

Convert-Maker In Action

Msgr. O'Brien Surprises Tarheel With His Approach

(N.C.W.C. News Service)

Jacksonville, N. C. — Charlie Pittman was a Tarheel who didn't get away. Before he could, Msgr. John A. O'Brien, author, convert-maker and University of Notre Dame professor, was pumping his hand in greeting in a grocery store in Richlands.

Three natives were seated on a bench on the shady side of the store when they spied Father O'Brien approaching. The priest just had finished a street-preaching session. The three scurried away before Father O'Brien could get near them.

But when he entered the store, Father O'Brien met a man who had approached from another direction. The priest grasped the man's hand and then he said: "I'M FATHER O'BRIEN, a Catholic priest from the University of Notre Dame. I'm trying to meet as many of the natives here as possible. I want to bring them a few highlights of the Catholic Faith about which they have few opportunities to learn because of the scarcity of Catholics in these parts."

"I'm Charlie Pittman," the Tarheel responded. "I work a tobacco farm a few miles out. Been living in these parts all my life. You're the first priest I ever met. Fact is, you're the first Catholic I ever met."

Father O'Brien said the scene disclosed typical conditions in the vast missionary area of North Carolina where Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh, and his clergy are striving valiantly to make the Church and its teachings better known. Father O'Brien pointed out that North Carolina has a population of 4,151,740, of whom only 28,600 are Catholic — just about one-half of one per cent. He pointed out that there are fewer Catholics in North Carolina than in China.

FATHER O'BRIEN visited Richlands, a little town about 12 miles from Jacksonville, on his annual street-preaching tour of the south. He pointed out that questions he invited, after a session of explaining generally some of the truth of the Church, disclosed the erroneous way in which the Church is regarded by natives hereabout.

Father O'Brien recalled that these questions include references to the Inquisition, why Catholics invite Protestants to their church but won't attend Protestant services, why Catholic Bishops are named in Rome, and "Why doesn't the Catholic Church condemn drinking and gambling?"

Father O'Brien said that after each lecture he gives, he invites questions from his listeners. He said that in answering the questions, patience is the great virtue needed for the job.

Eucharist Congress Officers Appointed

Rome — (RNS) — New officers of the permanent committee of the International Eucharistic Congresses, including two Americans and one Canadian, were named by Pope Pius XII.

Archbishop Giuseppe de Costa Nunez of Goa, Portuguese India, Patriarch of Oriental India, replaces the late Archbishop Alexandre Vachon of Ottawa, Canada, as president.

Archbishop Vachon died last March at Dallas, Tex., enroute to the National Eucharistic Congress held at Sydney, Australia, in April.

The other officers, who constitute the permanent committee's council, are: Archbishop John F. O'Hara of Philadelphia and Archbishop Julien LeCouadic of Troyes, France, vice-presidents.

Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart, rector of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and Archbishop Giovanni Urbani of Sardi, consulor of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, counselors.

The Rev. Giuseppe Missaglia, an official of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments, was named secretary, and Prof. Luciano Masse Hull of Quebec, treasurer.

Bedding, Aisle 12, Basement

Missioner Finds 'Lost Colony' In Philippines

Madrid—(NC)—A Spanish missionary returned here to tell the story of a "lost" Catholic community he "rediscovered" last coast of Luzon in The Philippines.

Father Florentine Castanon, O.P., related that, although isolated for a century and half from the Catholic world, the natives of the island have kept up religious practices taught them by their great-grandfathers.

Bayban Claro has been a legendary "island of mystery" ever since shipwrecked sailors found asylum there centuries ago. In 1680, another Spanish missionary, Father Mateo Gonzalez, transferred the inhabitants to other areas, and the island remained deserted until 1930, when a second group of shipwrecked found refuge on it.

THE DOMINICAN priest told the Office of Missionary Information in Madrid that he reached the island on July 27, 1930, in an eight-ton boat after 10 hours of struggle with strong currents and stormy weather. He said he had a "most grateful surprise" when he found, not semi-savages, but "good and humble people" who were overjoyed when they found he was a Catholic priest.

Father Castanon said the inhabitants numbered 233—117 men and 116 women. Only two of them could read and write, but they knew how to baptize, and had their own humble chapel, dedicated to St. Dionysius of Athens, first century Bishop and martyr.

THE PRIEST SAID he found the islands were aware of the hierarchical system of the Church, and knew that the Pope—"U tadi no apo Dios" in their language—was Christ's vicar on earth. Many of them, he added, expressed a wish some day to see a Bishop.

Father Castanon said that one of the old men on the island had been charged with performing baptisms, and used the correct form.

Assumption College Gets \$150,000



Worcester, Mass.—Assumption College, badly damaged in June by a tornado sweeping central Massachusetts, was presented with a \$150,000 gift from the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation to aid its reconstruction program. The check was the largest single gift received by the college for its rebuilding project. The Very Rev. Wilfrid J. Dufault, A.A., of Rome, Superior General of the Assumption Fathers (center), accepted the gift on behalf of the college. Shown with him at the presentation are left to right: Bishop John J. Wright of Rochester; Miss Joan Kennedy, daughter of Joseph P. Kennedy, former U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James; and Miss Jacqueline Bouvier fiancée of Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts. (RNS Photo).

Post Cards Of Irish Saints Make Big Hit With Tourists

Dublin, Ireland—(NC)—Only the Irishmen would put saints on souvenir post cards. Richard King, staff artist for the Capuchin Annual here, has done a series of nine Irish saints for adoption on post cards in color.

Since this is the "An Tostal" homecoming year in Ireland with thousands of visitors expected through the summer and fall months, this novel souvenir post card already has been much in demand. Originally appearing in the Capuchin Annual, the cards depict St. Patrick, Columille, Brigit, Flaccr, Senan, Brendan, Columban, Laurence O'Toole and St. Ita.

It is a new slant in the souvenir industry and merchants report enthusiastic interest in the cards.

King is known for his church art. His most famous work is the murals in the St. Mary's Church, Navan, County Meath, with four half-length figures of the Evangelists in America. He did the Irish Saint windows at the Boston College Library.

Quite versatile, King was commissioned by the government to design reerist postage stamp issues.

Consecration Scheduled Cleveland — (NC)—Auxiliary Bishop-designate John J. Krol of Cleveland, will be consecrated on Sept. 2 in St. John's Cathedral here. His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will be the consecrator.

Anti-Segregation In North Carolina Hailed By Editors

Raise in newspapers throughout the nation has hailed a recent anti-segregation statement by Bishop Vincent A. Waters as having profound effects far beyond the Bishop's diocese of Raleigh, N. C.

Catholic and secular publications have pointed out that Bishop Waters' letter will serve as a powerful force for good in nations where Communists use the U.S. Negro problem as an example of American exploitation of minority groups.

"The influence of such a forthright attitude on the part of a Catholic prelate, extends far beyond the confines of the Catholic Church," the weekly magazine America stated. "Strong, consistent religious action like this immeasurably strengthens our nation's unity at home and wins respect for our leadership throughout the world."

AT THE AARONSBURG Assembly — a two-day gathering at Pennsylvania State College of 200 Americans of various creeds — it was reported that a Protestant religious leader of the South called Bishop Waters' statement "the most important thing that has ever happened" in the South's religious history.

The Bishop's letter, in which he outlined the Church's position of racial matters and stated that there would be no racial segregation in any church of the Raleigh diocese, was called a "courageous stand for interracial justice" by the Prairie Messenger, official newspaper of the Diocese of Muenster in Saskatchewan, Canada.

In Columbus, Ohio, the diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Times, stated that "such teaching by the American Hierarchy is nothing short of Catholicity in action."

The newspaper commented that the statement should become known "through the world, particularly in areas of South America and Asia where Communists make capital of race prejudice in the United States.

Named Dean New York—(NC)—Father Arthur A. North, S.J., dean of the Graduate and Evening Schools of Loyola College, Baltimore, has been named dean of Fordham University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the university announced.

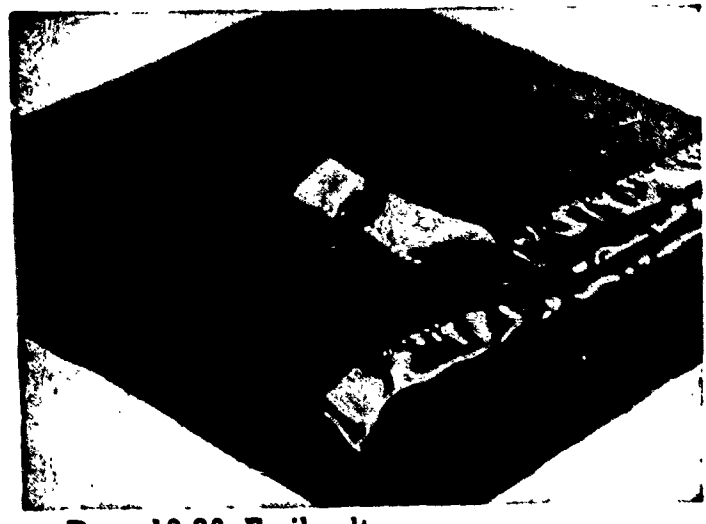
Cardinal Visits Norway Fete Trondheim, Norway — His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, England, arrived here recently for celebrations marking the 800th anniversary of the establishment of the Hierarchy in Norway.

He was the first Cardinal in 30 years to visit this country where Catholicism was virtually wiped out in the wake of the Lutheran Reformation and which now numbers only some 5,000 Catholics.

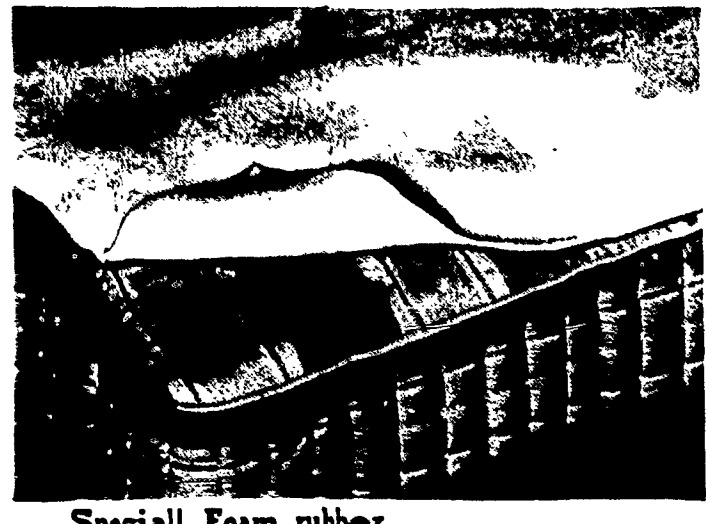
Greeted by the Catholics of Trondheim and by others who came from other parts of Norway for the celebrations, the Cardinal was escorted to the Church of St. Olaf, chief center of the observances, which were planned to recall the coming to Norway of another Englishman in the 12th century.

The Englishman was Nicholas Cardinal Breakspere, afterwards Pope Adrian IV, who had been sent to Norway on a papal mission. He established the first Norwegian See at Trondheim — or Nidaros as it was then known — in 1153, an act which was subsequently confirmed by Pope Anastasius IV.

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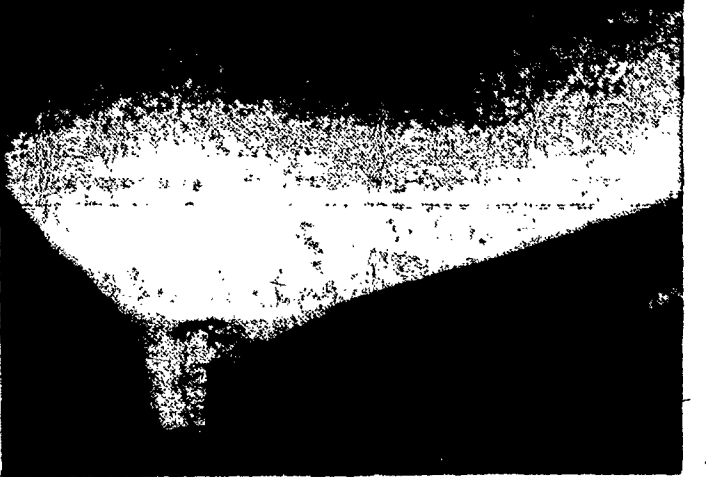


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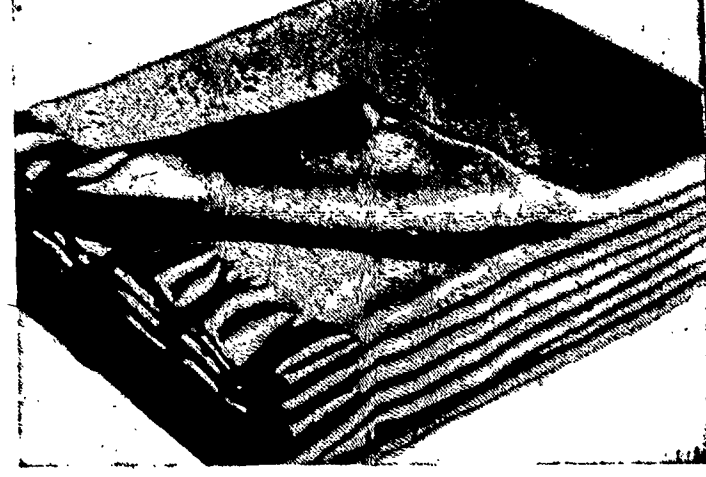
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