recommended by the Venezuelan Hierarchy two years ago, would be open to graduates of all Catholic high schools in the capital. Courses are expected to be inaugurated within the next twelve months.

Priest Home From Moscow Post



THREE YEARS IN RUSSIA — The Rev. John O. Arthur Brannard, A.A., of Worcester, Mass., happy to be home after spending three years in Moscow as the only Catholic priest there, is greeted at the Idlewild N. Y. airport by members of his family upon his arrival here. Welcoming him are: Sister Louise Roberts of Hartford, Conn., his sister; and Lucien Brannard of Lowell, Mass., his father. Father Brannard, who ministered to the spiritual needs of members of the American diplomatic colony in Moscow, was replaced by the Rev. Georges Bisognette, A.A., of Assumption College, Worcester, Mass. (Religious News Service Photo)

Better Business Bureau Warns On Feeney Groups

Springfield, Mass.—A warning that followers of the Rev. Leonard J. Feeney, Boston Catholic priest recently excommunicated, may be misrepresenting their literature as sanctioned by the Roman Catholic Church, was issued here by the Better Business Bureau.

The Bureau said its interest in the matter stemmed from a recent visit here of two of Father Feeney's followers who sought to speak to Catholic employees of a local workshop.

British Bishops Aid Dutch Flood Victims

London.—(NC)—British Catholics, themselves badly hit by recent widespread floods, applauded a gift sent by the Hierarchy to similar sufferers in Holland.

The gift—a sum equivalent to \$16,500—was donated by the Bishops of England and Wales to Holland's food relief fund. It was sent personally by His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, to His Eminence Jon Cardinal de Jong, Archbishop of Utrecht.

Blind Nun Helped Sighted Man Become Priest

Montreal.—(NC)—Sister Fabiola Provost, 66, who in surmounting the handicap of blindness, assisted a sightless man to attain the priesthood and herself became an accomplished musician, died here after a lengthy illness.

She was a member of the Grey Nuns of Montreal for 41 years; the first blind woman to become a member of the community. Since her profession in 1911, two other blind women joined the nuns.

SISTER FABIOLA lost her sight when 15. She entered Nazareth Institute, where she studied music. After graduation in 1908, she joined the Grey Nuns and from 1911 to 1940 taught music at Nazareth Institute.

Always cheerful, she enlisted many persons to assist the blind. She was an organizer of the Apostleship of Prayer and of retreats for sightless persons.

SHE HELPED Father Roland Campbell, a Victorian, to attain the priesthood. He has been blind since birth. A special dispensation by Pope Pius XII permitted his ordination.

Sister Fabiola and other friends of the blind transcribed into Braille the necessary texts for Father Campbell's philosophical and theological studies. Throughout her last illness, Sister Fabiola continued her work of aiding the blind.

Catholic Army Chaplain Named Brigadier General

Washington.—(NC)—Msgr. Patrick J. Ryan, deputy chief of Army Chaplains, was called into the office of his chief at the Pentagon and stripped of his silver eagles as a colonel. But the chief, Maj. Gen. Ivan L. Bennett, immediately replaced the eagles with the star insignia of a brigadier general.

The headquarters staff of the chaplain chief's office witnessed the ceremony and heard General Bennett praise Monsignor Ryan for the long and faithful service he had given the Army. Fittingly the ceremony took place on the eve of St. Patrick's Day.

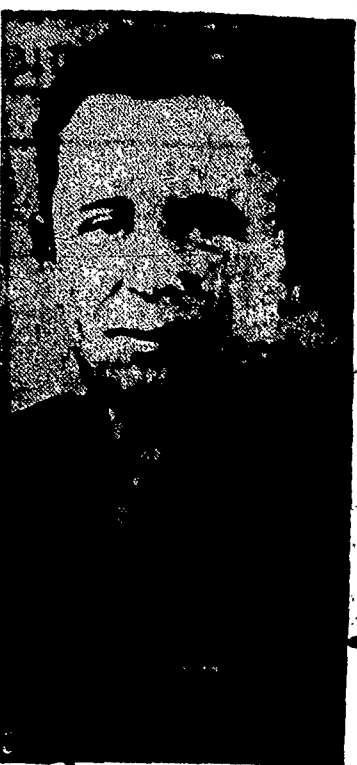
MONSIGNOR RYAN, a native of Litchfield, Minn., and a priest of the St. Paul archdiocese, has been on duty as deputy chief of Army Chaplains since last August when he succeeded Msgr. (Brig. Gen.) James H. O'Neill, priest of the Helena diocese, who retired.

The multi-decorated Monsignor Ryan previously served as deputy chief of Army Chaplains from 1946 until 48, then left to become chief chaplain with the 6th Army in San Francisco.

During World War II, Monsignor Ryan saw service in north Africa and with the 5th Army in Italy. He was decorated with the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, five battle stars and the arrowhead for the north Africa and Salerno campaigns. He also was decorated by three foreign governments—England's Order of the British Empire, Italy's Order of Crown and Bronze Medal for Valor, and Brazil's Medal of War.

THE CEREMONY marking his promotion to general rank was not as surprising as the one which saw him elevated from lieutenant colonel to colonel. Monsignor Ryan was serving with the 5th Army in Italy at the time.

It was Christmas, 1944. The Monsignor just had finished offering a Solemn Midnight Mass in a chapel just back of the front lines. At the conclusion of the Mass, after Monsignor Ryan had left the altar, Gen. Mark W. Clark, then 5th Army commander and now in command in the Far East, arose and asked the soldier congregation to remain in the pews.



MONSIGNOR RYAN

The General then walked to the sanctuary, removed the silver leaves of a Lieutenant colonel from the Monsignor's tunic and as a Christmas gift pinned on the eagles of a colonel.

Focus On Altar Boston.—(NC)—The altar—not the chancel—should be the center of attention in church, Father Francis S. Shea of Boston declared in an article explaining the new regulations for church music in the Boston archdiocese.

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