

Pope Blesses Infant Pilgrim



Rome—Pope Pius XII leans from his gestatorial chair while being carried into St. Peter's Basilica here to bless an infant among the crowd watching the Pontifical procession. Inside the huge Basilica, the Pontiff received in general audience a large group of pilgrims from many parts of the world. (ENS Photo.)

U.S. Help Sought To Get Medical Aid For Card. Stepinac

(N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)

The health condition of His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac is becoming increasingly grave and new efforts are under way to enlist the help of the United States Government in obtaining for him the best available medical aid.

In response to an appeal sent out by a Catholic editor, many United States Senators have promised their cooperation in enabling specialists to go to the Cardinal's bedside and providing for him medicine unobtainable in Yugoslavia.

The White House, expressing President Eisenhower's appreciation of the concern for the Cardinal's health, stated that the government would make "every appropriate effort" to facilitate the travel of an American physician to Yugoslavia.

An appeal requesting the services of U. S. authorities in obtaining safe conduct for specialists "who stand ready to fly to Yugoslavia" was read on the floor of the Senate.

News of the turn for the worse in the Cardinal's condition has been received from completely reliable sources inside Yugoslavia.

At the same time, the U. S. consul at Zagreb, acting under instructions of the U. S. Department of State, has ascertained—as far as it is possible to do so in Yugoslavia—that the Cardinal is suffering from polycythemia, a disease characterized by an excess of red blood corpuscles. This disease is described as the opposite of leukemia, which is marked by an excess of white corpuscles in the blood.

The Cardinal's grave condition flows are always essential for the comfort they bring to the memory victims of the disease.

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American Doctor Going To Cardinal

Washington — (NC) — Dr. John H. Lawrence of the University of California and a specialist in polycythemia, the disease from which Cardinal Stepinac is suffering, is preparing to go to the bedside of His Eminence, according to an announcement here by the NCWC News Service.

Blanshard, POAU Plan Move Against Abp. O'Hara

Washington, D.C.—(RNS)—The State Department has rejected a second request from author Paul Blanshard that it revoke the U. S. citizenship of Archbishop Gerard P. O'Hara, Papal Nuncio to Ireland and bishop in the U. S. of the Savannah-Atlanta diocese.

"There is no evidence of any law or regulation requiring Papal Nuncios to take an oath, affirmation or declaration of allegiance to the State of Vatican City," the department said in informing Mr. Blanshard of its action, "and no such evidence has been furnished by you."

THE MCCABEN-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act provides that any American taking post requiring an oath of allegiance to a "foreign state" automatically forfeits American citizenship.

The State Department added that, in the absence of the indicated evidence, "there is no basis for holding that the position of Papal Nuncio is one 'under the government of a foreign state'" as Mr. Blanshard had contended.

The American writer said after receiving the State Department notification that he will ask Attorney General Herbert Brownell to rule on the question of the Vatican City's statehood "so that American law can be correctly applied to Vatican agencies." In this connection, he asserted that Papal Nuncios carry Vatican passports and said that this implies the status of "envoys of state."

Mr. Blanshard said he would be assisted in preparing the petition to the Attorney General by Dr. Glenn L. Archer of

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German Catholics Host Protestants

Hamburg, Germany—(RNS)—Evangelical Church leaders struggling with problems of housing 300,000 Protestants expected at a series of religious gatherings here in August got a welcome assist from the city's Catholic authorities.

The authorities have urged Catholic families to take Protestant visitors to the city into their homes as guests during the fifth German Evangelical Church Day (DEKT) rally Aug. 12-16 and the religious meetings being staged in connection with it by other Protestant church bodies.

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It's All Free After 6 Babies

Oklahoma City — (NC) — Things are cheaper by the half-dozens at St. Anthony's Hospital. According to Hospital Superintendent, Sister Mary Agnes, O.S.M., "A mother after her sixth child is entitled to special consideration — the hospital likes to encourage large families."

So the institution's administrative board has decided to erase hospitalization costs to mothers who have had six or more children. Of the expected 3,500 babies born at St. Anthony's this year, an estimated 80 of these will receive free service. The first "bonus baby" arrived last week.

Hilaire Belloc, Literary Giant, Dies At 82

Guildford, England — (NC) — Hilaire Belloc, noted English author and one of the great Catholic figures of the past half-century, died here eleven days before his 83rd birthday.

His death was caused by burns received when he stumbled into the fireplace in the study of his home, King's Land, at Horsham, Sussex. The accident occurred shortly after his return from Mass on Sunday, July 12.

He was brought by his daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Jebb, who lived with him, to the Franciscan Missionary Sisters' nursing home here where an operation failed to save his life.

Mr. Belloc, who had been a semi-invalid since he suffered a stroke in 1946, stopped writing during the war after the death of his son, Capt. Peter Belloc of the Royal Marines. His eldest son, Louis, was killed while serving as a flyer in World War I.

Besides Mrs. Jebb he is survived by another daughter, Elizabeth, a poet. His sister, Mrs. Marie Belloc Lowndes, also a noted writer, died in 1947.

The son of a French father and an Anglo-Irish mother, Mr. Belloc also had close ties with the United States. In 1896 he married an American, Elodie Agnes Hogan of Napa, Calif., who died in 1914. He later visited America frequently and was a visiting professor of history at Fordham University and a guest lecturer at Notre Dame University. During the 1920's he served for a time as special European correspondent of the N.C.W.C. News Service.

ONE OF THE Church's staunchest defenders of modern times, Mr. Belloc was among the century's most prolific and versatile writers. The author of more than 150 books, he wrote a novel in a week and averaged more than three books a year during his writing career. He wrote as a poet, essayist, historian, philosopher, journalist, economist and military expert.

He wrote no new books after 1932, but in 1952 an anthology of his prose and verse was published in which the editor called him "the greatest prose writer of our time... a great man as well as a great man of letters."

Belloc once wrote the following verse as his own epitaph: "When I am dead, I hope I may be said: 'His sins were small, but his books were read.'"

NUN SURVIVOR OF ATOM BOMB



South Bend, Ind.—Sister Clara, a Japanese nun who survived the atom bomb blast at Nagasaki in 1945 (left), is one of the 600 Sisters from many parts of the country attending summer sessions at the University of Notre Dame here. Shown with her on their way to a class is Sister Agatha, her companion. Both nuns will return to their native Japan in the fall where they will teach in schools conducted by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. They have been in this country nearly four years.

Survived Nagasaki Bomb

Japanese Nun To Return To Site Of Atomic Blast

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — A Japanese Sister who survived the A-bomb blast at Nagasaki is winding up close to four years of study in the United States in preparation for her return to Japan.

She is Sister Clara, of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who was just one mile from "ground zero" when the bomb hit Nagasaki in August of 1945. The diminutive nun was trapped in her demolished convent for two hours, but in the school only a few feet away, 210 of her students and friends were killed.

Come September, Sister Clara and her companion, Sister Agatha, who have been attending the summer session of the University of Notre Dame, will return to Nagasaki to resume their teaching duties. Sister Agatha had been teaching at Kagoshima, near Nagasaki, when the A-bomb fell, and was one of the Sisters who hurried to the city to aid the victims.

SISTER CLARA recalled here when the bombing occurred, the convent and school collapsed almost simultaneously. "I was able to work my rosary free," she said, "and for two hours I prayed for deliverance and for the safety of the other Sisters and students." She said she used part of her religious habit to bandage several wounds caused by flying glass and steel.

When she was freed from the wreckage, Sister Clara joined other Sisters and children in a trek to nearby mountains to get away from the lingering atomic radiation. One of the nuns' first projects was to build a temporary shelter for use as a hospital and convent. It was largely through this crude structure which the Sisters built with their own hands that Sister Clara and Agatha came to America.

ARCHBISHOP John F. O'Hara

Priests Operating In 'Underground', Says Vatican Radio

London — (RNS) — More than 1,000 Roman Catholic priests are operating underground in the Ukraine, the Vatican Radio reported.

The station said it had received "accurate information" on the status of the Church in the Ukraine.

Despite persistent Communist persecution, the Church and religion have not been destroyed, it said.

"More than 1,000 canonized priests maintain underground organization and whenever possible offer religious services to the faithful."

"Despite intensive searches by police and regular searches of farms and villages, not one priest has been denounced to the authorities," the Vatican station added.

Maude Adams

Actress Buried At Cenacle Nuns Convent

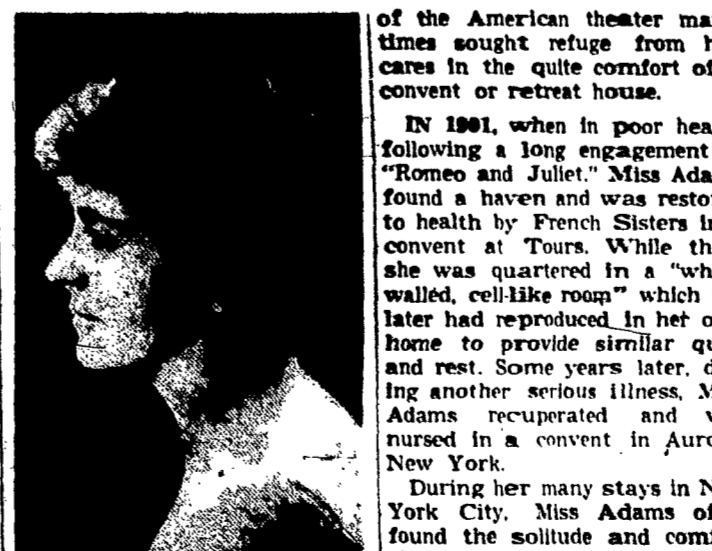
Lake Ronkonkoma, N. Y. — (NC) — Maude Adams, one of America's greatest actresses, has been buried at The Cenacle Convent and Retreat House here.

The convent occupies the 300-acre estate on which Miss Adams once lived and which she gave to the Religious of Our Lady of the Cenacle in 1922.

Once among the brightest stars in the galaxy of the American stage, Miss Adams died at her home in Tammerville, N.Y., on July 17. She was 80.

MOTHER ELIZABETH Kostling of The Cenacle of St. Regis in New York said a brief prayer at Miss Adams' burial and led a procession of 100 nuns and novices past the coffin. Later the Our Father was said and the Ave Maria chanted.

"Since Miss Adams did not belong to any church, she had asked that there be no funeral procession."



MAUDE ADAMS
Although she was not a Catholic, the personal 'Peter Pan' of the American theater many times sought refuge from her cares in the quiet comfort of a convent or retreat house.

New Red Ruling Tightens Grip On Polish Catholics

(N.C.W.C. News Service)
London — The Communist stranglehold on the Church in Poland has been tightened by a new "executive order" issued by President Boleslaw Bierut.

The new order, according to information received here, spells out the Communist interpretation of the government decree issued in February regarding Church appointments. The President's executive order was issued, according to a government spokesman, to "put an end to improper interpretations" placed on the decree by Church officials.

Both the February decree and the new "executive order" are viewed by informed sources here as direct violations of the

Red 'Clemency' Seen Flim-flam

Washington — (NC) — Reported release of sixteen unidentified priests and three nuns from Polish Communist prisons following a clemency appeal by Catholic collaborators of the Red regime, recalls the fact that at present seven Polish bishops are jailed or unable to exercise their functions.

The total number of imprisoned priests is estimated at about a thousand. Release of the prisoners followed an editorial in "Oswobodzenie," a Polish newspaper, pointing out that conditions during the Church in Poland are "becoming worse every day."

Polish Communist Constitution of 1952 and the Church-state agreement reached in 1950.

THE FEBRUARY decree stipulated that all church appointments are subject to prior state approval. The sweeping nature of the decree is underscored by the new presidential order which states that the term "church post" means "every post occupied by clerical personnel, permanent or temporary, as assistants or substitutes, within the Catholic Church."

The new order also states that the Communist Government assumes the right to approve the creation, modification or abolition of any Church post. The order adds that if the government finds any one holding a Church office who "acts contrary to law or public order," it can order his dismissal from office.

Bishop Sheen To Return On TV, Oct. 13th

New York — (RNS) — Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's television series, "Life in Worth Living," will return to the air at 8 p.m. Tuesday, October 13, under the same sponsorship as the last series, the last series of the Admiral Corporation, manufacturer of radio and television sets.

Bishop Sheen's program, the first religious telecast ever sponsored commercially on a national hookup, will be seen on 132 stations, 57 more than at the end of last season.

The priests, who is Auxiliary Bishop of the New York Archdiocese, donate his entire fee to Mission Humanities, Inc., a subsidiary of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, of which he is national director.

Mission Humanities, Inc., is a member of the voluntary agencies of the United Nations and distributes funds to "European, Latin American, and African" for aged and orphaned.

"Life in Worth Living" made its debut on the Dumont network in Feb., 1952. Only three stations carried the first programs. However, within a few months the Bishop's inspirational talks had aroused such critical acclaim that at the close of the 1952-1953 season the estimated viewing audience reached 10,000,000.

In a unique approach to television programming, Bishop Sheen speaks for about 25 minutes without using either script or notes. Attired in his episcopal robes, he stands before the cameras and discusses problems of life. The setting is a study specially designed for the program by Jo Michliner, noted Broadway set designer.

The Dumont network said that the Bishop's program had brought an average of 8,000 letters a week — almost 50 per cent from non-Catholics.

Philippine Catholics To Burn Bad Books

Manila — (NC) — The Holy Name Society of the Manila Archdiocese is planning a giant bonfire of objectionable literature here on August 15. It will mark the beginning of a nationwide drive against the indecent books and comic magazines that have been flooding the Philippines lately.

Representatives of Catholic organizations, Catholic schools and Catholic student groups in secular schools and universities are gathering the material from fellow students and other sources as a preliminary to the national drive.

Clergy Open To Probes Episcopal Bishop Claims

New York — (NC) — Bishop James De Wolfe of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, declared here that the clergy should not be immune from congressional investigations and said church officials should rid their own houses of any subversive clergymen.

Returning after a five-week visit to England and France, the Episcopal Bishop said he felt there were subversive influences in both the churches and in education. But he declared that 97 per cent of the clergyman with whom he came in contact in his diocese were loyal.

He made his remarks in connection with a recent magazine article by J. B. Matthews, former Senate investigation subcommittee staff director, who had charged that Protestant clergymen constitute the largest single group supporting Communism in America.

Bishop De Wolfe declared that if America ever fell to Communism, everybody in the churches would be woe-stricken because the Church was and did Communism would not stand.