

House OK's Italian Nuns Slay In U. S.

Italian nuns and working at the Malvern Preparatory School for Boys have just received the answer to more than a year of prayer.

The answer came from the House of Representatives in Washington, D. C., whose members passed a bill to grant permanent U. S. residence to the sisters.

The nuns are Mother Maria Bonaventura, Maria Raymond, Maria Dominica and Maria Anselma, all members of the Sisters of the Most Holy Crucified, whose mother house is in Livorno, Italy.

They came to the U. S. in November, 1951, on four-month visas. The visas failed to expire and they were arrested on deportation warrants.

A United States Commissioner at Philadelphia released them temporarily on their own recognizance and they returned to the boys' school here to work and wait and hope.

A BILL to permit them to remain in this country permanently was introduced in the House last year, but failed to pass before adjournment. The measure was reintroduced this year.

Through the long months of worry, the sisters have kept busy working as domestic at the school and taking private lessons in English and other subjects.

Some are qualifying as teachers. Others are learning institutional management.

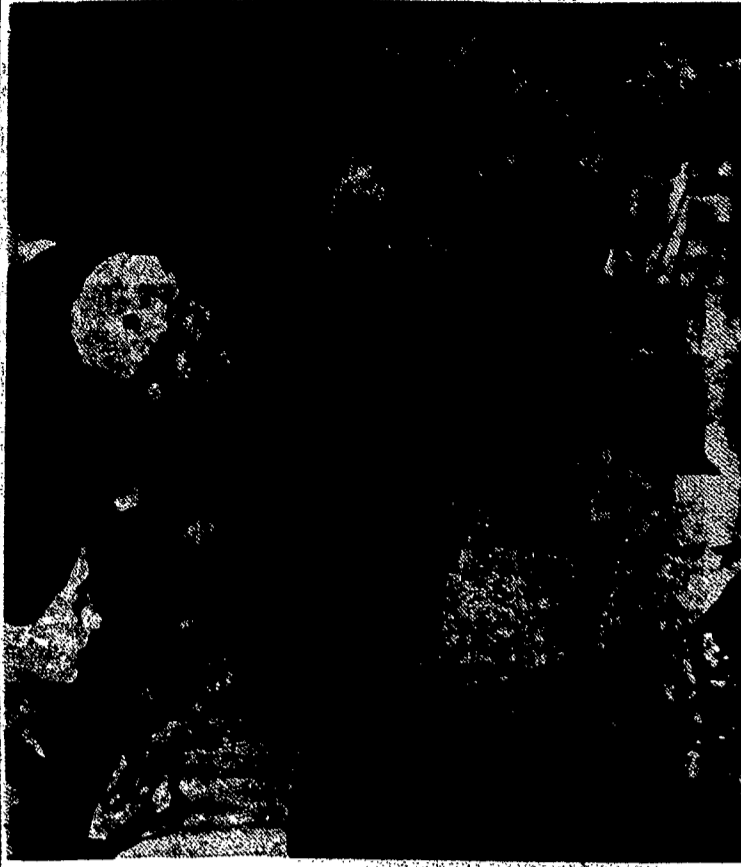
If the Senate concurs in the House approval of the bill, the nuns will apply immediately for their first citizenship papers.

Last Catholic Paper Suspended In Poland

London — (RNS) — The Vatican Radio reported that Tygodnik Katolicki, official organ of the Catholic archdiocese, has been suspended by Polish Communist officials.

The report was confirmed by Polish radio sources here who said that the last issue appeared on March 5. The sources here also reported that the paper will resume publication in the near future, under the authority of "patriotic friends."

SAYS FIRST MASS



Buenos Aires—Dr. Daniel Garcia Manesca, 24, former Argentine Ambassador to the Vatican who received special permission from Pope Pius XII to become a priest, distributed Holy Communion at the first Mass he celebrated following his ordination. The Mass, held in the chapel of the Sacred Heart convent here, was attended by a large audience of clergy and church leaders. The new priest received minor orders last January at a private ceremony in his residence. Born in the Argentine Legation in Paris, Father Manesca served as an Argentine ambassador to 10 European and South American capitals. He also has written a number of books in French and Spanish under a pen name.

Cooperation With Catholics Urged By Protestant Leader

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—(RNS)—Cooperation among all faiths — particularly between Protestants and Catholics — is one of the greatest present needs of Christianity, delegates to the 19th annual convention of Disciples of Christ churches of New York & New Jersey, were told here.

"We must break down a great deal of stupid Protestant pride which is keeping us from approaching our friends in the Roman Catholic Church," said Dr. William Robinson, professor of theology in the School of Religion at Butler University, Indianapolis.

HE SAID THAT Protestants must work towards some sort of cooperative relationship with the Catholic Church, particularly in the spheres of social welfare and mental health for world peace.

The convention suggested that member churches use the Revised Standard Version of the Bible in their worship programs and urged closer ties with the National Council of Churches.

The New York & New Jersey Christian Missionary Society, a subsidiary of the larger organization, urged attempts to limit consumption of alcoholic beverages and opposed liquor advertising on radio and television. C. Roy Phillips, a layman of North Tonawanda, N. Y., was re-elected president of the convention.

Mission Exhibit Drew 300,000 In St. Louis

St. Louis — (RNS) — Some 300,000 persons visited the five-day Archbishop Ritter World Mission Exhibition at Kiel Auditorium here which portrayed the work of Catholic missions around the world.

The crowds, which averaged 60,000 each day, were said to be the largest ever seen at the auditorium.

Auditory Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York closed the exhibit with a lecture on Catholic Faith and Missions. Some 11,000 persons attended his address which was telecast.

BISHOP SHEEN declared that Communism spread over the world "in the winter of its discontent, preparing it for a more glorious springtime."

The Catholic faith, he said, will someday flourish in China and other Communist-dominated countries.

"In Japan," he said, "our great missionary task will be to dematerialize the Japanese people, who have turned to materialism and away from the faith."

Speaking of Moslem lands, he said, "Moslems hold the key to the future of political relationships between East and West; for the Moslems are a people that has touched the hem of God's garment."

Austria Legalizes Church Marriages

Vienna — (RNS) — A bill under which church marriages would be recognized as legal without a prior civil ceremony has been introduced in parliament here by the Austrian People's Party.

The measure would eliminate the requirement of a civil ceremony for persons who wish to be married with church rites. Civil ceremonies, however, would continue to be valid by themselves.

Austrian Catholic leaders have frequently demanded revocation of the governmental decree, issued by the former Nazi regime, requiring civil ceremonies.

Sponsors of the present bill argue that "in a real democracy citizens should have the right of free choice between a Church and State marriage."

ARRIVE FROM HONG KONG



Milford, N. Y.—The Rev. Paul Ubbinger, C.P., of Pittsburgh, Vicar General of Yunnan, China (left), and the Rev. William Westhoven, C.P., of Liberty Center, O., are shown upon their arrival here from Hong Kong after being expelled from Communist China. Father Ubbinger was arrested in July, 1951, with Bishop Cathbert M. O'Garra, C.P., of Yunnan, by yelling Chinese soldiers who herded them into the mission church before parading them off to jail. Father Westhoven, former superior of the Franciscan Friars in China, was arrested by the Reds in May 1952. Bishop O'Garra, a native of Ottawa, Canada, will return to the U. S. after he recovers from an operation in a Hong Kong hospital. (Religious News Service Photo.)

Czech Reds Attack Jehovah Witnesses

London — (NC) — In Czechoslovakia the heavy hand of Communist repression has fallen with impartial ruthlessness on the Catholic Church and a group which has ranked as one of the Church's most vehement opponents—the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Reports here disclosed that 2,260 Jehovah's Witnesses—460 of them women—are under arrest in Czechoslovakia. Among them is their leader, Bohumil Miller, who was sentenced recently to 15 years' imprisonment at hard labor.

The Jehovah's Witnesses—known in Europe as the International Bible Students' Association—has also been severely persecuted in other Iron Curtain countries, especially Eastern Germany.

Pope Exhorts Danes To Apostolic Zeal

Rome — (RNS) — In his first address to Denmark, Pope Pius XII called upon Catholics there to carry on such a vigorous apostolate that "none will dare to utter the charge that the Church neglected this area."

The Pope made his talk in a radio message opening the first Danish Catholic Day celebrations held throughout the country.

URGING THE Danes to have "a lively realization of your apostolate," Pope Pius said:

"Be conscious, as were the early Christians, that you have something truly great to give to those who are far from God and to those who doubt and are searching for truth. You can give them a sure answer to ultimate questions which trouble them, and the full treasure of truth and grace which Christ brought us, culminating in the wondrous mystery of the Eucharist, the Resurrection, and Eternal Life."

The Pontiff also reminded the Danes of the principles and teachings which the Catholic philosophy of life has to offer: for a humane and just ordering of temporal affairs in economic, social, and political spheres.

THAT THESE ordering be ethical, he said, is the task of the Church, "which presents an all-embracing, most practical, and valid program."

"It is valid," he added, "because the Church along with its full understanding of reality orders the temporal life of men exhaustively by its vision of their final and eternal destiny."

"All this," he told the Danish Catholics, "belongs to you. Rejoice in its possession, but be mindful also that your mission carries with it the obligation of bringing these most precious treasures to the world and to win over to them your fellowmen."

The Pope called for "a strong will for Christian action, for life completely permeated with Catholic faith."

"Every expression in the religious or ecclesiastical sphere, whether by individuals or by groups," he said, "which fails to take into consideration the all-important factor of faith, is meaningless and condemns sooner or later to ineffectiveness."

POPE PIUS assigned as a special goal of Catholic action in

Vatican Establishes Diocese In Denmark

Rome — (RNS) — The first Scandinavian Roman Catholic diocese since the Reformation has been established in Denmark.

A decree of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, elevated the Vicariate Apostolic of Denmark to the rank of a diocese with Copenhagen as the see city. The decree named the Most Rev. John T. Sahr, O.S.B., presently Vicar Apostolic of Denmark, to be the first Bishop of Copenhagen.

According to the decree, the new diocese will come under the jurisdiction of the sacred Congregation for Propagation.

There are 26,000 Catholics in Denmark out of a total population of 4,500,000. Some 100 priests serve 36 parishes, 77 churches and chapels and 22 convents. Twenty-six Catholic schools have an enrollment of 1,736 students.

Denmark the achievement of the perfect Christian family.

"Nothing more precious," he said, "could Catholic Danes give their country than the family based on pure married life in accordance with the laws of the creator."

"The glory of such a family," the Pope said, "lies in the devotion and love, even at self-sacrifice, of the wife and mother whose children grow unspooled and proud of their father who gives them an example by his fear of God and fulfillment of his duty and by his care for his loved ones."

Tracing the history of Catholicism in Denmark, the Pontiff called upon Danes today to follow the example of the early Christians and, like them, have the courage and "high degree of personal steadfastness which life lived in accordance with faith demands."

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