

# Emergency Laws Urged To Help Poor Refugees

Washington — (NC) — Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders claiming to act on behalf of 100 million local church and synagogue members told President Eisenhower the situation affecting refugees is so acute that emergency legislation to admit them to the United States is essential.

The group, which called at the White House included Magr. Edward E. Swanson, executive director, War Relief Services; National Catholic Welfare Conference, Dr. Walter W. Van Klief, executive director, Department of International Justice and Council of the National Council of Churches; Dr. Paul C. Brande, director, National Lutheran Council; Walter Bieringer, president, United Service for New Americans (with the approval of other national Jewish organizations), and Roland Ellett, director, Immigration Service, Church World Service.

Commending the President for his proposal that Congress grant 200,000 non-quota visas for refugees, the group said the program is "urgently needed" for the following reasons:

"It is in line with a sound American foreign policy in that it offers sanctuary to a number of those who have fled communism."

"It gives us men and women whose talents are needed in American agriculture, industry, science and the arts."

"It reaffirms America's leadership among other nations in relieving the greatest human world problem."

The religious leaders told the President their organizations wanted to help in improving the basic immigration law, which they said was a question requiring immediate attention.

The group said that their support of the emergency program is wholehearted. "It is our hope," they stated, "that the emergency law be completely bipartisan. This is a time for bipartisan action and unity. American politicians and political parties should not be divided."

## Korea Chaplain Survives Shelling

Exeter, N. H. — (NC) — A former Exeter priest has survived narrow escape in a dangerous tour of duty in Korea.

Father (Capt.) A. Andrew Miller, formerly of St. Michael's Church here, was meeting in the front on one occasion when his jeep was shelled three different times, according to word received here.

Father Miller, who is recalled in the Army in February, 1952, has been serving in the front lines for the past eight months. Attached to the artillery units of the 40th Division, he has survived an attack for three battalions. Although much of his hazardous traveling has been done by jeep, Father Miller has also resorted to helicopter sometimes to reach front-line positions.

Prior to his active service, Father Miller served as chaplain of the New Hampshire National Guard and as chaplain at the big Greater Air Base in Manchester.

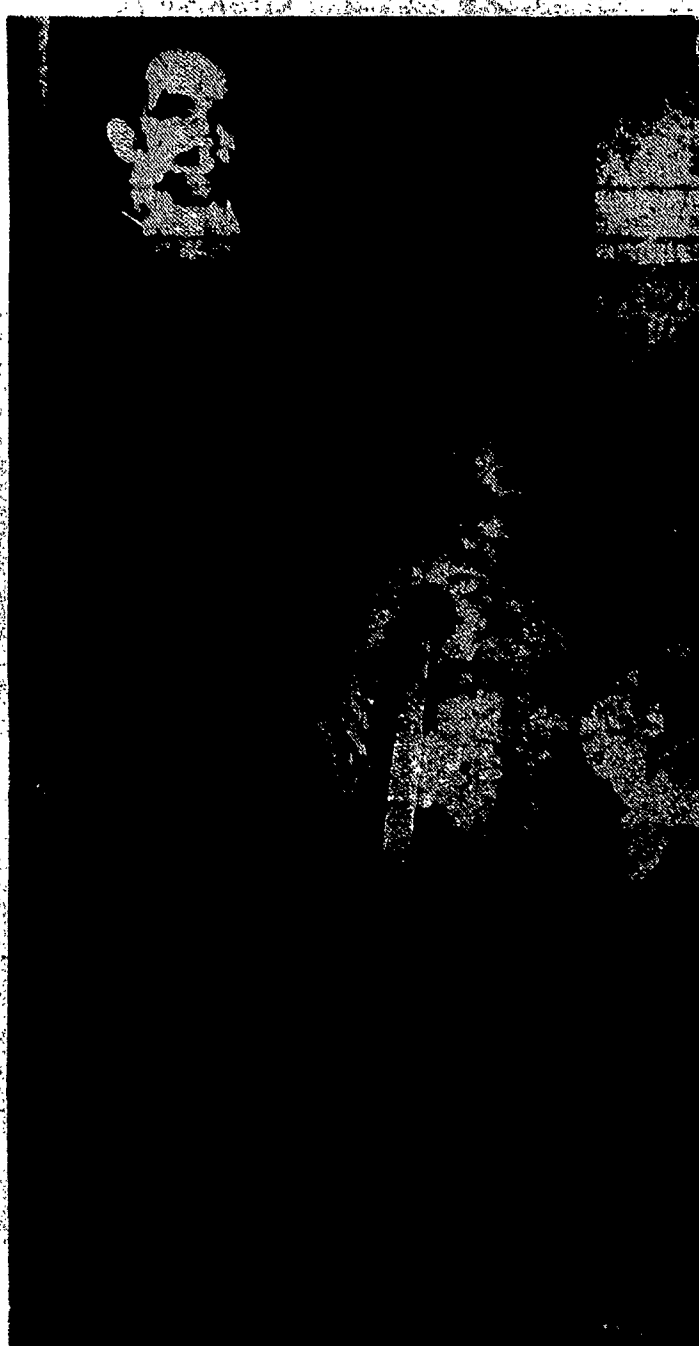
## Spanish Missioner Expelled From China

Hong Kong — (CNNS) — The Rev. Francis Zeng, 56-year-old Spanish Jesuit, has been expelled from Communist China on charges of being "an imperialist and capitalist."

On his arrival here, Zeng had already declared that he had been expelled from Yulin, Shensi Province, where he had been working for several years. He was urged by Communist officials to return to his country so that he could be tried.

The priest, a member of the Society of Jesus, has been in China for 25 years, and has been a single member of the parish since he arrived in 1928. He was expelled from the country in 1952.

## GETS COMFORTING HAND



Father, Korea—A Korean orphan sheltered at the L.M. Flower Catholic Orphanage here receives a comforting hand from Father Louis Desobry. The youngster holds in his arms clothing received from U. S. servicemen attached to the First Marine Aircraft Wing in Korea. The Marines held a successful clothing drive for the orphans under the inspiration of their chaplain, the Rev. Paul J. LaDus, O.F.M. (Cap) of Buffalo, N.Y.

## Red Leaders Plan 'Church' In Soviet Zone

Berlin — (RNS) — Communist leaders of East Germany have revived plans to set up a "National Church" in the Soviet Zone, it was reported here.

The West Berlin Daily Telegraph said the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity (Communist) Party has scheduled a joint meeting of two "progressive" clergymen's groups in the near future to launch the project.

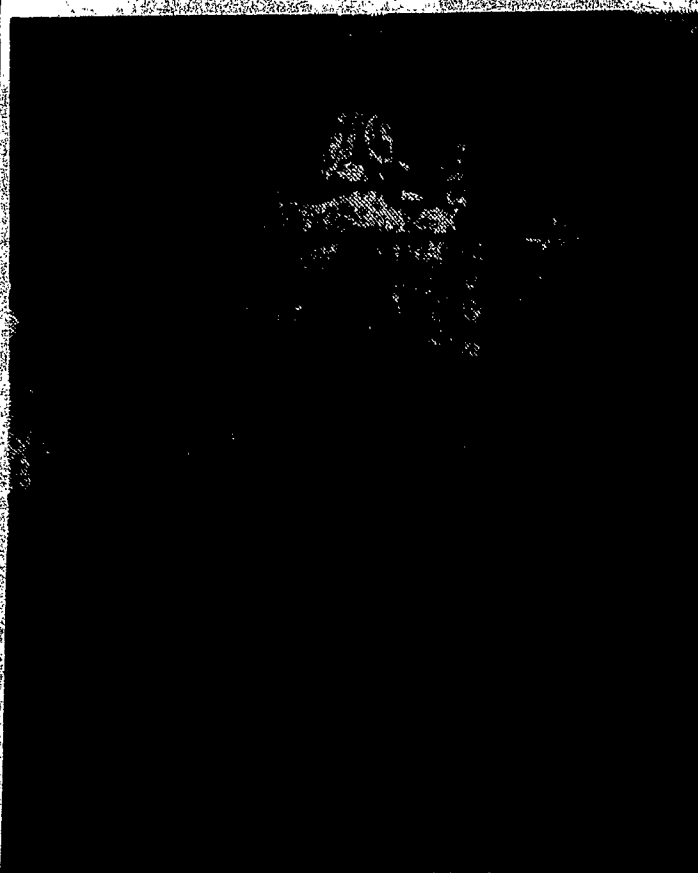
The two groups are the Working Committee for the Creation of a German National Church and the Central Christian Working Circle for Peace, a subdivision of the Communist-sponsored German Peace Council.

THE FIRST GROUP is headed by former Evangelical Pastor Karl Kleinschmidt of Schwerin, one of the leading pro-Communist clergymen in the Soviet Zone. He has long been groomed by the Communists as a key figure in the creation of a "People's Church."

Leaders of the second group are theology professor Emil Fuchs of Leipzig, father of German-born atom spy Klaus Fuchs, who is now serving a prison sentence in England; Pastor Johannes Herz, theology professor at Leipzig University and leader of several Communist-sponsored "peace" organizations; and Pastor Erich Arndt of Roedel.

FORMATION OF a "National Church" in East Germany was promoted by Communists in 1950 but the project was suddenly abandoned early in 1951. Observers believed at that time that this policy change was the result of Communist "tactical considerations." Communist leaders, it was felt, were more interested in trying to use the Evangelical Church as a propaganda instrument for the Communist "peace" campaign.

## NOCTURNAL ADORATION



Chap. LaDus, N. C.—Service men and women pray before the Blessed Sacrament during Nocturnal Adoration in the chapel at the U. S. Marine Corps base here.

## New Red Blow Seen In Poland

London — (NC) — A new Communist blow is being planned against the Catholic Church in Poland.

That is the opinion of informed sources here who have anxiously watched the continuing government campaign against the Church and the hierarchy.

They point out that the general Communist technique is first to initiate a vicious campaign of slander against those the regime wishes to persecute, then to plant demands for punishment of these "sinners," and finally to take action against those because of popular demand.

The latest phase of the slander campaign against the Church now in full force for several months — came from the floor of the Polish Parliament.

THE RED DEPUTY from Tarnobrzeg in the Cracow Province charged the "highest Church authorities" with violating "even the obvious obligations resulting from the agreement between the government and the hierarchy."

Referring to them as "Hitler-Atlantic authorities," the deputy declared: "They do not oppose the traitorous activities of spies and diversionists hiding in clerical robes. There has been no evidence of condemnation or punishment of those who abuse ecclesiastical posts for spreading confusion and supporting activities hostile to the People's Poland." The highest Church authorities have failed to draw the proper conclusions from the fact that in Poland power now belongs to the people forever, that capitalists and landowners will never return.

INFORMED SOURCES here do not venture to predict just what the new action against the Church will be. But they predict that the attacks against the hierarchy in general have been insistent and frequent in recent weeks.

They note that several strongly worded attacks have been made in particular against Bishop Zygmunt Chodzinski, the 61-year-old secretary of the Polish Board of Bishops and an Auxiliary to His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland. They consider a "trial" of Bishop Chodzinski or other members of the hierarchy a distinct possibility.

## St. Patrick Strikes Oil Well After Prayers By Texas Girl

Dallas, Tex. — (NC) — The normal procedure for honoring St. Patrick — except for Oranmen, of course, who would rather not — is to celebrate March 17th and let it go at that.

But Betty Brown — an accountant with an oil drilling firm here who is pretty proud of her Irish blood — is well imbued with the Texas tradition of doing things in a BIG WAY.

So when her boss, C. J. Paine, of the Paine Oil Drilling Company, told a conference he'd taken an oil and gas lease on a large tract of land in west Texas, she had a few suggestions. Paine said he had to start drilling some time during March. Betty Brown suggested that since St. Patrick's Day fell within that period, naturally the most auspicious date for the drilling to begin would be the 17th. And she promised she'd personally pray to the Celtic Apostle for an oil well and not just a dry hole.

PAINE AGREED the luck of the Irish might help, and Betty's side was satisfied.

geology of the land indicated oil might be brought in at 1,770 feet — and since there was no known production at that general depth in the area, a successful well would be considered a "discovery well." And when an oil operator gets a discovery well, the Railroad Commission of Texas, the governing body for oil operations, lets him name the whole oil field.

Anyhow, drilling was begun on Mar. 17 on schedule, and completed 10 days later with a very productive well. An official report by the Railroad Commission showed the pay sand between 1,773 and 1,798 feet, with the well bringing in 105 barrels of oil a day.

FOLLOWING THE test, the Paine firm applied for permission to name the field, and sent in the proper forms. The boss was true to his word, and the naming fell to Betty Brown.

## Nation's No. 1 Catholic Mother Celebrates 100th Birthday

St. Cloud, Minn. — (RNS) — Mrs. Catherine Bartholome, who may be described as the Nation's Number 1 Catholic Mother, has celebrated her 100th birthday.

The mother of St. Cloud's Co-adjutor Bishop Peter W. Bartholome, with whom she resides here, and Magr. John M. Bartholome, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Wadena, Minn., was deluged with felicitations, including messages from virtually every member of the United States Hierarchy.

Her birthday occurs on the Feast of St. Monica, patroness of Christian mothers. On that day in 1942, she was chosen by

the National Catholic Congress on Family Life as the Catholic Mother of the Year — the first time that the award was given.

MRS. BARTHOLOME's 100th birthday was a full and joyous occasion. She celebrated a beautiful Mass at St. Paul's Church at which Mrs. Bartholome was surrounded by members of her immediate family, close friends, and clergy and Religious of the St. Cloud and Wadena dioceses.

Then came a luncheon at the Bishop's residence, simultaneously with a luncheon for the clergy of the St. Cloud diocese. There was open house all day and every poster in the diocese as well as many of the laity called to present their congratulations. Father John F. Denery, pastor of St. Paul's Church and chairman of a clergy committee for the celebration, presented Mrs. Bartholome with a spiritual bouquet which had been prepared by the clergy and faithful throughout the diocese.

MRS. BARTHOLOME was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania. She came to this country when she was 11 and her family settled in Wadena. After her marriage to Nicholas Bartholome, also a native of Pennsylvania, they made their home on a farm in Beltsville, Minn. They had 11 children — Bishop Bartholome was the youngest — and nine still are living. Mr. Bartholome died some years ago at the age of 88. Mrs. Bartholome continued to reside at Beltsville until about a year ago when she took up her residence with her Bishop son.

## Holy See And Iran Establish Relations

Rome — (RNS) — Iran and the Holy See have agreed to establish diplomatic relations, it was announced here.

Iran will be represented at the Vatican by its Minister to Switzerland, Ali Mansoury. The Holy See's representative (not yet named) will be an Apostolic Delegate.

Since 1974 the Vatican has had an Apostolic Delegate to Iran but this office was suspended early last year because of political reasons. There has been an Apostolic Delegate to Iran since March when Archbishop Paolo Pellegrini left Rome to become Archbishop of

With the establishment of diplomatic relations Iran there will be an Apostolic Delegate and the change of status of the Vatican

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